

SUMMARY

The aim of this paper is to analyse the uses and meanings of *caput* in the Medieval Latin of an Hispanic area, Asturias and León, between the eighth century and 1230. For this period, we count with a *corpus* of about 8.000 diplomatic texts and eight chronicles. *Caput* is also compared with its Romance equal “cabeza”, which also occurs in the *corpus*. Moreover, the author examines the chronological distribution and the graphic and morphological variants of both words.