

O PROPUNERE DE IDENTIFICARE A LUI REX HISTRIANORUM

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Abstract: *The problem of the identity of Rex Histrianorum has been approached in Romanian historiography several times, though a proper solution has not been found yet. Under this name, the character is mentioned only once, in “Historia” of Iustinus (Historia Philipp. IX,2,1), in relation to the events that occurred between 341 and 339 B.C., together with Alexander the Great’s father and King Atheas of the Scythians. King Philip II was involved personally in the events that took place in the North of the Balkan Mountains in just two occasions: first in 341 BC, when he formed an alliance with King Kothelas of the Getae/Thracians, by marrying his daughter Meda at Odessos; secondly, in the next year, when he attacked King Atheas at the mouth of the Danube and extended his own authority over the Getae as well. In the first case, the king of the region between the Balkan Mountains and the Danube is named Kothelas, while in the second he is called Rex Histrianorum. Consequently, the right solution to adopt is to consider Kothelas and Rex Histrianorum one and the same person.*