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New Acquisitions at ACANS 2000–2004

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The Australian Centre for Ancient Numismatic Studies at Macquarie University was established in 1999. In addition to the founding endowment from Mr and Mrs W. L. Gale, ACANS received on loan the important Gale collection. This consists of some 2,500 coins, primarily from South Italy, the Roman Republic, and the reign of Hadrian. The publication of this collection is now underway; *SNG Australia I* (planned for 2005) will present 1,300 South Italian coins. In pursuing our aim to promote the study of ancient history through numismatics it was decided that ACANS would also collect coins to support the particular teaching and research interests of the department of ancient history at Macquarie University. In addition, it was recognized that the teaching of numismatics at ACANS would benefit from a strong survey collection. The funding of these acquisitions has come through the Gale endowment, grants from Macquarie University, and through donations.

A special note should be made of the collection of coins acquired through an equal share of purchase and donation in 2001 from Mr Gordon Marr and his wife, Lady Eileen Proud. This brought a survey collection of almost 200 Greek coins into the possession of ACANS. This

collection will be reviewed in a later

article.

Between 2001 and 2002, ACANS purchased a number of coins illustrating the history of Ephesos, in order to support the teaching of courses on the Roman East at Macquarie University. These are currently presented in a website, *The Coinage of Ephesus* (see endnote). As the site carries full details of all coins, only a small number will be presented in the following list.

Coins from three hoards have been acquired. Sixteen coins purchased in 2004 come from a hoard found in the Levant, which was buried in the second half of the third century BC; these include coins from Alexander III (see no. 5 and 6), Seleucis I–III, Antiochus I–II, Demetrios Poliorketes, and Lysimachos. The second hoard, from which we have 69 coins, contained Roman denarii and was found in the Black Sea region; the latest of its contents were posthumous coins of Julius Caesar. Finally, ACANS has acquired a mixed hoard of Indo-Greek and Indo-Scythian coins (which will be the subject of a future publication).

The following is a selection from some 500 coins acquired between 2000 and 2004.

Greek Coinage

Danubian Celts

1. 02A3; AR; 14.82; tetradrachm; 3rd Century BC.
Obv. Raised smooth lump; Rev. Seated Zeus.
Donation of C Pitchfork.

Spain

Carthago Nova

- 2*.00A4; AR; 7.30g; shekel; c.228 BC.
Obv. Male head r. (sometimes said Hasdrubal); Rev. prow of galley r. (Fig. 1).
- 3*.00A5; AE; 9.38g; Unit; c. 210 BC .
Obv. Male head l.; Rev. Horse and palm tree (Fig. 2).

Syracuse

- 4*.03A72; AR; 16.66g; Stater; 485–478 BC.
Obv. Head of Arethusa; Rev. ΣΥΡΑΚΟΣΙΟΝ; Nike in chariot (Fig. 3).

Macedonian Kings

- 5*.04A4; AR; 16.17g; Alexander III, 336–323 BC; Mint: Amphipolis (Price 486).
Obv. Head of Herakles r.; Rev. ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ; Zeus seated on throne l. (Fig. 4).
6. 04A5; AR; 16.44g; Alexander III; Mint: Lampsacus (Price 1444).
Obv. Head of Herakles r.; Rev. ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ; Zeus seated on throne l.
7. 01A34; AE; 6.03g; Antigonos Gonatas 277–239 BC.
Obv. Helmeted head of Athena l.; Rev. Β Α, ΑΝΤΙ; Pan erecting trophy.

Thasos

8. 02A4; AR 12.30g; tetradrachm; lightweight barbarian imitation (?) of 2nd–1st century BC issue.
Obv. Head of Dionysos; Rev. ΗΡΑΚΛΕΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ ΘΑΣΙΩΝ; Heracles.
Donation of C Pitchfork.

Phokis

9. 02A2; AR; 2.38g; half-drachm; 5th–4th centuries BC.
Obv. Frontal bull's head; Rev. Head of Artemis (?) r.
Donation of C Pitchfork.

Thebes

- 10*.00A10; AR; 12.21g; tetradrachm; 4th century BC
Obv. Boiotian shield; Rev. ΚΑ-ΙΩ; Amphora (Fig. 5).

Athens

- 11*.00A11; AR; 17.02g; tetradrachm; late 6th–early 5th century BC.
Obv. Head of Athena; Rev. ΑΘΕ; Owl (Fig. 6).
- 12*.00A8; AR; 16.76g; tetradrachm; late 6th–early 5th century BC (Fig. 7).
Obv. Head of Athena; Rev. ΑΘΕ; Owl.
- 13.00A12; AR; 16.17g; tetradrachm; 4th century BC.
Obv. Head of Athena l.; Rev. ΑΘΕ; Owl.
- 14.00A1; AE; 4.15g; 130–110 BC
Obv. Head of Athena r.; Rev. ΑΘΕ; Zeus hurling thunderbolt.
- 15*.04A1; AR; 15.81g; Tetradrachm; Sulla.
Obv. Head of Athena; Rev. Owl on amphora (Fig. 8).

Aegina

16.01A37; AR; 0.96g; obol; late 6th early 5th century BC.

Obv. Turtle; Rev. Incuse.

17*.03A73; AR; 12.05g; stater; late 6th century BC

Obv. 'Proto-tortoise'; Rev. Incuse. Crescent countermark on obverse (Fig. 9).

Early linked series of Holloway; attributed by Robinson to Cydonia.

18. 04A20; AR; 12.21g; stater; 5th century BC.

Obv. Turtle with segmented shell; Rev. Large skew pattern within incuse.

Sikyon

19*.00A13; AR; 2.38g; hemidrachm; before 146 BC.

Obv. Dove flying r.; Rev. Large Σ; around, ΚΛΕΑΝΔΡΟΣ; all within incuse (Fig. 10).

Ephesos

For a full listing with illustrations refer to website (see endnote).

20.01C1; AR; 0.17g; one sixty-fourth of stater; 5th century BC.

Obv. Bee. Rev. ΕΦ. Eagle head.

21.01C2; AR; 3.17g; drachm; 5th century BC.

Obv. Ε-Φ Bee. Rev. Incuse.

22.01C4; AE; 4.04g; Lysimachos 295 – 281 BC

Obv. Veiled head of Arsinoe. Rev. ΑΡ-ΣΙ ΤΙΑ (magistrate's name).

Phocaea

23.01A35; AR; 1.25g; trihemiobol?; c.520 – 510 BC.

Obv. Female head l.; Rev. incuse.

Lydia

24.03A1; EL; 4.71g; trite; 6th Century BC.

Obv. Head of lion r; Rev. Incuse.

Carian Satraps

25*.04A2; AR; 6.99g; Didrachm; Pixodaros 340–334 BC.

Obv. Head of Apollo; Rev. ΠΙΞΟΔΑΟΥ; Zeus Labraundos (Fig. 11).

Ex Pixodaros Hoard 25f.

Carian uncertain mint

26.01A38; AR; 0.17g; tetartemorion; 5th century BC?

Obv. Forepart of lion l.; Rev. Bird (quail?).

Unlikely to be from Miletos.

Kaunos

27*.03A2; AR; 11.77g; stater; 6th century BC.

Obv. Winged figure l.; Rev. Incuse with symbols and Carian letters (Fig. 12).

Lydia

28*.03A1; EL; 4.72g; trite; 6th century BC

Obv. Lion's head; Rev. Incuse (Fig. 13).

Apameia

29.01A39; AE; 7.29g; 133–48 BC.

Obv. Head of Zeus r.; Rev. Cult statue of Artemis Anaitis.

Phraates II

30*.02A1; AR; 14.67g; tetradrachm; 138–127 BC.

Obv. Bust of Phraates II r.; Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ to r., ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΝΙΚΗΦΟΡΟΥ to l.; Male

deity seated on throne l., holding Nike
and cornucopia (Fig. 14).
Donation of C. Pitchfork.

Carthage

31.00A3; AE; 13.48g; c.241–221 BC.

Obv. Head of Tanit l.; Rev. Horse and palm tree.
(overstruck on Roman As?)

32*.00A6; AR 3.48g; half-shekel; c.213–210 BC.

Obv. Male head (Melkart?) r. Rev. Elephant r. (Fig. 15). Carthage rather than the Barcids in Spain.

Numidia

33*.00A7; AE; 14.77g; Micipsa c.148–118 BC.

Obv. Head of Micipsa r.; Rev. Punic letters ‘M’ and ‘K’; horse galloping l. (Fig. 16).

Roman Provincial Coinage

Corinth

34.01A40; AE; 12.41g; Hadrian 117–138 AD

Obv. IMP CAES TRA HADR AVG; Bust of Hadrian r.; Rev. [COL L IVL COR] Athena and Nike.

35.01A41; AE; 6.11g; Hadrian 117–138 AD

Obv. IMP CAES TRA HADR AVG; Bust of Hadrian r.; Rev. COL L IVL COR Athena and Nike.

36*.01A42; AE; 6.96g; Autonomous issue under Hadrian 117–138 AD

Obv. Bust of Aphrodite r.; Rev. Aphrodite and Eros (Fig. 17).

37.01A43; AE; 9.15g; Commodus 177–

192 AD

Obv. [COMMODVS ANTONINVS AV]; Bust of Commodus; Rev. CLI COR; Aphrodite and Poseidon.

38*.01A44; AE; 8.89g; Septimius Severus 193–211 AD

Obv. L. SEPT. SEVRE PT. AVG. IMP III; Septimius Severus; Rev. CLI COR; Statue and temple of Aphrodite on Akrocorinth (Fig. 18).

39.01A45; AE; 4.81g; Plautilla c. 211 BC.

Obv. PLAVTILLAE AVGVSTAE; Bust of Plautilla r.; Rev. CLI COR; Poseidon and Aphrodite.

Nicaea

40.03A74; AE; 8.69g; Macrinus AD 217–218.

Obv. Bust of Emperor; Rev. View of city walls of Nicaea.

Ephesos

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41.01C6; AE; 6.88g; Augustus and Livia 27BC–14 AD.

Obv. Heads of Augustus and Livia. Rev. ΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΕΥΣ ΕΦΕ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ. Deer.

42.01C7; Leaded AE; 5.40g; Claudius and Agrippina 41–54AD

Obv. Heads of Claudius and Agrippina. Rev. ΚΟΥΣΙΝΙΟΣ; ΤΟ-Δ; ΕΦΕ below. Stag standing.

43.01C20; AE; 9.18g; H. Etruscilla 248–250 AD.

Obv. ΕΡΕΝ ΕΤΡΟΥΣΚΙΑ[ΛΑ] ΣΕΒ. Bust of empress; Rev. ΕΘΕΚΙΩΝ ΑΝΔΡΟΚΛΑΟΣ. Androkles and boar.

Hierapolis

44.01C14; AE; 27.32g; M. Aurelius 161–

180 AD.

Obv. AV [KA]I AVP [ANTΩ]NEINOC.
Head of emperor. Rev. IEP[ΑΠΟΛΕΙ]
ΤΩΝ [ΚΑΙ ΕΦ]ΕCΙΩΝ; ΟΜΟΝΟΙΑ
in exergue. Apollo of Hierapolis and
Artemis of Ephesus standing.

54.03A23; AR; 3.83g; Mn. Aquil; Cr
299/1b

55.03A8; AR; denarius; M. Porcius Cato
89 BC.

Roman Republican Coinage

The following is a selection of silver
denarii from a hoard believed to have been
found in the Black Sea region.

45.03A3; AR; 3.88g; Sex. Pompeius
Fostulus; Cr 235/1c.

46.03A14; AR; 3.87g; M. Fovri; Cr 281.

47.03A15; AR; 3.84g; M. Sergi Silus; Cr
286/1.

48.03A16; AR; 3.84g; M. Cipi; Cr 289/1.

49.03A17; AR; 3.80g; C. Font; Cr 280/1.

50.03A18; AR; 3.83g; Mn Aemilio Lep;
Cr 291/1.

51.03A19; AR; 3.80g; L.Philippus; Cr
293/1.

52.03A20; AR; 3.84g; Cn. Blasio; Cr
296/1d.

53.03A21; AR; 3.84g; Ti. Q; Cr 297/1b.

Roman Imperial Coinage

Trajan AD 98–117

56.02A8; AR 3.23g; denarius.

Obv. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC
PM TR P COS V PP; Bust of Trajan
r.; Rev. S P Q R OPTIMOPRINCIPI;
Spes.

Endnote

<http://online.mq.edu.au/pub/ACANSCAE>

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scale.



Figure 1. Coin 2



Figure 2. Coin 3



Figure 3. Coin 4



Figure 4. Coin 5



Figure 5. Coin 10



Figure 6. Coin 11



Figure 7. Coin 12



Figure 8. Coin 15



Figure 9. Coin 17



Figure 10. Coin 19





Figure 11. Coin 25



Figure 12. Coin 27



Figure 13. Coin 28



Figure 14. Coin 30



Figure 15. Coin 32



Figure 16. Coin 33



Figure 17. Coin 36



Figure 18. Coin 38

