

CAPInv. 1412: koinon t]on mel[iss]our[gon

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Oxyrhynchites (U19)
iii. Site	Oxyrhynchus

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	κοινὸν τ]ὸν μελ[ισσ]οῦρ[γὼν (P.Oxy. LIV 3747 ll. 5-6)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>koinon t]on mel[iss]our[gon</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	319 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>melissourgoi</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν <i>koinon</i> (?)	
Note	<i>koinon</i> (restored in lacuna); P.Oxy. LIV 3747 l. 5	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	P.Oxy. LIV 3747 (26 Mar AD 319)
Online Resources	TM 15256
i.a. Source type(s)	Papyrological source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	price declaration in Greek

i.c. Physical format(s)	part of a roll measuring 55.5 x 24 cm that contains 7 price declarations (P.Oxy. LIV 3747-3753, AD 319); according to editor they may have been written by same person but the roll is not a <i>tomos synkollesimos</i> ; on the verso is a report of proceedings before the <i>logistes</i> (P.Oxy. LIV 3759, AD 325).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	The title of the official submitting the declaration, if it had been mentioned and if he was an officer, at lines 5-7 does not seem to have been recorded or has been lost; the text is highly fragmentary.
iv. Officials	[Aur]elius [...] through whom the declaration was submitted may have been the officer, line 6-7

IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status	citizens
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XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	Official interaction; association acting on behalf of the group representing them before the authorities
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	P.Oxy. LIV 4582 (AD 16) is a petition from and may or may not relate to an association or members of an association. It is more tempting to situate 4583 (AD 45), an oath taken by 7 beekeepers "and the rest of the beekeepers from Oxyrhynchus" (οἱ λοιποὶ μελισσο[ο]υργοὶ τῶν ἀπ' Ὀξυρύγχων πόλ(εως) <i>hoi loipoi melissourgoi ton ap'Oxyrhynchon poleos</i>) as an indication of an official action on behalf of an association. Most likely not dealing with the same association here given the time span involved but perhaps does indicate some sort of continuity in terms of how members of an occupational group chose to organize themselves.
iii. Bibliography	Coles, R.A. (1980) "P. Oxy. I 85 Revised." <i>ZPE</i> 39 115-23 Sullivan, R. D. (1973) "A Petition of Beekeepers at Oxyrhynchus." <i>BASP</i> 10: 5-13

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The associative terminology and the apparently necessary declaration suggests that this was an association; private here because, in spite of the nature of the declaration itself, there is nothing here to suggest that this group was other than voluntary (although state compulsion may be something else entirely).