

CAPInv. 16: [to koinon] ton Bakchiston

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Thera
iii. Site	Ancient Thera

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	[τὸ κοινὸν] τῶν Βακχιστῶν (IG XII.3 1296, ll. 1-2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	[to koinon] ton Bakchiston

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	160 (?) - 146 (?) BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i. Name in other forms	Βακχισταί, <i>Bakchistai</i> (l. 6)
ii. Name elements	Theophoric: <i>Bakchos</i> (Dionysos)
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>
Note	<i>koinon</i> (l. 1: restored, l. 19)

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII.3 1296 (probably in the reign of Ptolemy VI Philometor, 160-146 BC)
Note	OGIS 735 BE 1974: no. 41 Jaccottet 2003: no. 169.
Online Resources	IG XII.3 1296

i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorific decree in Greek of the <i>koinon</i> for Ladamos, son of Dionysodoros, [Alexandrus] (the ethnic is fully restored).
i.c. Physical format(s)	Stele.
ii. Source(s) provenance	The stele was found in the church of Aghios Stephanos located in the NE part of the ancient city.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	θιασίται, <i>thiasitai</i> (ll. 23, 24)
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men Women
Note	Membership to the <i>koinon</i> was extended to Ladamos' wife (l. 22).
iii. Age	Children Adults
Note	Membership to the <i>koinon</i> was extended to Ladamos' descendants (ἐγγόνοις, l. 22).
iv. Status	<p>Members of the <i>koinon</i> were in all likelihood affiliated to the Ptolemaic garrison stationed in Thera (Hiller von Gaertrigen 1903). This can be deduced from lines 12-16, where Ladamos is said to have been appointed commander of the city (ἐπὶ τῆς πόλεως, (<i>epi tes poleos</i> l. 12) and ἡμῶν, <i>hemon</i> (l. 12), the latter probably referring to the soldiers of the garrison. Furthermore, in line 15, the members of the <i>koinon</i> set themselves apart from all the others (τοὺς ἄλλους ἅπαντας, <i>tous allows hapantas</i>), a phrase that probably stands for the entire citizen body as well as the members of the garrison.</p> <p>Ladamos was a Ptolemaic official, in the close circle of the king (ll. 4-5). He bears the title τῶν περὶ αὐτὴν δια[δόχων] and he was the commander of the Ptolemaic garrison, probably in the reign of Ptolemy VI Philometor (ὁ τεταγμέ[ν]ος ὑπὸ τῶν βασιλέω[ν ἐπὶ Θήρας]) (see van't Dack 1973: 77-80; Bagnall 1976: 126-7).</p>
v. Relations	Ladamos, son of Dionysophanes, [Alexandrus] (the ethnic is fully restored by Hiller von Gaertrigen but challenged by Fraser: 1972, 150 n. 211), was the Ptolemaic commander in Thera. The names of Ladamos and Dionysophanes are also attested in the letter of Ptolemy Philometor to Apollonios, the commander of Thera: IG XII.3 327, l. 20, 290. Ladamos was among the soldiers to whom Philometor granted revenues from some lands to subsidize the expenses of sacrifices and oil supply. Dionysophanes' name is included among the names of soldiers contributing to the repair of the gymnasium.

X. ACTIVITIES

i. Assemblies	[νομαῖαι συνόδοι], [<i>nomaiai synodoi</i>] (IG XII.3 1296, l. 2)
iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>koinon</i> honoured Ladamos, son of Dionysophanes. It seems that a festival may have been founded in his honour, but the fragmentary nature of this part of the text (ll. 25-32) does not allow further comments.

XI. INTERACTION

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| i. Local interaction | Members of the <i>koinon</i> were affiliated to the Ptolemaic garrison (Il. 12, 15). |
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XII. NOTES

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| i. Comments | The inscription dates probably to Philometor's reign (164-146 BC). Hiller dated this inscription to the end of Philometor's reign (Hiller von Gaertringen 1903:), but according to Bagnall (1976: 127) the exact date should remain open to question. Van't Dack (1973) prefers a date during the joint reign of Ptolemy VI and Ptolemy VII (170-164 BC) but see criticism by Bagnall 1976. |
| ii. Poland concordance | B 225 |
| iii. Bibliography | Bagnall, R. (1976), <i>The administration of the Ptolemaic possessions outside Egypt</i> . Leiden.
Fraser, P.M. (1972), <i>Ptolemaic Alexandria</i> . vol. 2. Oxford.
Hiller von Gaertringen, F. (1903), 'Der Verein der Bakchisten und die Ptolemäerherrschaft in Thera', in <i>Festschrift zu Otto Hirschfelds Sechzigstem Geburtstage</i> . Berlin: 87-99.
Thera III: Hiller von Gaertringen, F. (1904), <i>Thera: Stadtgeschichte von Thera. Volume III</i> . Berlin: 111-2.
Van't Dack, (1973), <i>Ancient Society</i> 4: 71-90. |

XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. Private association | Certain |
| Note | The formal elements of the name (<i>koinon</i> + theophoric name) and the decision-making process suggest an organised private association. |