

CAPInv. 1520: **synodos**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Peloponnese with Adjacent Islands
ii. Region	Eleia
iii. Site	Olympia

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	σύνοδος (IvO 55, l. 4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>synodos</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	98 - 138 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>
Note	<i>synodos</i> : IvO 55, l. 3

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IvO 55 (98-138 AD)
Online Resources	IvO 55
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorific inscription in Greek for the pankratiast and <i>dia genous</i> xystarches Tiberius Claudius Rufus from Smyrna, who is defined as ἄνδρα πλειστονείκην καὶ ἱερωνείκην ἀπὸ συνόδου, <i>andra pleistoneiken kai hieroneiken apo synodou</i> (ll. 3-4). The monument in his honour was erected by his home-town Smyrna in the sanctuary of Olympia. The statue base which bears the inscription, bears also the inscription IvO 54 which is a decree voted by the Eleans in honour of Tiberius Claudius Rufus.

i.c. Physical format(s)	A statue base of dark marble decorated with cymatia at its upper and lower edge.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Olympia, built into the Byzantine north wall.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	It is not clear, whether the office of <i>ξυσταρχία xystarchia</i> (l. 11) of all athletic contests of Smyrna, which was held by the pankratiast Tib. Claudius Rufus, is to be regarded as an office in the framework of the <i>synodos</i> in question.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The members of the <i>synodos</i> were athletes.

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The fact that the deme of Smyrna honours a pankratiast, member of this athletic synod (<i>ἄνδρα πλειστονείκην καὶ ἱερονείκην ἀπὸ συνόδου, andra pleistoneiken kai hieroneiken apo synodou</i> : ll. 3-4), shows the impact on a local level.
ii. Interaction abroad	The deme of Smyrna honours the pankratiast Tib. Claudius Rufus, <i>ἄνδρα πλειστονείκην καὶ ἱερονείκην ἀπὸ συνόδου, andra pleistoneiken kai hieroneiken apo synodou</i> (ll. 3-4), in Olympia. In his honorary inscription it is mentioned that the individual was already honoured by the Eleans.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	It is not certain, whether the <i>synodos</i> of IvO 55 is to be identified with the world wide <i>synodos</i> of athletes and <i>hieronikai</i> (see CAPInv. 1477 and CAPInv. 1478) Poland, 150 wonders, whether this inscription (H 10) refers to the "Reichssynode der Athleten". The athlete Tib. Claudius Rufus, honoured in Olympia by the deme of Smyrna, is defined as <i>ἄνδρα πλειστονείκην καὶ ἱερονείκην ἀπὸ συνόδου, andra pleistoneiken kai hieroneiken apo synodou</i> (ll. 3-4). It is unknown, which synod is to be understood, as Rufus is further mentioned as <i>τυχόντα τῆς διὰ γένους ξυσταρχίας πάντων τῶν ἀγομένων ἀγώνων ἐν Ζμύρνῃ, tychonta tes dia genous xystarchias panton ton agomenon agonon en Zmyrnei</i>, which implies that he was the head of the <i>xystos</i> in Smyrna.
ii. Poland concordance	Poland H*10

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	The term <i>synodos</i> shows that we are dealing with an association. It is however not clear, whether it was a private association and whether it is to be identified with the group defined as <i>hoi apo tes oikoumenes hieronikai</i> or <i>hoi apo tes oikoumenes hieronikai kai athletai</i> .