Dvě neznámé varianty pražských grošů Jana Lucemburského

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Two unknown varieties of the Prague grossi struck under John of Luxembourg

The first presented Prague grossus comes from the coin find from the interior of the St. John the Baptist Church in Malín. The coin belongs to the oldest group of coins struck under John of Luxembourg – it is a variety of the type published by Castelin under no. I/1. Compared to the standard version, this coin is typical with visible absence of dividing mark between IOhANn'S and PRIMVS. The second coin is preserved in the Municipal Museum in Hořice v Podkrkonoší and comes evidently from the Rohenice find. Typological classification of the coin is not so unambiguous. Most probably, it is a specimen of the oldest group of coins struck under John of Luxembourg – variety of the mentioned type (Castelin no. I/1). Compared to the standard version, this coin is typical with visible absence of dividing mark between GRATIA and RЄX. Regarding absence of the dividing mark in the specific place, it is impossible to suspend the possibility that the coin can be also connected with the variety published by Castelin under no. V/28 – there with trefoil at the same place. This variety is also classified among the very early issues of the beginning of the John's rule. Because of the fact, that the vast majority of the early varieties of the Prague grossi struck under John of Luxembourg have all dividing marks, interpretation of absence of the dividing marks in the case of the above mentioned coins as an error seems to be very probable. From the objective point of view, it is necessary to state, that also direct intention of the die producers cannot be suspended.

Prague grossus; new variety; John of Luxembourg (1310–1346).

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