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CAPInv. 1983: to koinon ton en tei nesoi tassomenon Lykion

I. LOCATION

i.	**Geographical area**	Cyprus
ii.	**Region**	Cyprus
iii.	**Site**	Paphos

II. NAME

i.	**Full name (original language)**	τὸ κοινὸν τῶν ἐν τῆι νήσωι τασσομένων Λυκίων (ABSA 56 (1961) 29,76, ll. 4-5)
ii.	**Full name (transliterated)**	*to koinon ton en tei nesoi tassomenon Lykion*

III. DATE

i.	**Date(s)**	131 - 118 BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii.	**Name elements**	Ethnic:	*Lykioi*: mercenaries from Lycia
		Geographical:	*en tei nesoi*
		Professional:	*tassomenoi*: the soldiers stationed on the island
		Status-related:	*tassomenoi*: the soldiers stationed on the island
iii.	**Descriptive terms**	κοινόν, *koinon*	
	Note	*koinon*: ABSA 56 (1961) 29,76, l. 4; ABSA 56 (1961) 29,77, l. 1; ABSA 56 (1961) 30,81, l. 4; ABSA 56 (1961) 30,80, ll. 3-4; ABSA 56 (1961) 30,79, ll. 3-4.	

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V. SOURCES

i.	**Source(s)**	ABSA 56 (1961) 29,76 (127-124 BC) ABSA 56 (1961) 29,77 (131-127 BC) ABSA 56 (1961) 30,81 (123-118 BC) ABSA 56 (1961) 30,80 (123-118 BC) ABSA 56 (1961) 30,79 (123-118 BC)
	Note	ABSA 56 (1961) 29,76 = OGIS 147 = SEG 13: 575 ABSA 56 (1961) 29,77 = OGIS 146 ABSA 56 (1961) 30,81 = SEG 13: 583 ABSA 56 (1961) 30,80 = OGIS 162 = SEG 13: 580 ABSA 56 (1961) 30,79 = SEG 13: 577
	Online Resources	ABSA 56 (1961) 29,76 and AGRW ID 20541 ABSA 56 (1961) 29,77 and AGRW ID 20546 ABSA 56 (1961) 30,81 and AGRW ID 20564 ABSA 56 (1961) 30,80 and AGRW ID 20552 ABSA 56 (1961) 30,79 and AGRW ID 20550
i.a.	**Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	**Document(s) typology & language/script**	Greek dedications of statues to governors of Cyprus and members of the governors' families.
i.c.	**Physical format(s)**	State bases.
ii.	**Source(s) provenance**	All the inscriptions were found in the sanctuary of Aphrodite.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii.	**Gender**	Men
	Note	Given the military character of the *koinon*, it is likely that the members were men.
iv.	**Status**	The members of the *koinon* were presumably formed by the Lycian mercenaries stationed on the island.

X. ACTIVITIES

iv.	**Honours/Other activities**	The *koinon* honoured with statues governors of Cyprus and members of their families: the daughter of governor Lochos (ABSA 56 (1961) 29,76), a certain Diasthenes (ABSA 56 (1961) 29,77), the son of the governor Theodoros (ABSA 56 (1961) 30,81), the wife of the governor Theodoros (ABSA 56 (1961) 30,80), and the governor Theodoros himself (ABSA 56 (1961) 30,79).

XII. NOTES

i.	**Comments**	On *koina* of mercenaries on Cyprus see also: Thompson Crawford 1984: 1073-4 and Kruse 2015: 292-6.
iii.	**Bibliography**	Kruse, T. (2015), 'Ethnic *koina* and *politeumata* in Ptolemaic Egypt'. in V. Gabrielsen and C. A. Thomsen (eds.), *Private Associations and the Public Sphere: Proceedings of a Symposium held at the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters, 9-11 September 2010*. Copenhagen: 270-300. Thompson Crawford, D. J. (1984), 'The Idumaeans of Memphis and the Ptolemaic Politeumata', in *Atti del XVII Congresso Internazionale di Papirologia*. vol. 3. Napoli: 1069-75.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology employed (*koinon*) and the character of the group, together with parallels of other military *koina* on the island, point to a private association. It is less likely that the *koinon* was the loose community of mercenaries without a more structured and durable associational organisation.

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