

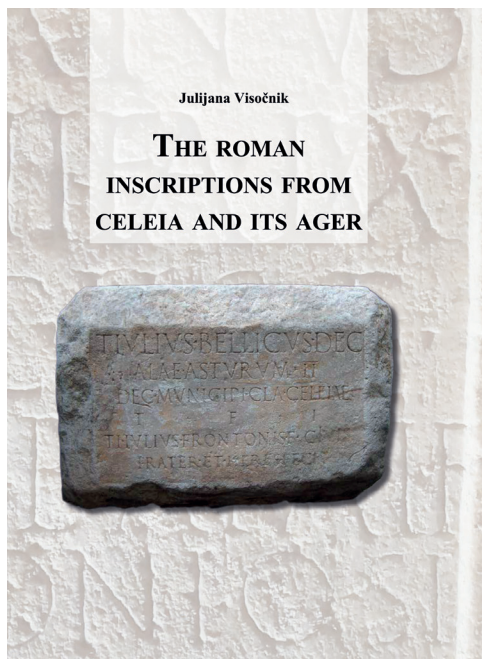


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Virtuti summae ac optimis amicis.

Why would someone from famous, rich, and magnificent Ephesus in present-day Turkey want to move to small, insignificant Celeia? It could be because it was neither small nor insignificant. Namely, numerous stone monuments with inscriptions confirm its enviable position and importance within the Roman Empire. In this monograph, written in English, the author reveals the contents of the inscriptions on monuments from Roman Celeia.

The monograph about the Roman inscriptions of *Celeia* and its surroundings collects all the Roman (Latin) inscriptions from *Celeia* and its *ager* for the first time in one volume—unfortunately without those found in recent years, which will be published by another expert sometime in the future. Thus, it is clear at first glance that this Roman town stood out in terms of importance, since more than 500 inscriptions are so far known from this area, which is no small number for a provincial town.

The inscriptions, too many of which are today unfortunately lost, take us to the wonderful world of a provincial Roman town, in which all through its history the local (autochthonous) principle and the one brought along by the new masters of the Norican (and wider) area, mixed. Autochthonous names, divinities, iconography on the one hand and Roman officials, soldiers, and priests on the other confirm just that. Thus, the inscriptions introduce actual individuals and their destinies, occupations and duties, religious practices, and social stratification: slaves and freedmen; the municipal elite: decurions and *duumviri*; foreigners who came to *Celeia* from afar etc.

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From the book



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*T(it)o Vario Clementi, proc(uratori)
provinciarum Belgicae,
Germaniae Superioris, Germaniae
Inferioris, Raetiae, Mauretaniae Caesar(i)ens(is)
5 Lusitaniae, Ciliciae, praef(ecto) eq(uitum) al(ae) Britannic(ae) miliar(iae),
praef(ecto) auxiliorum in Mauretanium Tingitanam ex
Hispania misso[r]um, praef(ecto) eq(uitum) al(ae) II Pannonior(um), trib(uno) mil(itum)
leg(ionis) XXX U(lpiae) V(ictricis), praef(ecto) coh(ortis) II Gallorum Macedonicae.
Cives Romani [e]x Italia et aliis provinciis
10 in Raetia consistentes.*

TRANSLATION: To *Titus Varius Clemens*, financial procurator of provinces *Belgica*, *Germania Superior*, *Germania Inferior*, governor of *Raetia*, *Mauretania Caesariensis*, *Lusitania*, *Cilicia*, to cavalry commander of the *ala I Flavia Augusta Britannica* of 1000 men, commander of auxiliaries sent from *Hispania* to *Mauretania Tingitana*, cavalry commander of the *ala II Pannoniorum*, military tribune of the *legio XXX Ulpia Victrix*, prefect of the *cohors II Gallorum Macedonica*. Roman citizens from *Italia* and other provinces residing in *Raetia*.

L.1: The second letter O with acute accent.
L. 2: The first letter A with acute accent.
L. 3: The letter O with acute accent.
L. 6: The letter O with acute accent.
4 CAESAR(I)ENS(IS) lupa. – 5 BRITANIC Knabl. – 6 AUXILI(ARI)ORUM lupa. – 7 HISPANIA. MISSORVM Knabl, MISSORUM lupa. – 9 CIVES. ROMANI. EX Knabl.

COMMENTARY: For the career of *Titus Varius Clemens* cf. nos. 213 and 218.

DATE: 157–162.