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LE EMISSIONI PROVINCIALI DI TRAIANO PER LA CIRENAICA:  
NUOVE EVIDENZE DALLE INDAGINI ARCHEOMETRICHE E  
DALL'ANALISI DEI CONI

Abstract

*This paper concerns two series of roman provincial coins both of the Trajan's age (BMC, Galatia..., pp. 57-58, nos. 91-106 — see below types 1a-b - and p. 59, nos. 112-116 — see below types 2a-c): there are still many uncertainties about the mint that issued these coins. The study starts from the analysis of several hundred specimens of these types, which are part of a hoard found in 1934 in the Agorà of Cyrene. On some of these pieces archaeometrical analysis (EDXRF and SEM-EDS) has been carried out. On all the specimens of the hoard a detailed study of the dies has been conducted: it shows that there is one die-link between the first issue of these coins (1a) and the Syro-phoenician tetradrachms of "Roman" style of Trajan; furthermore it allows to identify the die sequence of these issues and to assume the original number of the dies employed. All these elements, and also the pattern of the coin finds, let us presume that these issues was struck in Rome for a circulation in Cyrenaica.*