

Author: BENEDIKT ECKHARDT

## CAPInv. 139: **he semnotate ergasia ton erioplyton**

### I. LOCATION

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| i. Geographical area | Western Asia Minor |
| ii. Region           | Phrygia            |
| iii. Site            | Hierapolis         |

### II. NAME

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| i. Full name (original language) | ἡ σεμνοτάτη ἐργασία τῶν ἐριοπλυτῶν (Altertümer von Hierapolis 40, ll. 1-3) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated)   | <i>he semnotate ergasia ton erioplyton</i>                                 |

### III. DATE

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| i. Date(s) | ii - iii AD |
|------------|-------------|

### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| i. Name in other forms | ἡ ἐργασία τῶν ἐριοπλυτῶν (AAT 101: 317, no. 45, l. 5)                            |
| ii. Name elements      | Professional: ἐριοπλυταί, <i>eriplytai</i><br>Other: σεμνοτάτη, <i>semnotate</i> |
| iii. Descriptive terms | ἐργασία, <i>ergasia</i>  |
| Note                   | <i>ergasia</i> : Altertümer von Hierapolis 40, l. 2; AAT 101: 317, no. 45, l. 5  |

### V. SOURCES

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| i. Source(s)     | Altertümer von Hierapolis 40<br>AAT 101: 317, no. 45 (with BE 1971: no. 652)         |
| Online Resources | <a href="#">Altertümer von Hierapolis 40</a><br><a href="#">AAT 101: 317, no. 45</a> |

|   |   |
|---|---|
| i.a. Source type(s)                         | Epigraphic source(s)  |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | The first document is an honorific decree; the second document is a funerary inscription. If someone acts against the will of the tomb's owner by burying someone else there or selling the place, he shall pay a fine to the <i>eriplytai</i> . Greek. |
| i.c. Physical format(s)                     | The first document is a white marble plate.   |
| ii. Source(s) provenance                    | The first document was found near the theatre of Hierapolis.  |

## VII. ORGANIZATION

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| iii. Members | οἱ τῆς ἐργασίας τῶν ἐριοπλυτῶν οἱ μετέχοντες, <i>hoi tes ergasias ton erioplyton hoi metechontes</i> . (AAT 101: 317, no. 45, ll. 5-6) |
|--------------|--|

## VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| iv. Endowments | The association is the recipient of a funerary endowment ( <i>stephanotikon</i> ; in Pennacchietti's edition (AAT 101: 317, no. 45), it is qualified as "great", <i>mega</i> , but the Roberts have plausibly argued for a different reading). The coronation of the grave shall take place on the birthday ( <i>genethlion</i> , AAT 101: 317, no. 45, l. 8) of the deceased woman's son. |
|----------------|--|

## X. ACTIVITIES

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| ii. Meetings and events      | The association was entrusted with taking care of a grave.  |
| iv. Honours/Other activities | Altertümer von Hierapolis 40 is an honorific decree for a man who had served as <i>strategos</i> , <i>agonothetes</i> , <i>grammateus</i> (Altertümer von Hierapolis 40, ll. 6-7) of the temples of Asia, <i>presbeutes</i> and <i>archiereus</i> (Altertümer von Hierapolis 40, ll. 12-14; he is described as a "benefactor of the homeland"). |

## XI. INTERACTION

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| i. Local interaction | The association honors the same person as do the <i>porphyrabaphoi</i> (Altertümer von Hierapolis 41); both associations use the same wording. |
|----------------------|--|

## XII. NOTES

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| ii. Poland concordance | Poland Z 66 (Altertümer von Hierapolis 40)  |
| iii. Bibliography      | Pennacchietti, F.A. (1967), 'Nuove iscrizioni di Hierapolis di Frigia', AAT 101: 287-328.<br>Ritti, T. (1995), 'Associazioni di mestiere a Hierapolis di Frigia', in B. Maria Giannattasio (ed.), <i>Viaggi e commerci nell'antichità. Atti VII Giornata Archeologia</i> , Genova: 65-84.<br>Robert, J., and L. (1971), 'Bulletin Épigraphique', REG 84: no. 652. |

### XIII. EVALUATION

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>i. Private association</b>      | Probable  |
| <b>Note</b>                        | Professional associations in the 2nd/3rd century were often very close to the official civic institutions, but they probably remained essentially private associations. |
| <b>ii. Historical authenticity</b> | Certain   |