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Příspěvek k přidělení a dataci denáru Cach 320

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The oldest Bohemian denier with the name of St. Wenceslas. Contribution to the classification and dating of the denier Cach no. 320

A new specimen of the Bohemian denier Cach no. 320 was bought for a private collection at the beginning of 2010. The coin comes from a precisely unknown find discovered somewhere in the territory of Great Poland (Wielkopolska). This find dated probably before 1012 contained several complete coins and larger amount of coin fragments, plus fragments of silver jewelry.

The denier Cach no. 320 was classified as having been struck under the Bohemian Prince Břetislav I (1034-1055) based on the only known badly preserved specimen. The new specimen bears clear marginal legend S. VENCEZLAVS/PRAGA CIVITAS. It can be dated to the very first years of 11th century (ca 1002–1004) compared with other Bohemian deniers of the cross/cross type from that period. That means it represents the oldest Bohemian coin with the name of St. Wenceslas. Up to date, the deniers struck under the Prince Jaromír (1004–1012) approximately in 1008 have been regarded as the oldest ones. The denier bearing the legend S. VENCEZLAVS/PRAGA CIVITAS was probably produced either under the Přemyslids or under the Polish Prince Boleslav the Brave as his demonstrative acceptance of the heritage of the saint serving as the patron of Bohemia.

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