

A DAMASTION TETROBOL – FAKE OR ORIGINAL?

The author Damir Kovač has for years collected Damastion coins and written about them. In most cases he acquired numismatic material from various auction houses and at numismatic meetings in Munich, Vienna and elsewhere. More recently, Damastion coins have usually been offered by the well-known American auction house CNG – Classical Numismatic Group, Lancaster, PA (hereinafter: CNG). At one of its renowned auctions the author purchased a tetrobol of the city of Damastion, happy to have enriched his collection with a new coin from that still enigmatic city.

However, analysis of that coin by well-known experts raised doubts about the originality of the recently purchased tetrobol.

The authors show why they had the tetrobol analysed and cite the analyses results. Based on their own experience, the authors want to caution numismatists to be careful when purchasing numismatic material.