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CAPInv. 1545: eranistai hoi meta Epitelous

I. LOCATION

i. **Geographical area**	Attica with Salamis
ii. **Region**	Attica
iii. **Site**	Laurion area (mod. Soureza)

II. NAME

i. **Full name (original language)**	ἐρανισταὶ οἱ μετὰ Ἐπιτέλους (SEG 32: 236, ll. 4-5)
ii. **Full name (transliterated)**	*eranistai hoi meta Epitelous*

III. DATE

i. **Date(s)**	m. iv BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. **Name elements**	Personal:	*meta Epitelous*

V. SOURCES

i. **Source(s)**	SEG 32: 236 (m. iv BC)
Note	Ed. pr. Conophagos (1980: 389 no. 2). Other publications: Salliora-Oikonomakou (2004: 169 no. 128); Kakavoyannis (2005: 72 no. 3). Cf. SEG 40: 175, SEG 50: 177.
Online Resources	SEG 32: 236
i.a. **Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. **Document(s) typology & language/script**	Greek *horos* of the workshop and the slaves sold subject to redemption for 1110 dr.
i.c. **Physical format(s)**	A plaque of limestone measuring 0,35x0,31x0,09m.

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ii. Source(s) provenance	It was found in the excavation of the 'Asklepiakon' mine in the valley of Soureza. Now in the Laureion museum, no. 16.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	On the basis of the expression *meta Epitelous* in the name of the group, perhaps Epiteles (*Athenian Onomasticon* s.v. (6)) was the leader.

XII. NOTES

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	Although it was forcibly argued by Finley 1951 and Millett 1991 that *eranistai* in *horoi* inscriptions should not be regarded as associations, I think that there are good grounds to consider these groups as private associations (see also Thomsen 2015). Firstly, in almost all cases they are identified as *eranistai hoi meta…* or *hoi peri*, an element that points to a certain embryonic or nascent collective identity. Secondly, they also pull their resources (or part of it) together to lend money, for which they acquire the legal standing as creditors, whose claim is secured. Thirdly, in case the repayment of the loan does not proceed, they may be represented in law courts.