

FIBULAE FROM THE TERRITORY OF RATIARIA

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Fifty-nine fibulae were found during the period between 2008 and 2013 in the process of diggings and field work on the territory of the Roman town of *Ratiaria* in the province of Upper Moesia (Riverside Dacia since 285). Three of them cat. No 1-3 (Tabl. I/1-3) have the features of late La Taine construction. An unfinished, perhaps discarded item testifies that such pins were produced from the very beginning of the existence of Upper Moesia. The second published in Bulgaria sample of the type NETROMARUS (cat. No 4, Tabl. 4) has reached the area possibly at the same time. The fibulae of the type AUCISSA that used to hold the capes of the legionaries coming from the western provinces reach the Roman village of *Conbustica* (*Combustica*) and other parts of the territory of *Ratiaria* at approximately the same time (cat. No 5, 6, 7, 8, Tabl. I/5, 6, 7, 8). Some locally produced items are imitating them (cat. No 9-13, 22, Tabl. II/9-11; III/12-13, 22). Derivatives of the type AUCISSA are the imported pins with hinges (cat. No 14-21, 23, Tabl. III/14, 15; IV/16-21, 23). The fibula with 15 incusted stones on the bow (cat. No 18, Tabl. IV/18) is an extremely rare and beautiful item. There are only three fibulae with eyes Augenfibeln found in the area (cat. No 24-26, Tabl. V/24-26). Two fibulae of Pannonia type A 234 are partially preserved (cat. No 27-28, Tabl. V/27-28). The predominant type on the territory of *Ratiaria* are the strongly profiled fibulae A 67 (cat. No 29-30, Tabl. VI/29-30), A 68 (cat. No 31-33, Tabl. VI/31-33), A 69 (cat. No 34-40, Tabl. VII/34-38; Tabl. VIII/39-40) and A 82 (cat. No 41, Tabl. VIII/41). Among them there are some locally produced and some imported and some of them like the one from cat. No 41 are so well preserved that they can still function. The cranked fibulae Kniefibeln are represented by two frequently found spring samples (cat. No 42-43, Tabl. VIII/42-43) and by some rare imports (cat. No 44, 47, Tabl. IX/44, 47) dated from the 2nd century A.D. One of them has a two-partite bow A 189 (cat. No 48, Tabl. IX/48). The late Roman fibulae-brooches were brought to the territory of *Ratiaria* (cat. No 49-51, Tabl. X/49-51). Some fibulae coming from the north beyond the boundary of the Roman Empire had also reached the area (cat. No 52-53 Buegelknopffibel, Tabl. XI/52-53). Some fibulae from the Roman Provinces like those of cat. No 54-57 (Tabl. XI/54; XII/55-57) are widespread in the villages around the rapids of the Lower Danube in Upper Moesia and Riverside Dacia during the 4th century A.D. A very similar case are the fragments of the iron fibulae with a backwards turned foot (cat. No 58-59, Tabl. XII/58-59)