

AN ALEXANDRIAN COIN FROM AURELIUS VALERIUS VALENS  
DISCOVERED AT CETATEA, DOBROMIR COMMUNE,  
CONSTANȚA COUNTY

ABSTRACT

The authors publish an Alexandrian double struck bronze coin (RIC, VII, p. 706, nr. 19, IOVI CONSERVATORI AVGG type), struck in 316–317 A.D. for Aurelius Valerius Valens as Augustus. This is the second genuine sample of this type known until present, first of them belonging to the d'Ennery collection and being preserved today in Paris (Bibliothèque Nationale, Cabinet des Médailles). The coin discovered at Cetatea confirms the authenticity of the follis from d'Ennery collection and the title of Augustus carried for a short time by Aurelius Valerius Valens. This is the first issue from Alexandria discovered at Cetatea and one of the few found in Scythia Minor from this decade, the Egyptian mint having an insignificant presence to the Lower Danube.