

Theme 6

New Discoveries

POTTERY FROM A MIDDLE BYZANTINE PERIOD SETTLEMENT NEAR ZLATNA LIVADA, BULGARIA

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A Middle Byzantine period settlement was discovered during the rescue excavations in the vicinity of the modern village of Zlatna Livada, Chirpan region in present-day Bulgaria. The paper presents the pottery assemblages including different groups and classes together with an additional data on their chronology based on stratified complexes. The local pottery production represents the sustained Byzantine tradition. The limited amount of the pottery types specific for the territory to the north of the Balkans is a result from the spread of a foreign tradition that could have been introduced by newcomers or by the import of foreign goods. Red slipped and mica-dusted pottery are also presented. The sgraffito-wares are represented by imports and originated probably from centers in Western Thrace or could have been produced in other closely situated Byzantine production center unknown so far.