



Research project : The Silver Coinage of the Kings of Cyprus: Numismatics and History in the Archaic and Classical Periods (6th to 4th centuries BC)

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The research Project “The Silver Coinage of the Kings of Cyprus: Numismatics and History in the Archaic and Classical Periods (6th to 4th centuries BC)” (acronym *SilCoinCy*)” is realised in the Institute of Historical Research (IHR), Section of Greek and Roman Antiquity, National Hellenic Research Foundation (NHRF), Athens, Greece and is funded by the Action ARISTEIA II. The Action falls under the Fourth Strategic Objective of the Operational Programme (OP) 'Education and Lifelong Learning' (EdLL), entitled 'Supporting the Human Capital in order to Promote Research and Innovation' of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) 2007-2013 which is co-funded by the European Social Fund (ESF) and National Resources.

The *SilCoinCy* project is organised in five work packages, that concern the collection of the numismatic material preserved in public and private collections around the world, the creation of a numismatic database and the incorporation of the data collected in that particular database, the study of the numismatic material and the dissemination of the research results through scientific publications and through the creation of a specialised numismatic-oriented website. The website kyprioscharacter.eie.gr is currently under construction and is entitled: **Kyprios Character. History, Archaeology & Numismatics of Ancient Cyprus**. The website will include a complete numismatic bibliography, a version of the numismatic database including at least 1,500 coins that have been given permissions for online publication, together with more than 50 scientific essays on the history and archaeology of ancient Cyprus, written by external scientific collaborators from around the world. The website will finally propose news, a calendar of events and links related to the history, archaeology and numismatics of Cyprus.

The duration of the *SilCoinCy* project is 18 months, but the study and publication of the scientific material will exceed that limited timeframe. The project is currently conducted with the contribution of the Research Assistant, Dr Giorgos Bourogiannis and with the help of post-graduate students and supporting technical staff that will contribute to the creation of the database, the website, the image manipulation and the editing of texts in both Greek and English. This is a great opportunity to produce a website on Cypriot coinages, history and archaeology that will become a point of reference for scientific purposes and beyond.