



A collaborative inventory of coin finds

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A web-based architecture

Despite several relevant publications on finds of Greek and Roman coins, we still suffer the lack of similar works for the Medieval and Modern times. The collection of data is often managed individually, on very peculiar topics, feeding private archives rather than public repertories. Consequently, the data remain dispersed in several books and local journals, affecting negatively the study of the coin finds.

The idea of the **web portal** presented here to the public is to **provide information about the coin finds and the related bibliography, without any pretention of completeness or homogeneity**, based on a "wiki" approach.

It consists in a **free access web site where anyone, after subscribing, can both enter new data and correct or integrate records already stored.**

The whole set of the data is currently accessible on the Internet at the following address: www.sibrium.org/CoinFinds



Region/Province	Findspot	Date of discovery	Type
Italia Lombardia Varese	Abbate Guazzone	21 gennaio 1940	Hoard
Italia Lombardia Varese	Angera	maggio 1884	Sporadic finds
Italia Lombardia Varese	Angera	n.s.	Single find
Italia Lombardia Varese	Angera, necropoli	n.s.	Unspecified
Italia Lombardia Varese	Arisago-Seprio	n.s.	Single find
Italia Lombardia Varese	Canale, monastero di Santa Maria Assunta	n.s.	Sporadic finds
Italia Lombardia Varese	Castelceprio	n.s.	Unspecified
Italia Lombardia Varese	Castiglione Olona	1958	Hoard
Italia Lombardia Varese	Criglio, chiesa di San Biagio	n.s.	Sporadic finds
Italia Lombardia Varese	Duno, loc. Curio	n.s.	Hoard
Italia Lombardia Varese	Gallesse, via della Pace	1934	Hoard
Italia Lombardia Varese	Golasecca	n.s.	Unspecified
Italia Lombardia Varese	Gornate Olona, Santa Maria di Turbia	sette 1982	Unspecified
Italia Lombardia Varese	Martasio (Ponte Thesis)	n.s.	Unspecified
Italia Lombardia Varese	Mercato dei Sassi	1957	Single find
Italia Lombardia Varese	Monago	n.s.	Single find
Italia Lombardia Varese	Somma Lombardo	1984 (?)	Hoard
Italia Lombardia Varese	Varese, fraz. Rassa di Varese	n.s.	Single find
Italia Lombardia Varese	Varese, loc. Valate, torre	n.s.	Sporadic finds
Italia Lombardia Varese	Varese, via Dalmazia	n.s.	Single find
Italia Lombardia Varese	Valate, San Francesco in Peltica	n.s.	Unspecified

The structure of the portal

The portal consists of areas dedicated to the recording of data related to any **coin find (1)** and of a list of **publications presenting coin finds**, with a short abstract (2).

It includes search pages (3), areas for the *draft* records (4) and specific sections for the general administration of the data (5, available to *approvers* and *administrators* only).

Data can be entered in any language (Italian, English, French, German and Spanish are preferred), with no constraints about their completeness. The portal is based on a "text-only" management of the information, using **markups to implement simple modifications of the font style.**

The portal currently stores the data related to 8,900+ coin finds and 3,500+ bibliographic records, mainly related to Italian numismatics of the Medieval and Modern times.

Open data, open to data

Each section proposes a **list of the records currently submitted**. Basic **filtering and sorting** are allowed by acting on the drop down lists (6) and on the table headers (7). The **details for each record** are available by clicking on the corresponding row (8).

Each find, or paper, is stored into an **autonomous, fully-informative record (9)**, with a **fixed record id (10)**. Editing or approval can be done by clicking on buttons displayed at the top of the page (11).

The extreme flexibility and capacity of the portal easily allows a **massive exchange of data with other archives or DBMSs** via Microsoft Excel/Access/Sharepoint, XML/RDF or CSV files.

All the data stored in the portal are open, and can be **exported in PDF reports**, which are **periodically distributed for free on the Internet.**

- A collaborative solution open to all the researchers and institutions
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