

INFLUENȚE ELENISTICE ÎN ARTA PODOABELOR DIN DACIA ROMANĂ. MOTIVUL „NODUL LUI HERCULE”

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Abstract: The Hercules knot type earrings are a ritual adornment used in the rites of passage into the underworld. This type of jewellery was discovered in the territory of Roman province Thracia, Dacia, Pannonia and Moesia. This article discusses 23 earrings from Roman Dacia. Most of them have been discovered in cremation burials from Soporu de Cîmpie, Obreja, Locusteni, Ciocadia, Apulum. Others, who belong to the type I, were found in roman settlements as Drobeta. Just few of them have not mentioned the context of discovery, as the earring from Romula. Most of the earrings were made from silver, only two from gold, and two from bronze.

Along with the earrings, in the necropolis from Obreja it was discovered a gold pendant in form of Hercules knott.

We believe that all 24 pieces are ritual ornaments made in either the provincial workshops from Dacia or imports from workshops located south of the Danube.