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CAPInv. 1821: [to k]oinon to Lapethiastan

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Rhodes
iii. Site	City of Rhodes and Lindos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	[τὸ κ]οινὸν τὸ Λαπηθιαστᾶν, IG XII. 1 867, l. 1.
ii. Full name (transliterated)	[to k]oinon to Lapethiastan

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i. Name in other forms	Λαπηθιασταί, <i>Lapethiastai</i> , CIRhod 2 (1932) 203, no. 36, l. 2.
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ii. Name elements	Cultic:	van Gelder's hypothesis that <i>Lapethiastai</i> refers to the worship of the gods of the Cypriot city of Lapethos (van Gelder 1900, 367) can not be confirmed. For Poland's similar, but more plausible, view: see 'Topographical' below.
	Ethnic:	To the extent that it links the association to a city outside Rhodes, <i>Lapethiastai</i> has also the character of an ethnic designation. The ed.pr. of IG XII.1 867 took this association to consist of citizens of Lapethos: E. Loewy, 'Unediertes aus Rhodes', <i>Archäologisch-Epigraphische Mitteilungen aus Österreich</i> 7 (1883) 33. It should be noted, however, that at least one of the attested members of this association, the adoptive son of Timostratos Brasios (<i>CIRhod</i> 2 (1932) 203, no. 36), was a Rhodian citizen, with no other documented connection to Lapethos.
	Topographical:	From the city of Lapethos on Cyprus. As Poland remarked (1909, 63, 225), with the ending <i>-istai</i> the locality concerned becomes personified and obtains a godlike nature. See also 'Cultic' above.
iii. Descriptive terms	<i>[k]oinon</i>	
Note	This generic term is attested as part of the name in only one of the two inscriptions related to this association.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII. 1 867 <i>CIRhod</i> 2 (1932) 203, no. 36
Note	New readings of <i>CIRhod</i> 2 (1932) 203, no. 36 are based on autopsy by Vincent Gabrielsen. The date proposed here, second century BC, is primarily based on the letter forms of the inscription just mentioned: see also <i>LGPNI</i> , s.v. Timostratos no. 56.
Online Resources	IG XII. 1 867 CIRhod 2 (1932) 203, no. 36
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	IG XII. 1 867: Dedicatory-honorary <i>CIRhod</i> 2 (1932) 203, no. 36: Dedicatory-honorary In Greek
i.c. Physical format(s)	IG XII. 1 867: rectangular base, whose top surface is dressed so as to serve as the base of a round altar. <i>CIRhod</i> 2 (1932) 203, no. 36: rectangular base, whose top surface has the form of a round base (to receive a round altar?).
ii. Source(s) provenance	IG XII.1 867: Discovered in the vicinity of the harbour of Lindos (mod. Bay Palaestra). <i>CIRhod</i> 2 (1932) 203, no. 36: Discovered in the Mosque Suleiman (within the old city of Rhodes).

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	<p>In IG XII.1 867, the <i>koinon</i> of the <i>Lapethiastai</i> honours one Apollodoros; from the honours bestowed (see below) it can be inferred that he was a member. Nikaia, Apollodoros' wife (and daughter of Letodoros), was probably also a member since she, too, is honoured with a wreath.</p> <p>In CIRh2 (1932) 203, no. 36, the <i>Lapethiastai</i> honour the (unknown) adoptive son of Timostratos Brasios, who therefore must also have been a member.</p>
viii. Obligations	<p><i>ateleia panton</i> ('exemption from all duties') in IG XII.1 867, indirectly documents the obligation of members to pay <i>tele</i>, i.e. contributions in kind or in money or in both.</p>
ix. Privileges	<p>In IG XII.1 867, the honorand is awarded the privilege of <i>ateleia panton</i> ('exemption from all duties'). Additionally, he is honoured with the privilege of <i>prohedria</i> ('front seating at public events', i.e. those held by the association)</p>

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	<p>Men Women</p>
Note	<p>Apollodoros, who is honoured in IG XII.1 867, and his wife Nikaia daughter of Letodoros, were both members.</p>
iii. Age	<p>Adults</p>
iv. Status	<p>The adoptive son of Timostratos Brasios (honoured in CIRh2 (1932) 203, no. 36), was certainly a Rhodian citizen.</p> <p>Apollodoros and his wife Nikaia daughter of Letodoros (IG XII.1 867) may have been citizens or foreigners. Neither of them appears in <i>LGPNI</i>.</p>
v. Relations	<p>In IG XII.1 867 husband (Apollodoros) and wife (Nikaia) appear to have been members of the <i>Lapethiastai</i>.</p>

X. ACTIVITIES

ii. Meetings and events	<p>The privilege of <i>prohedria</i> (see above) alludes to events organised and held by the association.</p>
iv. Honours/Other activities	<p>In CIRh2 (1932) 203, no. 36, the (unknown) adoptive son of Timostratos Brasios is honoured by the <i>Lapethiastai</i> with the award of a wreath (kind unknown). In the same inscription, the <i>Lapethiastai</i> are mentioned together with other associations, each of which bestowed honours on the same person: the <i>Hagesi[t]imeioi kai Kallikrate[ioi]</i> (Ἀγησι[τ]ίμειοι καὶ Καλλικράτε[ιοι]), the <i>Diagonia Thymoterpidan</i> (διαγονία Θυμοτερπιδᾶν) and the <i>Hermaistai</i> (Ἑρμαιοῖται).</p> <p>In IG XII.1 867, the <i>koinon to Lapethiastan</i> honours Apollodoros with <i>ateleia panton</i> ('exemption from all duties'), <i>prohedria</i> ('front seating at public events', i.e. those held by the association), two olive wreaths (<i>thallinois stephanois</i>) and two golden wreaths (<i>chryseois stephanois</i>). The awards are justified with reference to Apollodoros' virtuous conduct as well as the goodwill he had continuously shown towards the members of the association (εἰς αὐτοῦς, <i>eis autous</i>). Apollodoros' wife, Nikaia daughter of Letodoros, is also honoured with an olive wreath.</p>

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	<p>The circumstance that the <i>koinon</i> of the <i>Lapethiastai</i> is attested in the city of Rhodes and in Lindos may be indicative of its interaction with both of these places.</p>
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ii. Interaction abroad

The name of this association links it to the city of Lapethos on Cyprus.

XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance

B 284 (IG XII.1 867)

iii. Bibliography

H. van Gelder, *Geschichte der alten Rhodier* (The Hague, 1900)

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The reference of the name to a foreign city renders is certain that this is a private association.,