

## The cult of Neptune in Burnum

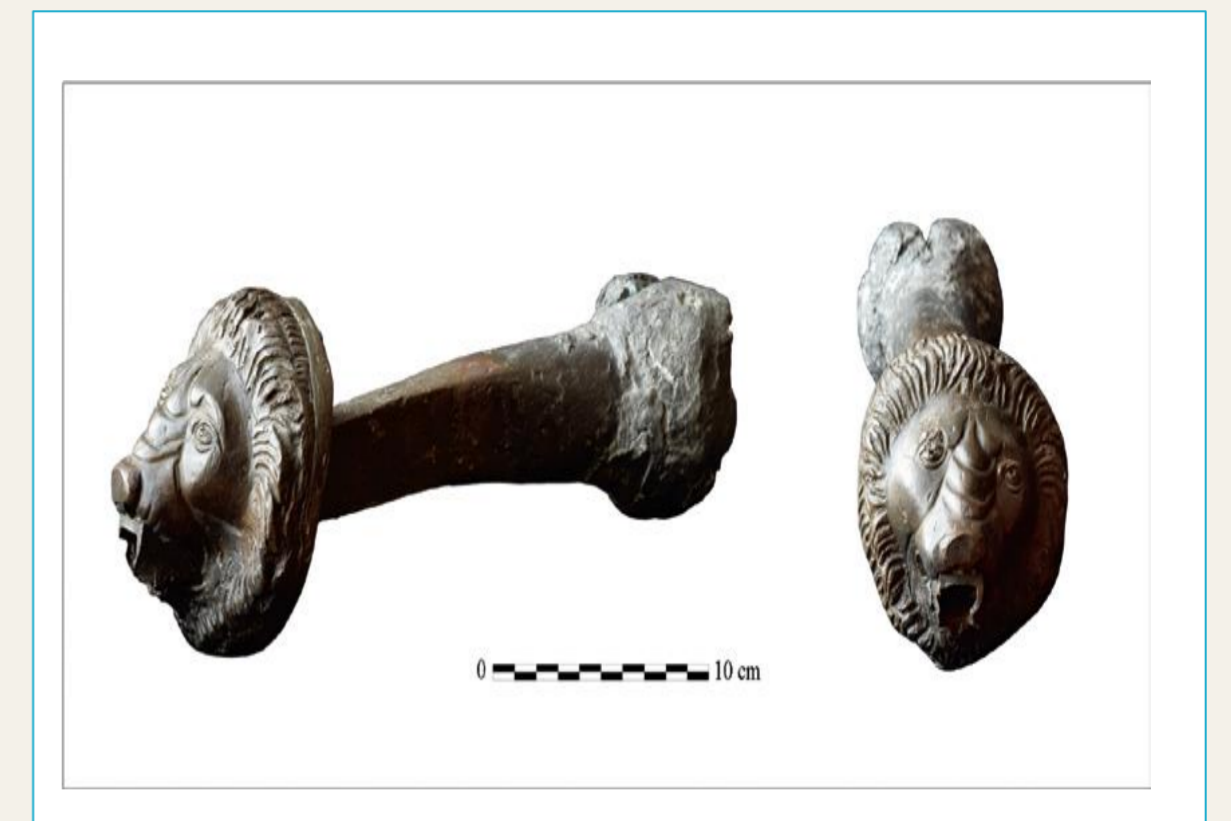
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*Neptuno sac(rum)*  
*L(ucius) Lipo[---] /*  
*v(otum) s(olvit) l(ibens)*

Dedication to the god Neptune

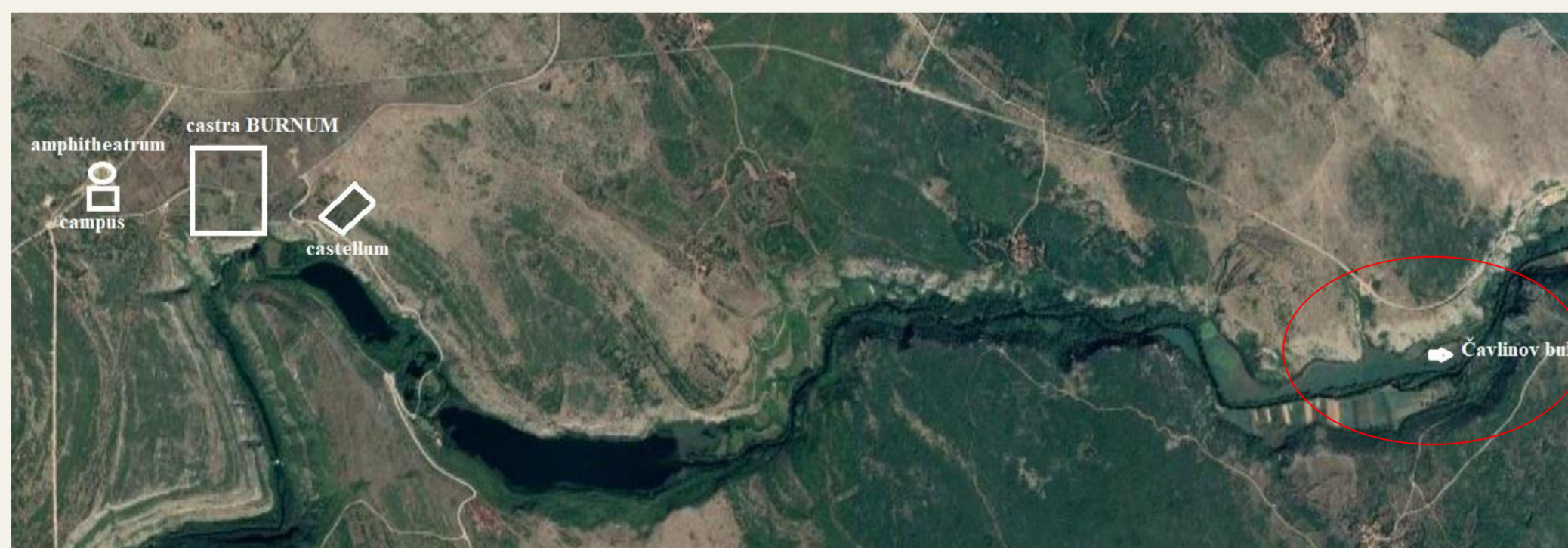


Head of Neptune, Museum of Knin (photo: K. Gugo)



Lead pipe with a lion's head,  
Arheological museum of Zadar (photo: I. Čondić)

In the upper course of the Krka river (*Titius flumen*) at the crossing Čavlinov buk, where in Roman times was a bridge that passed through it and the main road, a dedication to the god Neptune was found. During the past, construction works were carried out in this area, during which the remains of Roman architecture were found (parts of architraves with reliefs of amphibians, a fragment of a spiral pillar and a Corinthian capital) and it is possible that these are the remains of Neptune's sanctuary. Furthermore, a monumental head of Neptune? originates from Burnum. The Krka river played an important role in the life of the surrounding population, both indigenous and later Roman, and it was precisely because of it that the Roman legionary camp Burnum was built there. Therefore, the worship of the deity of the sea and running waters was an important part of their spiritual life.



Topography of roman military camp Burnum and Krka River



Čavlinov buk today, crossing over the Krka River, through which the main Roman road Aquileia-Dyrrachium passed



Stone blocks, remains of a Roman bridge on the Čavlinov buk

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