



A Group Coins From Rize Museum

Rize Müzesinden Bir Grup Sikke

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Özet

İ.Ö.7.yy.da Grekler tarafından kolonize edildiği söylenen Rize bulunduğu coğrafi konum nedeniyle pek fazla gelişmemiş, uzun süre küçük yerleşim olarak kalmıştır. Rize merkezde, bir yamaç üzerinde yer alan Rize Müzesi'nde yöreden derlenen etnoğrafik eserlerle birlikte bağış yoluyla gelen Grek, Roma ve Bizans dönemlerine ait eserlerde sergilenmektedir. Burada Rize Müzesi'ndeki bir grup sikkenin kataloğu çıkartılmıştır.

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 Byzantium 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

"Ataturk House" there is Serender. Later this house became the museum by gathering together works of art which were either bought or given as charity, most of the works exhibited in this museum are ethnographical 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

Rev. Zeus seated l. Holding eagle and sceptre.

AR 16mm., 3.99 gr., die.pos., 12

Ref.: Ireland,2000, 61; Morkholm, 2000, pl.IV, 52.

Cistophor 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 aplustre. in field, ΔH 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.: **AMIZOY**

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 – wreathed, r.

Rev.: **AMIZOY**

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 – wreathed, r.

Rev.: **AMIZOY**

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 – wreathed, r.

Rev.: **AMIZOY**

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.: **AMIZOY**

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.: **AMIZOY**

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.: **AMIZOY**

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.: **ΣΙΝΩΠΗΣ**

Cornucopiae between two pilei: above each pileus star

AE 15mm., 3.67gr., die.pos.12

Ref.: SNG vA Pontus. 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 Bthynia, 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.: **K A**

Head of emperor Polemo 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 Argaeus (= Erciyas) on summit, Helios standing facing, holding globe in r. hand and sceptre in l.

AR 14m., 1.86gr., die.pos.12

Ref.: SNGvA Galatien, 6386 (Rev.Helios)

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

C.15

Obv.: **[AY] KAICΛA[R OYHPOC CEB AΔPAMAC NE]**

Bust of emperor Lucius Verus laureate, r.

Rev.: **[AΔP]AMA[CNEΩK K MHT K ΠPOΠONΓ]**

Aurelius and Verus standing face to face, clapsing hands.

AE 32mm., 18.88gr., die.pos.6

Ref.: RG, 28; SNGvA Pontus, 25.

M. Aurelianus 161 – 180 A.D.

C.16

Obv.: Illegible legend

Bust of emperor M. Aurelianus laureate, r.

Rev.: Illegible legend

Fortuna standing l., holding fudder in r.hand and cornucopiae 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] AΛΞΑΝΔ**

Bust of Alexander laureate r.

Rev.: **[METPO] KAICARIA ET H (= 8)**

Agalma of Mount Argaeus placed on altar.

AE 26mm., 12.41gr., die.pos. 12

Ref.: Sydenham *Caesareia*, 542; BMC Galatia, 301.

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

C.18.

Obv.: Illegible legend

Bust of Galls and Volusian radiate, l., face to face

Rev.: **PW – MH/ PII – H** (Year 188 of provincial Era
A.D.251/252)

Roma seated l., holding nike and spear, shield at side

AE 28mm., 13.25gr., die.pos.6

Ref.: SNG *vA Pontus*, 113.

ROMA

Maximinianus Hercules, Heraclea 286-305, 306-308 and 310 A.D.

C.19

Obv.: **IMP.C.M.A.MAXIMINIANVS P.F.AVG.**

Head of Maximinianus laureate r.

Rev.: **GENIO. POPVLI.ROMANI.**

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

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

C.21

Obv.: **DN. ANASTASIVS PP. AVC**

Bust ¾ 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 : + **Ihsus**

XRISTVS

BASILEVS

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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 ilaha İlla Vadeh la Şerikeleh” surrounded “his coin struck at Muhammediye in 199”.

Rev.: “Mima Emerebihi El mehdi Muhammed Bin Emir El Mümin” and surrounded, the Koran IX, 33. verse of the Koran

AR 25mm., 2.58gr., die.pos.6

Ref.: Artuk, 1970 309, 310.

HUNGARIAN

Rudolf II 1576 – 1612 A.D.

C.24

Obv.: 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

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