SOME GREEK IMPERIAL COINS FOUND AT PERGE

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The ancient city of Perge is situated near the village of Murtna in the district of Aksu, approx. 15 kms. to the east of Antalya. Excavations and surveys at Perge were first begun in 1946 and except for some short intermissions, have continued up to the present day.

Here I will give a catalogue of the 23 Greek Imperial coins found at Perge during the excavations between the years 1956-1983. Of these 23 coins, 1 belongs to Bithynia (Prusias ad Hypium); 1 to Pisidia (Sagallassus); 1 to Cilicia (Colybrassus) and other 20 to Pamphylia (all to Perge). Nos. 1, 8 and 26 are the surface finds.

The legend of neokoros on the reverse side of the number 18 shows that there was an imperial cult (or a temple) at Perge at the time of Gallienus.

No. 21 shows that the games held at Side had an international character as at Pythia.

The diameters range from 19 to 29 mm. in general, but the diameters of the numbers 18, 21 and 22 are at or over 30 mm.

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CATALOGUE*

BITHYNIA

Prusias ad Hyplum

Marcus Aurelius A.D. 161-180

Obv. [AYTKA]IAMYP] ANTOPINOC [CEB]  
Bust laureate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum.

Rev. [ΠPOYCIEΩΝ]        
ΠPOC ΥΠΙΩ  
Helios, radiate, standing in biga r.

1. AE 23, 6.25, die pos. 12

PAMPHYLIA

Perga

Trajan A.D. 98-117

Obv. Head r., laureate. Legend illegible.

Rev. [APTEMΠDOΣ] ΠΠΕΡΓΑΙΑΣ  
Simulacrum of Pergaean Artemis in distyle temple; in pediment, eagle.

2. AE 24, 8.76, die pos. 12: Cf. SNGvAulock, 4669; Lindgren, 1105.

Antoninus Pius A.D. 138-161.

Obv. AYTKAIACAP ANTOPNEIN [OC]  
Bust r., laureate.

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Rev. APTEMIAOC ΠΕΡΙ
Artemis standing facing, looking r., wearing long chiton, with arrow in r., and bow in 1.

3. AE 19, 6.78, die pos. 6

Septimius Severus A.D. 193-211

Obv. [AY]TKACCEO [YHPOCIIIE]
Bust laureate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum.

Rev. [Π] ΕΡΙ ΑΙΩΝ
Artemis standing facing, looking r., wearing short chiton, with bow in 1., and arrow in r.

4. AE 20, 5.55, die pos. 12: Cf. Lindgren, 1108.

Obv. ΑΥΚΑ(ΕΠΙΕΥΗΡ)ΟC (ΠE)
Similar.

Rev. ΠΕΠ ΓΑΙΩΝ
Artemis standing facing, looking r., bow in 1., arrow in r.

5. AE 19, 4.63. die pos. 6: Cf. Lindgren, 1108.

Julia Domna

Obv. IOΛΙΑ[Δ] OΜΝ[ΑΣΕ]
Bust r.

Agonistic chest with three legs, on which three prize-urns.

6. AE 26, 7.34, die pos. 12
Caracalla A.D. 198-217

Obv. AYKAYAN ΤΩΝΙΝ [OC]
Bust laureate (or radiate?), cuir., r.,
wearing paludamentum.

Rev. ΠΕΠΤΑ I ΩΝ
Artemis standing facing, looking r., wearing stephane
and short chiton, bow in l., arrow in r.

7. AE 19, 3.81, die pos. 12: BMCLycia, 37. Cf. SNGCop. 325
and 329.

Obv. AYKMAVA NTΩΝΙΝΟC
Bust radiate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum.
Counternark: illegible.

Rev. ΠΕΠΤΑ I ΩΝ
Artemis standing facing, wearing short chiton,
bow in l., arrow in r.

8. AE 24, 10.08, die pos. 12: SNGCop. 329.

Elagabalus A.D. 218-222

Obv. AYKM [AYAN] T [ΟΝΙΝΟC]
Bust radiate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum.
Counternark: illegible.

Rev. ΠΕΠ ΓΑΙΝΩΝ
Artemis standing facing, looking r.,
wearing long chiton, bow in r., 1. rests
on long torch.

9. AE 26, 6.65, die pos. 12: BMCLycia, 42.

Obv. [AYK]MAYAN ΤΩΝΙΝΟC
Bust radiate r., wearing paludamentum and
cuirass.
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Rev. ΠΕΡΓΑ I ΩΝ
Artemis standing facing, looking r., wearing short chiton, bow in l., arrow in r.


Obv. Bust r. Legend illegible.

Rev. ΠΕΡΓΑ Ι ΩΝ
Distyle temple within which simulacrum of Pergaean Artemis; on either side sphinx on pedestal; above on 1., crescent, on r., star.

11. AE 24, 8.63, die pos. 12: Cf. SNGCope, 330; SNGvAtulock, 4685; BMCLycia, 41.

Julia Maesa

Obv. IOY [ΔIAM] AICA [CEB]
Bust r.

Rev. ΠΕΡΓΑ I ΩΝ
Artemis standing facing, looking r., wearing long chiton; in r., arrow, in l., bow; quiver at shoulder.

12. AE 17, 3.28, die pos. 12

Gordian III A.D. 238-244

Obv. ΑΥΚΑΙΜΑΝΤ ΓΟΠΑΙΑΝΟΧΕΙ
Bust laureate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum; below, globe.

Rev. ΠΕΡΓΑ I ΩΝ
Artemis standing facing, looking r., wearing long chiton; bow in l., arrow in r.

*13. AE 24, 7.74, die pos. 12
Philip I A.D. 244-249

Obv. ΑΥΚΜ [ΙΟΥ] ΑΦΙΑΙ [ΠΠΟΣ] ΟΕΒ
Bust laureate, cuir. r., wearing palaudamentum.

Rev. [ΠΠΕΡ] ΓΑΙΩΝ
Dionysos (?) standing r.

14. AE 25, 13.10, die pos. 12

Otacilia

Obv. ΜΑΡΩΤΑ ΣΕΟΥΗΡΑΝΣΕΒ
Bust r., wearing stephane, crescent behind shoulders.

Rev. ΠΕΡΓΑΙΑΙΣ ΑΡΤΕΜΙΔΟΣ ΑΧΥΛΟΥ
Distyle temple, containing simulacrum of Pergaean Artemis, above crescent on l. and star on r., eagle in pediment.

*15. AE 26, 8.27, die pos. 12 Cf. SNGCop. 344.

Philip II A.D. 247-249

Obv. ΑΥΚΜΙΟΥΣΕΟΥΦΙΑΙΠΠΙΣΕΒ
Bust laureate, cuir. r. wearing palaudamentum; below, globe.

Rev. [ΠΠΕΡ] ΓΑΙΩΝ
Agonistic chest with three legs, on which three prize-urns.

16. AE 23, 5.08, die pos. 12 : Cf. SNGCop. 350 ; BMCLycia, 60 ; Lindgren, 1127.

Gallienus A.D. 253-268.

Obv. ΑΥΚΙΟΥ. ΑΙΚ. ΓΑΛΛΑ [ΙΗΝΟΣΕΒ]
Bust radiate cuir r., wearing palaudamentum.
Rev. ΠΕΡ ΓΑΙ ΩΝ
Agonistic chest with three legs, on which three prize-urns.


Obv. ΑΥΤΚΑΙΠΟΛΙΓΑΛΔΙΗΝΟCEB
Bust laureate, cuir. r., weraing paludamentum; in front mark of value: I

Rev. ΠΕΡΓΑΙΩΝ Α ΝΕΩΚΟΡΩΝ
Uncertain figure between two military standarts (Serapis?), standing 1., his r. hand raised, his 1. holding sceptre or lance transversely.

18. AE 30, 13.00, die pos. 7: Cf. BMCLycia, 73; SNGvAuiloct, 4724; Cf. K1M., p. 331, 24.

Obv. ΑΥΤΚΑΙΠΟΑ Ι ΓΑΛΔΙΗΝΟCEB
Similar.

Rev. ΠΕΡΓ ΑΙΩΝ
Hephaistos, nude to waist, himation on knees, seated r. on rock, holding shield on knees with 1., hammer in r.

*19. AE 29, 18.28, die pos. 12: Cf. BMCLycia, 77; Lindgren, 1139.

Salonica

Obv. ΚΟΡΝΗΑΙΑΚΑΛΩΝΝΑΚΕΒΑ
Bust r., wearing stephane, crescent behind shoulders; in front, mark of value: I.

Rev. ΠΕΡ ΓΑΙ ΩΝ
Agonistic chest with three legs, on which three prize-urns.

20. AE 29, 12.79, die pos. 12: BMCLycia, 97; Lindgren, 1151.
Side

*Philip II A.D. 247-249*

Obv. MAPKONIOYAIKeNCEYHRONΦΙΑΙΠΠΟΙΝΚΑΙΚΑΙΦΑ. Bust cuir. r., wearing paludamentum; in front, countermark: C

Rev. OIKOYM ΕΝΙΚΟC [IEP] OC CIΔΗΤΗΝ EICOΠΥEΙΟC Prize-crown containing two palm-branches on base inscribed.


PISIDIA

Sagalassus

*Claudius II A.D. 268-270*

Obv. AYKMAYP ΚΛΑΥΔΙΟΝ Bust laureate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum.

Rev. ΣΑΓΙΑΗΑΑΑΚΕΕΩΝ Lion running l., holding spear with jaws; its l. forepaw raised.

22. AE 32, 16.02, die pos. 6: *BMCLydia*, 51.

CILICIA

Colybrassus

*Elagabalus A.D. 218-222*

Obv. AYKAIMAYPHANTΩ [NEINO] Bust laureate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum.

Rev. ΚΟΛΥΒΡΑ CC [ΕΩΝ] Zeus seated l. holding scepter in l. and thunderbolt in r.

23. AE 25, 8.84, die pos. 6: Cf. *SNGLevante*, 327.
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Technical Abbreviations and Symbols

AE : Bronze
cuir. : cuirassed
l. : left, left hand
Obv. : obverse
Rev. : reverse
r. : right, right hand
X : illustrated
die pos. : die position

Abbreviations : Literature


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