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CAPInv. 1869: **he synodos Oseiristan hoi syn Iasoni Bolichou**

## I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Kos
iii. Site	Kos

## II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ἡ σύνοδος Ὀσειριαστᾶν οἱ σὺν Ἰάσ[ωνι Βωλίχου] (IG XII 4.2, 553, l. 1)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>he synodos Oseiristan hoi syn Iasoni Bolichou</i>

## III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Personal:	<i>syn Iasoni Bolichou</i>
	Theophoric:	<i>Oseiristan</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>	

## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII 4.2, 553 (i BC)
Note	EV 375 (ii BC) RICIS 204/1001 Maillot 2013: no. 49
Online Resources	<a href="#">EV 375</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

<b>i.b. Document(s) typology &amp; language/script</b>	Dedication in Greek (Doric dialect) to Osiris by the synodos of the Osiriastai together with Iason son of Bolichos.
<b>i.c. Physical format(s)</b>	Marble base broken on the right decorated with a cornice at the left side and at the back. H. 22 x L. 89 x Th. 80 cm
<b>ii. Source(s) provenance</b>	Found in a garden in the suburbs of the town of Kos.

## VII. ORGANIZATION

<b>i. Founder(s)</b>	<i>syn Iasoni Bolichou</i> (l. 1): Iason son of Bolichos was probably the founder or the leader of the association.
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>ii. Leadership</b>	See VII.i.

## IX. MEMBERSHIP

<b>i. Number</b>	The names of 18 members are inscribed on the base
<b>ii. Gender</b>	Men
<b>Note</b>	In light of the names inscribed on the base, all members were apparently men.
<b>iv. Status</b>	All names are followed by the patronymic, though the patronymics in the third column are only partially preserved. All names are Greek.
<b>v. Relations</b>	Dorion son of Dorion (l. 3) and Apollonios son of Dorion (l. 9) were probably brothers.

## X. ACTIVITIES

<b>iii. Worship</b>	Dedication to Osiris (l. 1).
<b>Deities worshipped</b>	Osiris

## XII. NOTES

<b>i. Comments</b>	A boundary stone from Kos bears witness to another cultic association of <i>Osiriastai</i> ( <a href="#">CAP Inv. 1903</a> ), which however on the basis of the name should not be identical with the inscription in question. Together with <a href="#">CAP Inv. 1868</a> all these inscriptions testify to the prosperity of Egyptian cults in late Hellenistic/ early Imperial Kos and the organization of worshippers in cultic associations.
<b>iii. Bibliography</b>	Maillot, S. (2013), 'Les associations à Cos', in P. Hamon and P. Fröhlich (eds.), <i>Groupes et associations dans les cités grecques</i> . Geneva: 199-226.

### XIII. EVALUATION

**i. Private association**

Certain

**Note**

The name bears witness to an organised cultic association centered around the cult of Osiris.