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## ABBREVIATIONS

ArchHung	= Archaeologia Hungarica, Budapesta
ActaMN	= Acta Musei Napocensis, Cluj-Napoca
Analecta Archaeologica Ressoviensia	= Analecta Archaeologica Ressoviensia, Institut Archeologii Uniwersytetu Rzeszowskiego
Analele Banatului	= Analele Banatului, Muzeul Banatului, Timișoara.
AOP	= Археологически открития и разкопки (Archaeological Discoveries and Excavation)
Apulum	= Apulum, Acta Musei Apulensis, Alba Iulia
Archaeologia Bulgarica	= Archaeologia Bulgarica, Sofia
ArheologijaSofia	= Arheologija na Muzeite i Institut Arheologij, Sofia
ArhMold	= Arheologia Moldovei, Iași
BerRGK	= Bericht der Römisch-Germanischen Kommission des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts, Frankfurt am Main
CAMNI	= Cercetări Arheologice, Muzeul Național de Istorie a României, București
CAANT	= Cercetări arheologice în aria nord-tracă, București
CCAR	= Cronica Cercetărilor Arheologice din România, București
CercetArh	= Cercetări Arheologice, Muzeul Național de Istorie a României
Crisia	= Muzeul Tării Crișurilor Oradea
DACL	= Dictionaire d'archéologie chrétienne et liturgie - Paris
EAIVR	= Preda, C. (ed.). <i>Enciclopedia Arheologiei și Istoriei Vechi a României</i> , București: Editura Enciclopedică
EphNap	= Ephemeris Napocensis, Cluj-Napoca
GodišnikSeverna	Godišnik na Muzeite ot Severna Bălgarija, Veliko Târnovo
Helis	= Helis. Archaeological Museum and Institute Sofia. Museum Historical – Isparih
ИБАИ	= Известия на Българския археологически институт (Bulletin of the Bulgarian Institute of Archaeology)
ИНМВ	= Известия на Народния музей – Варна (Bulletin of the National Museum in Varna)
Istros	= Istros, Muzeul Brăilei, Brăila
IzvestijaSofia	= Izvestija na Arheologhičeski Institut, Sofia.
IzvestijaVarna	= Izvestija na Narodnija Muzej (Izvestija na Varnenskoto Arheologičesko Družestvo), Varna
JahrbRGZM	= Jahrbuch des Römisch-Germanischen Zentralmuseums, Mainz
JRMES	Journal of Roman Military Equipment Studies
Litua	= Litua, Muzeul Județean Gorj, Târgu-Jiu
MCA	= Materiale și cercetări arheologice, București
MÉFRA	= Mélanges de l'École Française de Rome, Antiquité, Paris-Roma
Peuce	= Peuce, Institutul de Cercetări Eco-Muzeale, Tulcea
PG	= J.-P. Minge, <i>Patrologiae ccursus completes, series Graeca</i> - Paris
Pontica	= Pontica, Muzeul de Istorie Națională și Arheologie, Constanța
Przegląd Archeologiczny	= Przegląd Archeologiczny, Poznan-Wroclaw
RESEE	= Revue des études sud-est Europeenes, Bucarest.
Sargetia	= Sargetia. Acta Musei Devensis, Deva.
SCIV(A)	= Studii și Cercetări de Istorie Veche (și Arheologie), Institutul de Arheologie "V. Pârvan", București.
SlovArch	= Slovenska Archeológija, Nitra
Sovietskaja Archeologija	= Sovietskaja Archeologija, Moskva
Sprawozdania Archeologiczne	= Sprawozdania Archeologiczne, Krakow
Starinar	= Starinar. Institut Archéologique. Beograd
Starini	= Starini. Journal of Balkan Archaeology, Sofia
Thracia	= Thracia, Institute of Thracology, Sofia
Thraco-Dacica	= Thraco-Dacica. Institutul Român de Tracologie, București

## Introduction

The 8<sup>th</sup> International Funerary Archaeology Colloquium, on the topic of “Funerary Practices in Europe, before and after the Roman Conquest (3<sup>rd</sup> century BC - 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD)”, held in Sibiu, between October 4 and 7, 2007, can be considered a success, from several perspectives.

The colloquium set out to analyze funerary phenomena from the Europe of the 3<sup>rd</sup> c. BC – 3<sup>rd</sup> c. AD in order to seize both the elements of continuity and those of discontinuity in the funerary practices of some peoples before and after the Roman conquest.

The choice of year, topic and location of the colloquium was influenced by several major events: the first was the celebration, in 2006, of 1900 years since the Roman conquest of Dacia; the second was the fact that Sibiu was, in 2007, the European Capital of Culture; the third was that The National Brukenthal Museum was celebrating 190 years since it has opened up its collections to the visitors. We could add that the 7<sup>th</sup> International Funerary Archaeology Colloquium, also held in Sibiu (6-9 October 2005) has enjoyed a resounding success, partly due to the publishing of the proceedings in 2006.

The 2007 colloquium has brought together 30 researchers from 9 countries (Romania, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Greece, F.Y.R. Macedonia, Serbia, the Czech Republic and Poland), who have held 20 lectures, very diverse, in terms of geography, chronology or ethnic focus. Thus, the lectures held concerned a large geographical area – from the north of the Black Sea to the center of Europe and from Poland to Greece – and were on Thracians, Illyrians, Celts, Greeks, Romans etc. Also, the lectures approached various aspects of the funerary phenomena, ranging from tomb construction to tomb chronology, from rites and rituals to inventory and offerings etc. The elements of continuity or the changes in the funerary practices of various peoples as a result of the Roman conquest turned out to be particularly interesting. Intense and fruitful discussions took place after the lectures, as did exchanges of pieces of information and publications between the participants.

We also need to point out that the lectures held were published right away, in widely-used languages, which will secure their fast diffusion in the international scientific environment.

The volume was prepared for publishing at the Museum of Braila, so we owe thanks to the colleagues Dana Smasnov and Roberto Tănăsache for the help with that.

All in all, we can therefore conclude that the lectures and the discussions held at the colloquium, plus the publishing of the studies in widely-used languages and in excellent conditions, have made this scientific event a success, as it contributed to the enrichment of our view on the various aspects of the funerary domain.

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