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CAPInv. 1923: **xystos**

I. LOCATION

i.	**Geographical area**	Western Greece with the Ionian Islands
ii.	**Region**	Korkyra
iii.	**Site**	Kassiopi

II. NAME

i.	**Full name (original language)**	ξυστός (IG IX.1^2.4 845, l. 5)
ii.	**Full name (transliterated)**	*xystos*

III. DATE

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

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

iii.	**Descriptive terms**	ξυστός, *xystos*
	Note	*xystos*: IG IX.1^2.4 845, ll. 5, 16-17

V. SOURCES

i.	**Source(s)**	IG IX.1^2.4 845 (II AD)
	Note	Text published in *Arch. Deltion* 17 (1961/2) 206.
i.a.	**Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	**Document(s) typology & language/script**	Greek dedication of thanks (*ex voto*) to Zeus Kassios by Sabeinos, *archigrammateus* of the athletic *xystos* of Ephesus, for the safe passage to Greece from Rome (presumably).
i.c.	**Physical format(s)**	Marble base.

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ii. Source(s) provenance	Village of Kassiopi, on Corfu.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	See below: VII.iv Officials.
iv. Officials	ἀρχιγραμματεύς, *archigrammateus* (l. 4): the man was called Sabeinos and belonged to the athletic *xystos* of Ephesus. He set up the dedication of thanks to Zeus Cassius for his safe passage, presumably from Italy (ll. 9-11). The man is also called ξυστοῦ πρόμος, *xystou promos* (ll. 16-7) 'foreman, chief of the *xystos*': he may have been at the head of the Ephesian branch of the *xystos* (instead of a *xystarches*), however in this case the frase may be used poetically (the passage is a hexameter poem of dedication) and may be thus better understood as 'one of the most prominent men in the *xystos*'.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	Given the character of the athletic *xystos*, it seems reasonable that the members were men.
iii. Age	Adults
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iv. Status	The *archigrammateus* Sabeinos is an *Ephesios* (l. 3).

XI. INTERACTION

ii. Interaction abroad	The members of the athletic *xystos* performed worldwide, travelled often, and had a vast international network, first of all with Rome. This dedication of thanks on Corfu by the *archigrammateus* of the *xystos* of Ephesus is but one example of such a network by the athletic association.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology employed (*xystos*, *archigrammateus*), the internal organisation, and the nature of the well-known international association of athletes make it certain that we are dealing here with a private association.