A *prosopography* of the mint officials
The **Eligivs** *database* and its evolution

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Why a prosopography?

Eligivs is a private project started in 2002. It consists in the systematic recording of the various information related to all the mint workers.

A **specific database** has been continuosly developed, in order to classify the names of the mint masters and to follow their presence in other mints. It allows the management of the information concerning the world-wide mint workers, from the Ancient Times till nowadays.

The basic idea consists in a solution allowing to collect all the data (**factoids**) related to a given mint worker, from the mints where he operated to his religion, from the role he played in the production of coins to all the peculiar aspects of his private life.

Eligivs provides a detailed and synthetic knowledge of all the men working inside the mints, allowing a more **precise understanding of their technical and social background** and suggesting new directions for the numismatic research.
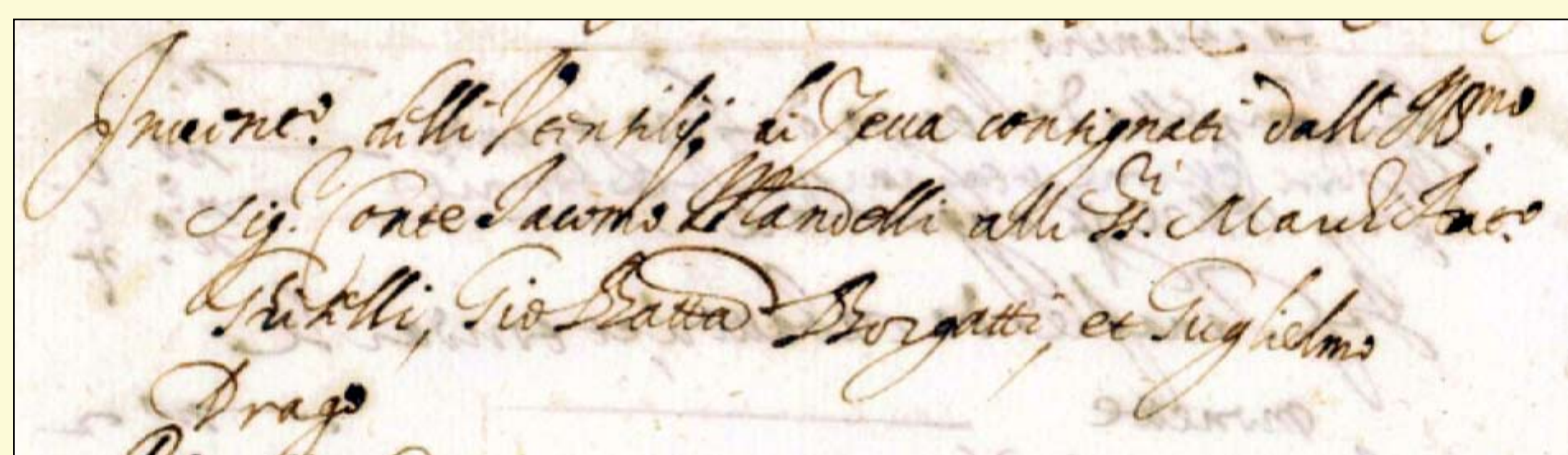
Nowadays it represents the sole prosopography specifically dedicated to this topic.

The database contains **4,847 names**, **8,054 relations between workers and mints** and **1,009 mint marks** (last update: July 15th 2009). A large subset of the data is currently accessible on the Internet at the following address: ***www.sibrium.org/Eligivs***

Main features

Eligivs has been **thought to record non-omogeneous data** coming from different sources (e.g., documents, publications, coins, …), including **pictures of the mint marks**.

Each mint worker is classified together with the **registered variants of the name** (e.g., *Borgatto* for *Borgatti*), the lists of his documented presences in the mints, the mint marks used in the different mints and periods, and other useful information.

Eligivs allows to manage the **relationships among the mint workers**: joint conduction of a mint (i.e., societies), parental relations, etc. can be easily traced.

During the XIV International Numismatic Congress (Glasgow, Aug. 31st - Sept. 3rd 2009) the new ***Eligivs* 2.0** is officially presented, widely improved with new search criteria and a much more efficient storing system for the different *factoids*, to facilitate the study of the many different aspects of the lives and works of the mint officials.

Managing the data

Each mint worker is recorded in an individual sheet. Name (**1**), period of activity (**2**) and sex (**3**) represent the basic set of information.

All the details are distributed in specific sub-forms, organized in tabs (**4**): presence in mints, joint conductions together with other mint workers, recorded variants of the name, parental relations, plus a flexible (i.e., extensible) choice of *factoids* like religion, occupation, nobility, … To avoid repetition of the same character with different names, *Eligivs* foresees specific mechanisms of cross-check (**5**).

The database allows the management of bibliographical references (**6**) and includes a wide set of pre-defined search criteria (**7**) and reports (**8**).

Each sheet can be easily updated (**9**, **11**) and exported into several file formats (**10**).

Visit Eligivs at www.sibrium.org/Eligivs - username/password: Glasgow2009 (valid until Sept. 15th 2009)