Nález pražských grošů ve Staré Boleslavi (okr. Praha-východ)

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A hoard of the Prague grossi from Stará Boleslav (Praha-východ district)

A hoard of Prague grossi consisting of 57 coins was found in four parts between March 2010 and May 2012 in a field in the north of Stará Boleslav, a historical city and a pilgrimage place situated about 20 km northeast from Prague. The coins were scattered over a large area and in various depths ranging from about 10 cm below surface. Some 56 pieces were struck under John of Luxembourg and one under Wenceslas II. With respect to the varieties of the grossi, some 33 specimens cover twelve different varieties including one as of yet unpublish variety (no. 9 in the summary table) which uses a trefoil for all dividing marks on obverse and a heraldic lily on reverse. The varieties of the remaining 24 coins can't be definitely determined and some of the dividing marks are illegible, but it can be assumed based on the preserved dividing marks and other iconographic features that seventeen of them belong to one of the above-mentioned twelve varieties, and one is the varienty of Castelin V.28. Out of the remaining six, there is one coin with illegible dividing marks and five are represented by fragments only. In order to determine the approximate burial date of the hoard, the author considers the fact, that the production period of the most recent variety – Castelin VIII. 47 – which represents almost one fourth of the find is assumed between 1340 and 1346. On this basis, the author concludes that the hoard could have been buried at some point during the late 1340s or early 1350s. As for the actual reason of depositing, a common form of monetary thesaurisation is assumed, most likely by a resident of or a pilgrim visiting Stará Boleslav which at the time of the assumed depositing had already been an important place of pilgrimage for several centuries.

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