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In memoriam Edoardo Levante

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P R E F A C E

Roman Provincial Coinage IX covers the reigns of Trajan Decius, Trebonianus Gallus and Volusian, and Aemilian. The volume also includes coins in the name of Uranius Antoninus, although much of his reign overlapped with Valerian's, whose coins will be included in *RPC X*.

This period represents a pivotal stage in the development of Roman provincial coinage, in which the process of ceasing the production of civic bronze had begun in some provinces, while other areas were still reaching their peak. Coinage in Moesia Inferior and Cappadocia, for example, both hitherto prolific, had already ended under Philip I and Gordian III respectively. In other provinces, such as Asia, the number of mints had shrunk dramatically. The increasing trend for fewer cities to strike more coins is apparent in this volume. The shift in the coinage away from areas like Asia, which had played such a dominant role in the second century, to southern Asia Minor and the Levant has been signalled before, but we can now see in detail how great a change it was.

Several other features stand out. The first is the enormous variety in spelling, particularly of the emperors' names and titles, which will be a rich source of information not only for historians, but also for philologists. It is extraordinary how practice had changed so much in little more than a hundred years from the reigns of Trajan and Hadrian.

Perhaps the greatest surprise is in the typology used from southern Asia Minor down to Syria Palaestina. It is amazing, for example, how the coinage at Tyre flourished and become 'mythologised', making it like the earlier coinage of Asia with varied and complicated types, and so different from earlier Phoenician coinage. This subject awaits a more systematic treatment.

The gathering of the material for this volume was begun many years ago by the late Edoardo Levante. On his death he left a remarkable collection of material and a manuscript, but this was difficult to use without his guidance. A copy of his manuscript of the catalogue and plates may be consulted at the Cabinet des médailles, Paris. His catalogue was taken over and completed by Antony Hostein and Jerome Mairat. In order to do this, they re-visited collections and re-photographed all the coins, using direct digital photography of the coins rather than plaster casts. They have done a fantastic job. The historical apparatus in the city introductions is particularly impressive and sets a new standard for the series. Also notable is their admirable caution in the discussion of denominational patterns in Chapter 5 where, in the absence of secure evidence, they resist the temptation to identify the value of all the different denominations systematically.

There is nothing important to add to the general discussion of 'Chronological limits and arrangement', 'Geographical arrangement' and 'Metals' and the reader is referred to *RPC I*, pp. xiv–xvii. The geographical organisation in *RPC IX* is different from that given in *RPC I–III*, since numerous changes in the administrative arrangements of the Roman Empire meant that new provinces had been created. Thus, Moesia Superior (Moesia was divided under Domitian) is the most western province to have issued coins in the current volume. Further information about these changes can be found in the introductions to the relevant provinces. For the province of Asia, see also *RPC VII.1*.

The aims and methodology of *RPC IX* are the same as for the earlier *RPC* volumes. The material has been collected from the same 'core' collections:

- B Berlin, Staatliche Museen Preussischer Kulturbesitz
- C Cambridge, Fitzwilliam Museum
- Cop Copenhagen, Nationalmuseet
- G Glasgow, Hunterian Museum
- L London, British Museum
- Mu Munich, Staatliche Münzsammlung
- NY New York, American Numismatic Society
- O Oxford, Ashmolean Museum
- P Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France
- V Vienna, Kunsthistorisches Museum

All these collections have been consulted personally by at least one of the authors in reasonable detail (except for Copenhagen and Glasgow, where the collections are published fully in SNG). In addition, material has been added from collections published online, sales catalogues, books,

articles and various other private and public collections, published on paper or online. The authors have also searched through the periodical literature, and they hope they have not missed anything important, although they are aware that there will be omissions and mistakes. A large amount of new material and numerous corrections were sent by numismatists and collectors through *RPC* online, where an early version of the present catalogue was first published (with temporary numbers) in December 2014.

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As authors of the present volume, our names are listed in alphabetical order. We are happy to take equal credit and responsibility for the whole book. All the material was studied by both authors, although Antony Hostein focused on the General Introduction and introductory texts within the catalogue and Jerome Mairat on the catalogue itself.

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LIST OF CITIES

This list includes all the cities which have an entry in the catalogue, arranged by Roman province. Cities for which a discussion is required, but which have no catalogue entries, are considered in the introduction of the relevant province.

In some cases where the issuing city is uncertain, an issue has been given some other, often familiar, name. For an alphabetical list of cities, see Index 1.

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Dacia		
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Asia: Conventus of Cyzicus

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Lampsacus	Mysia	386-95
Ilium	Troas	396-9
Alexandria	Troas	400-534

Asia: Conventus of Adramyteum

Adramyteum	Mysia	535-7
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Asia: Conventus of Pergamum

Pergamum	Mysia	538-53
Elaea	Aeolis	554-9
Hermocapelia	Lydia	560-5

Asia: Conventus of Smyrna

Aegae	Aeolis	566-70
Magnesia ad Sipylum	Lydia	571-6
Teos	Ionias	577-80

Asia: Conventus of Ephesus

Colophon	Ionias	581-603
Ephesus	Ionias	604-42
Hypaepa	Lydia	643-62
Anineta	Lydia	663-4

Asia: Conventus of Miletus

Samos	Ionias	665-704
Priene	Ionias	705-7

Asia: Conventus of Philadelphia

Philadelphia	Lydia	708-22
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Asia: Conventus of Sardis

Maeonia	Lydia	723-32
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Phrygia-Caria: Conventus of Alabanda

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Codrula	Pisidia	965-9
Colbasa	Pisidia	970
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Isinda	Pisidia	996-1003
Pednelissus	Pisidia	1004-8
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Attalea	Pamphylia	1078-94
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Perga	Pamphylia	1099-135
Sillyum	Pamphylia	1136-9
Side	Pamphylia	1140-66
Lyrbe	Cilicia Tracheia	1167-78
Casae	Cilicia Tracheia	1179-80
Colybrassus	Cilicia Tracheia	1181-93
Carallia	Cilicia Tracheia	1194-9
Laerte	Cilicia Tracheia	1200-4
Syedra	Cilicia Tracheia	1205-17

Galatia-Pontus

Inopolis	Paphlagonia	1218-20
Sinope	Paphlagonia	1221-2
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Cilicia

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Anemurium	Cilicia Tracheia	1312-23
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Pompeiopolis	Cilicia Pedias	1338-41
Tarsus	Cilicia Pedias	1342-418
Adana	Cilicia Pedias	1419-22
Augusta	Cilicia Pedias	1423-30
Mallus	Cilicia Pedias	1431-41
Mopsus	Cilicia Pedias	1442-7
Aegeae	Cilicia Pedias	1448-66
Anazarbus	Cilicia Pedias	1467-528
Flaviopolis	Cilicia Pedias	1529-38
Hierapolis (Castabala)	Cilicia Pedias	1539-47
Epiphanea	Cilicia Pedias	1548-52

Osroene

Edessa	Mesopotamia	1553-5
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Mesopotamia

Rhesaena	Mesopotamia	1556-601
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Syria Coele

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Laodicea	Seleucis	1854-8
Paltus	Seleucis	1859-63

Syria Phoenice

Emesa	Seleucis	1864-947
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Syria Palaestina

Caesarea Maritima	Samaria	2048-135
Neapolis	Samaria	2136-74
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Arabia

Bostra	Arabia	2209-19
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Egypt

Alexandria	Egypt	2220-333
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