

Preface

This book is a valuable contribution to the study of coin circulation in the 1st century of the Empire, from Augustus to Domitian, in Rome and in some cities of Latium Vetus (Ostia and Minturno), as well as in Campania (Pompeii and Paestum). Regarding Rome in particular, all the Julio-Claudian and Flavian coins found during the excavations carried out by the Municipality of Rome in the 19th century and, later, by the Governatorato in the 1930s and by the Comune in the post-war period, have been taken into consideration.

A dual system of publication was used for the first time: the complete filing of the coins, and related photographs, in digital format (available on the site www.mu-seicapitolini.net) is complemented by a traditional paper format that reports all the pertaining historical and quantitative considerations.

All information resulting from the filing of these coins was integrated with the data belonging to already partially published coins coming from the subsoil of Rome; such new records have then been uniformed to the main database using the most recent bibliography.

For the realization of the volume, the Capitoline Museums have called upon the collaboration of young scholars who have started their scientific career in Europe with doctorates and post-doctorates. Thanks to their work too, it was possible to outline a well-defined and clear picture of central Italy's coin circulation of the 1st century AD. This is indeed a long-awaited piece of information by the scholars in this field investigating into coin-finds in the Roman imperial western provinces. However,

this represents only a first step in the reconstruction of Rome's monetary circulation in the 1st century AD. Actually this is, in some cases, still completely lacking of the data coming from national excavations, such as those that involved the docks of the Tiber and brought plenty of findings to the light.

The book is the first in a series and will soon be followed by other publishing initiatives, such as the catalogue of the Roman Republican coins and of those of the 2nd century AD, that are currently being studied.

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