## GREEK CULT VOTIVE MONUMENTS IN THE TERRITORY OF CENTRAL SERBIA

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Abstract: Ten votive monuments dedicated to Greek gods have been identified in the territory of central Serbia so far. The monuments have been identified in the areas of Singidunum (3), Viminacium (2), Naissus (2), Dardania (2) and Romuliana (1). Hecate and Apollo each were dedicated two of the monuments, and Apollo was also present in cult communities with Diana and Silvanus in Viminacium and in the imperial cult in Dardania. Cult symbioses included also HIlara with Jupiter, Juno and Liber, and Artemis as DeaOrcia was in cult symbiosis with the imperial cult. Other monuments are in standalone cults and dedicated to Heros, Hero, Ata and Omphale. All the mentioned municipal centres are tourist centres and also areas of scientific and research work. The main goal of this paper is to show that Romanised Greek settlers lived there.

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