A Group Coins From Rize Museum

Rize Müzesinden Bir Grup Sikke

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Özet

Abstract
Rize which is said to have been by Greeks in about 7th B.C. but couldn't develop and stayed as a small settlement for a long time because of its geographical location. In Rize Museum constructed on a slope in the city centre mostly ethnographic works as well as periods of Greek, Roman and Byzantine works coming by way of donation are exhibited. At this works which are a group coins exhibited in the Rize Museum will be studied as catalogue.

Rize which is located in the Northeast of Black sea region was colonized by Greeks at 7th Century B.C.¹ but because of its geographical location it couldn't develop and stayed as a small settlement until Ottoman period.²

The Rize Museum, the subject of our study is on a slope in the city centre. In front of the museum which was first founded as a "Atatürk House" there is Serender. Later this house became the museum by gathering together works of art which where either bought or given as charity, most of the works exhibited in this museum are ethnographiacal works and beside there are other works from Greeks, Roman and Byzantine periods.

The coins which was exhibited in the Rize Museum is the main subject of our study and these group are as follows: 11 Greek coins, 9 Roman coins, 2 Byzantine coins, 1 Islamic coins and 1 Hungarian coins, most of this coins gathered together by way of donation from the Sivas and Tokat museum are examined on a chronological catalogue basis.
CATALOGUE

C. : Catalogue Number
Obv : Obverse
Rev : Reverse
r. : Right
l. : Left
Die.Pos. : Die Position
Ref. : Referans
AV : Gold
AR : Silver
AE : Copper/Bronze
Monogr. : Monogram

GREEK

Alexandr Great 336 – 323 B.C.

C.1
Obv. Head of Alexandr Great wearing lion skin r.
ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ
AR 16mm., 3.99 gr., die.pos. 12
Ref.: Ireland,2000, 61; Morkholm, 2000, pl.IV, 52.

Cistopher of Pergamon (= Bergama) 123 B.C.

C.2
Obv. Cista mystica halfopen lid, from serpent issues l., all in ivy wreath.
Rev. Two coiled serpents: between them above – case ornamented with
apple tree. in field, AH and: in field serpent staff.
AR 22mm., 12gr., die.pos.12
Ref.: BMC Mysia, pl.125, 113; SNG Tübingen, 2400.

Pontus Amisos (= Samsun) Mithradates Period 121/120 – 63 B.C

C.3
Obv.: Head of young Dionysos, ivy – wreathed. r.
Rev.: ΑΜΙΣΟΥ
Cista mystica with panthers skin and thrysos. Monogr. HP

AE 22mm., 8gr., die.pos. 12
Ref.: SNGvAPontus, 59 – 60; BMC Pontus, pl.17, 51.

C.4
Obv.: Head of young Dionysos, ivy – wretched. r.
Rev.: ΑΜΙΣΟΥ
Cista mystica with panthers skin and thrysos. Monogr.  l., in field, r., in
field illegible.
AE 19mm., 7.70gr., die.pos.12
Ref.: SNGvAPontus, 60; BMC Pontus, pl.18, 56.

C.5
Obv.: Head of young Dionysos, ivy – wretched. r.
Rev.: ΑΜΙΣΟΥ
Cista mystica with panthers skin and thrysos. Monogr. illegible
AE 21mm., 8.24gr., die.pos.12
Ref.: SNGvAPontus, 59, 60; BMC Pontus, pl.17, 51.

C.6
Obv.: Head of young Dionysos, ivy – wretched. r.
Rev.: ΑΜΙΣΟΥ
Cista mystica with panthers skin and thrysos. Monogr. illegible.
AE 21mm., 8.24gr., die.pos.12
Ref.: SNGvAPontus, 60; BMC Pontus, pl.18, 56.

C.7
Obv.: Head of young Ares, helmeted, r.
Rev.: ΑΜΙΣΟΥ
Sword in sheat, with strap in field l., monogr.? in field, r.
AE 20mm., 8.55gr., die.pos. 12
Ref.: BMC Pontus pl.17.44.

C.8
Obv.: Head of young Ares, helmeted, r.
Rev.: ΑΜΙΣΟΥ
Sword in sheat, with strap in field l., monogr. illegible
AE 19mm., 8.56gr., die.pos. 12
Ref.: BMC Pontus pl.17.44.
C.9
Obv.: Head of Perseus, wearing Phrygian helmet, r.
Rev.: ΑΜΙΣΟΥ
Pegasos standing, l., Monogr. in field r., in field l.
AE 24mm., 14.46gr., die.pos.12
Ref.: Luynes, 1930, pl.XC, 2391.

Paphlagonia Sinope (= Sinop) 100 – 85 B.C.

C.10
Obv.: Head of Mithridates as Perseus, winged r.
Rev.: ΣΙΝΟΠΗΣ
Cornucopieae between two pilei: above each pileus star
AE 15mm., 3.67gr., die.pos.12
Ref.: SNG vAPontus. 231; SNG XI, pl.XXXVI, 791.

Bithynium Dia 85 – 65 B.C.

C.11
Obv.: Head of Zeus, Laureate, r.
Rev.: ΔΙΑΣ
Eagle on thunderbolt l. Loking back, monogr.in field l.
AE 19/21mm., 8.33gr., die.pos.12
Ref.: SNGvA Bithynia, 6930; SNG IX, pl.LVII, 1560.

GREKO – ROMAN

Nero (?) 54 – 68 A.D.

C.12
Obv.: Illegible legend
Head of Emperor Nero (?) laureate, r.
Rev.: Illegible legend
Club.
AR 14mm., 1.40gr., die.pos.12
Ref.: BMC Galatien, 56.84.

Polemon II 58 – 59 A.D.

C.13
Obv.: ΚΑ

Head of emperor Ptolemy II, laureate, r.
Rev.: Illegible legend
Head of emperor Cladius, laureate, r.
AR 17mm., 3.21gr., die.pos.12
Ref.: BMC Pontus, 46.3; Sear, 1982, 5420.

Traian 98 – 117 A.D.

C.14
Obv.: Illegible legend
Head of emperor Traian, laureate, r.
Rev.: Illegible legend
Mount Argeus (= Erciyes) on summit, Helios standing facing, holding globe in r. hand and sceptre in l.
AR 14mm., 1.86gr., die.pos.12
Ref.: SNGvA Galatien, 6386 (Rev.Helios)

Lucius Verus Amaseia (= Amasya) 161 – 169 A.D.

C.15
Obv.: [ΑΥ] ΚΑΙΚΑΙΑ[Ρ ΟΥΡΠΟΣ ΣΕΒ ΑΡΑΜΑΣ ΝΕ]
Bust of emperor Lucius Verus laureate, r.
Rev.: [ΛΑΠ]ΛΑΜ[ΑΝΑΚ Κ ΜΗΤ Κ ΠΟΠΟΝ]'
Aurelius and Verus standing face to face, clasping hands.
AE 32mm., 18.88gr., die.pos.6
Ref.: RG, 28; SNGvA Pontus, 25.

M. Aurelius 161 – 180 A.D.

C.16
Obv.: Illegible legend
Bust of emperor M. Aurelius laureate, r.
Rev.: Illegible legend
Fortuna standing l., holding fudder in r.hand and cornucopieae in l.hand.
AE 32 mm., 19.11gr., die.pos.6
BMC Pontus, 6.3; Sear, 1982, 1942.

Alexander Severus 222 – 2235 A.D.

C.17
Obv.[AVK]CEOY[H] ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ
Bust of Alexander laureate r.

Rev.: [METPO] KAICARIA ET H ( = 8)
Agalma of Mount Argeus placed on altar.
AE 26mm., 12.41gr., die.pos. 12
Ref.: Sydenham Caesarea, 542; BMC Galatia, 301.

Trebunianus Gallus and Volusian, Neocaesarea ( = Niksar)
251 – 253 A.D.

C.18.

Obv.: Illegible legend
Bust of Gallus and Volusian radiate, l., face to face
Rev.: PW – MH/ PI – H ( Year 188 of provincial Era
A.D.251/252)
Roma seated l., holding nake and spear, shield at side
AE 28mm., 13.25gr., die.pos.6
Ref.: SNG vA Pontus, 113.

ROMA

Maximianus Herculeus, Heraclea 286-305, 306-308 and 310 A.D.

C.19

Obv.: IMP.C.M.A.MAXIMINAVS P.F.AVG.
Head of Maximianus laureate r.
Rev.: GENIO. POPVLI-ROMAN.
Genius, naked but cloak on shoulder, wearing modius standing l.,holding
patera in r. hand and cornucopiae in l. hand. in ex. HTA
AE 28.8mm., 9.46gr., die.pos.6
Ref.: RIC VI, pl.531, 176. (Obv. legend also VAL)

Galeria Valeria 305 – 311 A.D.

C.20

Obv.: GAL. VALERIA. ALE.
Bust of Galeria Valeria r.
Rev.: VENERI VICTRICI
Venus standing l., holding apple in r. hand, in ex., [A]NT B
AE 28.5mm., 15gr., die.pos.12
Ref.: Co.12; RIC VI, 110.

BYZANTION

Anastius Constantinople ( = Istanbul) 491 – 518 A.D.

C.21

Obv.: DN. ANASTA SIVS PP. AVC
Bust 3/4 r., wearing helmet with cross, tunic and cuirass, holding spear behind
head on shoulder, shield with device of horseman.
Rev.: VICTORI AAVCCC
Victory l., holding long cross, in field r., star, in ex., CONOB
AV 20mm., 2.76gr., die.pos.7
Ref.: DOC. 1, pl.6, 40f.

Anonymus Folles 976(? ) – 1030/1035 A.D.

C.22

Obv.: + EmmA NOVHA
Bust of Christ facing, bearded, with nimbus cross having 2 pellets in each
arm, wearing tunic and himation. Raising r., hand in benediction; in l., book
of gospels with ornament of dots on cover to l., and r., IC XC
Rev.: In four lines: + Ihsūs
XIRSTqS
BASILEq
BASILEt
AE 31mm., 10.86gr., die.pos.6
Ref.: DOC. 312, pl.650, A2.

ISLAMIC (Abbasi) H.198 – 218, m.813 – 833 A.D.

C.23

Obv.: “La ilahe Illa Vadeh la Şerikeleth” surrounded “his coin strucked at
Muhammediye in 199”.
Rev.: “Mima Ererebibi El mehdi Muhammed Bin Emir El Mumin” and
surrounded, the Koran IX, 33. verse of the Koran
AR 25mm., 2.58gr., die.pos.6

HUNGARIAN

Rudolf II 1576 – 1612 A.D.
C.24

Oth.: AG.HV.RVDOL.II.B.G.P.III

Rudolf standing r., holding globe on cross in l.hand, and in r.hand sceptre, in field r.and, in field l., public arms.

Rev.: BVR.MA.MO.1594.ARCHID.AVB.DVX

Public arms.

AV 24mm., 2.74gr., die.pos.12

Ref.: Friedberg,1985, no.34.

Notes


RIC. : Roman Imperial Coinage.


