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CAPInv. 1911: to koinon ton aleiphomenon

I. LOCATION

i.	**Geographical area**	Aegean Islands
ii.	**Region**	Karpathos
iii.	**Site**	Potidaion (modern Pigadia)

II. NAME

i.	**Full name (original language)**	τὸ κοινὸν τῶν ἀλειφομένων (SIRIS 246 ll. 2-3)
ii.	**Full name (transliterated)**	*to koinon ton aleiphomenon*

III. DATE

i.	**Date(s)**	ii BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii.	**Name elements**	Status-related:	*aleiphomenoi*: gymnasium group
iii.	**Descriptive terms**	κοινόν, *koinon*	

V. SOURCES

i.	**Source(s)**	SIRIS 246 (ii BC)
	Note	Ed. pr. Segre 1933: 580 no. 2 RICIS 204/0901
	Online Resources	Historia 7 (1933) 580 no. 2
i.a.	**Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	**Document(s) typology & language/script**	Dedication in Greek to Sarapis, Isis and Anoubis as a thank-offering by an unknown individual who was honored by the *koinon ton aleiphomenon*.

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i.c. Physical format(s)	Small marble base. H. 18 x W. 29 x. Th. 20 cm.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in a house in Pigadia (ancient Potidaion) after the demolition of a wall which it was built into.

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The *koinon ton aleiphomenon* honoured an individual (only the first three letters of his personal name are preserved ΔΕΙ[...]).

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The inscription is not included in Chankowski 2010.
iii. Bibliography	Chankowski, A.S. (2010), *L'éphébie hellénistique. Étude d'une institution civique dans les cités des îles de la mer égée et de l'Asie Mineure*. Paris. Segre, M. (1933), 'Iscrizioni di Scarpanto', *Historia* 7: 577-88.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The term name *koinon* indicates a formally organized group, which was probably centered around the gymnasium, as suggested by the name *aleiphomenoi*. This inscription constitutes the only evidence for the presence of a gymnasium on Karpathos. It remains therefore unclear whether the gymnasium in Karpathos functioned as a civic institution or a private club.It is thus hard to draw any firm conclusions on the precise nature of the *aleiphomenoi* other than its link to the gymnasium.