



CHOAMANI

CHOAMANI, name of an eastern Iranian tribe (perhaps located in western *Bactria*), mentioned only by Pomponius Mela (1.13; ca. mid-1st century c.e.) in an enumeration of the inhabitants of the interior lands (*interiora terrarum*): *Gandari et Pariani et Bactri, Sugdiani, Pharmacotrophi, Chomarae* (i.e., the Bactrian Chomaroi; Ptolemy, 6.11.6), *Choamani, Ropanes, Dahae super Scythas Scytharumque deserta*. W. Tomaschek identified the Ropanes with the Paropanisadae (*Pauly-Wissowa*, III/2, col. 2353, s.v. “Choamani”), an identification that was, however, rejected by [M.] Kiessling (*Pauly-Wissowa*, IA/1, col. 1108, s.v. “Ropanes”).