

CAPInv. 2136: Mesogeioi

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Attica with Salamis
ii. Region	Attica
iii. Site	Athens

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Μεσόγειοι (IG II ² 1244, 2, 6-8; IG II ² 1245, 2, 10, 11-12, 14-15; IG II ² 1247, 10)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Mesogeioi</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	337 - m. iii BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i. Name in other forms	Μεσόγειοι (IG II ² 1247, 5, 15) <i>Mesogeioi</i>
ii. Name elements	Geographical: It designates the in-landers.
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>
Note	In IG II ² 1244, 7-8 the following descriptive term is restored: [... τῶι κοινῶι τ]/ῶι Μεσογεί[ων ...] (<i>toi koinoi t/on Mesogeion</i>). Schlaifer 1944, 25-27 on the basis of the <i>stoichedon</i> arrangement finds that this restoration is one letter longer than the available space and restores γένει, <i>genei</i> , see however, the objection of Jones 1999, 238 n. 82.

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG II ² 1244 (337-323 BC) IG II ² 1245 (275/4 BC) IG II ² 1247 (m. iii BC)
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<p>Note</p> <p>IG II² 1244 Ed. pr. <i>Athenaion</i> 8 (1879) 233 no. 3 (<i>APMA</i> 1, 96 ap. 372) . Other publications: IG II.5 603b. <i>Arch. Eph.</i> 1905, 231 no. 8. Michel 1912: no. 1546. Malouchou 2019: 86 no. 5. Cf. SEG 22.121; 47.33; 48.128; <i>BE</i> 1966, no. 146; 2020, no. 148. Tracy 1995: 114 (date).</p> <p>IG II² 1245 Ed. pr. <i>Eph. Arch.</i> 1840, 307 no. 369 (<i>APMA</i> 5, no. 2652). Other publications: Curtius 1843: 1 no. 1. Rangabes 1855: no. 799. IG II 602. Malouchou 2019: 72 no. 2. Cf. Papazarkadas 2011: 176-7; 182-3. SEG 47.33; 48.2171; 56.3; 57.133; 63.108; <i>BE</i> 1946/7, no. 91; 1966, no. 146; 2020, no. 148.</p> <p>IG II² 1247 Ed. pr. <i>Athenaion</i> 4 (1875) 112 no. 4 (<i>APMA</i> 1, 92 no. 1). Other publications: IG ii 603. Malouchou 2019: 82 no. 4. Cf. SEG 47.33; 48.2171; <i>BE</i> 1946/7, no. 91; 1966, no. 146; 2020, no. 148.</p> <p>Online Resources</p>	<p>IG II² 1244</p> <p>IG II² 1245</p> <p>IG II² 1247</p>
<p>i.a. Source type(s)</p>	<p>Epigraphic source(s)</p>
<p>i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script</p>	<p>IG II² 1244 Honorary decree for an unknown person.</p> <p>IG II² 1245 Honorary decree for Polyeuktos son of Lysistratos of Bate.</p> <p>IG II² 1247 Honorary decree for Epigenes son of Metrodoros of Kydathenai.</p>
<p>i.c. Physical format(s)</p>	<p>IG II² 1244 Lower part of a marble stele (0.22x0,16x0,068m)</p> <p>IG II² 1245 Upper part of a marble pedimental stele (0,422x0,45x0,07m)</p> <p>IG II² 1247 Marble stele (1,08x0,32x0,25m).</p>
<p>ii. Source(s) provenance</p>	<p>IG II² 1244 Found in the area of Kamatero, between Chasia and Liosia. Now in the Epigraphical Museum EM 7753.</p> <p>IG II² 1245 Found in the locality called in the 19th century <i>Batheia</i>, near modern Bathes Squ. Now in the Epigraphical Museum, EM 7757a</p> <p>IG II² 1247 Found in the locality called in the 19th century <i>Batheia</i>, near modern Bathes Squ. Now in the Epigraphical Museum EM 10552.</p>

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

<p>ii. References to buildings/objects</p>	<p>In IG II² 1244, 3 and in IG II² 1245, 15 there is a reference to a sanctuary (ἱερόν, <i>hieron</i>) perhaps to be identified with the one mentioned in IG II² 1247, 27 and with that referred to in IG II² 1247, 15 as Ἡρακλέωι (<i>Herakleoi</i>), restored also in IG II² 1244, 4. The sanctuary was either used or owned by the group.</p> <p>In IG II² 1244, 6 there is a reference to a γραμματεῖον (<i>grammateion</i>), an archive surely belonging to the group.</p>
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VII. ORGANIZATION

<p>ii. Leadership</p> <p>Known practice of appointment</p>	<p>Perhaps the person designated as ἀρχων (<i>archon</i>) was the leader of the group.</p> <p>Elected annually as implied in IG II² 1247, 28-29.</p>
<p>iii. Members</p>	<p>IG II² 1245 Two masculine names.</p> <p>IG II² 1247 Three masculine names.</p>

iv. Officials	IG II ² 1244, 9: ταμίας, <i>tamias</i> (treasurer); 1.6: [ἄρχων], [<i>archon</i>] (leader). IG II ² 1245, 2: ἄρχων, <i>archon</i> (leader) IG II ² 1247, 4, 28-29: ἄρχων, <i>archon</i> (leader), 1. 13, 21: κήρυξ, <i>kerux</i> (herald); 11.19-20: μνήμων, <i>mnemon</i> (recorder).
v. Other staff	IG II ² 1247, 18: ἱερεὺς Ἡρακλέους, <i>hiereus Herakleous</i> (priest of Heracles); 1.19: ἱερεὺς Διόμου, <i>hiereus Diomou</i> (priest of Diomos); 1. 20: πυρφόρος, <i>purphoros</i> (fire-carrier); 11.20-21: κοραγωγός, <i>koragogos</i> (leader of the Maiden). Parker 1996, 306 argues that the priests of Heracles and Diomos were likely members of the group. However, two points may raise doubt; they are not mentioned by name and they are crowned with an olive-leaves crown, of lesser value than the golden crown. Therefore, they may belong to the personnel of the sanctuary and not to the association.
viii. Obligations	In IG II ² 1244, 5-11, the archon is ordained to register in the archive the decision of the group, while the treasurer is to provide the funds for its inscription on stone. In IG II ² 1247, 27-31 the archon is ordained to pay 10 dr. from the common fund (κοινὴ πρόσδοσις τῶν τοῦ θεοῦ χρημάτων, <i>koine prosodos ton tou theou chrematon</i>) for the inscription of the decree on the stele and 15 dr. for a sacrifice.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	IG II ² 1244, 8-11: The treasurer is asked to provide 20 dr. against the cost of the inscription of the decision, from the fund reserved for decrees. IG II ² 1247, 28-31: The association had a treasury from which its activities like sacrifices, inscription of decrees on stone stelai, were funded.
ii. Realty	In IG II ² 1244, 3 and in IG II ² 1245, 15 there is a reference to a sanctuary (ἱερόν, <i>hieron</i>) perhaps to be identified with the one mentioned in IG II ² 1247, 27 and with that referred to in IG II ² 1247, 15 as Ἡρακλέωι (<i>Herakleoi</i>), restored in IG II ² 1244, 4. Perhaps this sanctuary was either used or owned by the group, see Parker 1999, 306-7. In IG II ² 1244, 6 there is a reference to a γραμματεῖον (<i>grammateion</i>), an archive surely belonging to the group.
iii. Income	Perhaps the term ἀγοραστικόν, <i>agorastikon</i> denotes income from the sanctuary's property (situated in the agora?), according to Malouchou 2019: 75; cf. Bubelis 2013.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	IG II ² 1245: 2 names. IG II ² 1247: 3 names.
ii. Gender	Men
Note	IG II ² 1245: Ἀμυνόμαχος Φιλοκράτου Βατήθεν, <i>Ath. Onom.</i> s.v. (4) Πολύευκτος Λυσιστράτου Βατήθεν, <i>Ath. Onom.</i> s.v. (28) IG II ² 1247: Ἐπιγένης Μητροδόρου Κυδαθηναίεύς, <i>Ath. Onom.</i> s.v. (62) Προκλείδης ἐκ Κεραμέων, <i>Ath. Onom.</i> s.v. (20) Ἀδείμαντος, <i>Ath. Onom.</i> s.v. (7)
iii. Age	Adults
iv. Status	IG II ² 1245: Citizens IG II ² 1247: Two of them certainly citizens, the third most probably.

<p>iii. Worship</p>	<p>IG II² 1244, 5: Reference to a regular sacrifice (θυσία, <i>thusia</i>) and to a celebration (although restored) (ἐορτή, <i>heorte</i>).</p> <p>IG II² 1245, 3-10: Reference to performance of a sacrifice and a procession in honour of Heracles and further rituals, like sharing the meat (κρεανομία, <i>kreanomía</i>), decorating tables (ἐπικόσμησις τραπέζης, <i>epikosmesis trapezes</i>).</p> <p>IG II² 1247, 5-10: Reference to the performance, according to the ancestral manner, of sacrifices to the gods and heroes, a procession (πομπή, <i>pompe</i>) in honour of Heracles and the provision of meat (probably for the sacrifice). In line 14 a celebration of Heracles is mentioned, probably identical with the day of sacrifice and procession.</p> <p>Deities worshipped</p> <p>In IG II² 1247, there are references to the worship of Herakles and an enigmatic reference to the Athenian hero Diomos (Kearns 1989, 156), see Malouchou 2019: 85. For the festival see Parker 2005, 472-3.</p>
<p>iv. Honours/Other activities</p>	<p>IG II² 1245, 12-15: The honoured magistrate is to be commended (ἐπαίνεσαι, <i>epainesai</i>) and crowned (στεφανῶσαι, <i>stephanosai</i>) with a golden crown (χρυσός στέφανος, <i>chrysos stephanos</i>).</p> <p>IG II² 1247, 10-25: The honoured magistrates are to be commended (ἐπαίνεσαι, <i>epainesai</i>) and crowned (στεφανῶσαι, <i>stephanosai</i>), the archon with a golden crown (χρυσός στέφανος, <i>chrysos stephanos</i>) worth 500 dr. while the rest with an olive crown (στέφανος θαλλοῦ, <i>stephanos thallou</i>). In addition, the archon will be honoured with a proclamation of his crowning by the herald (ἀνειπέτω ὁ κήρυξ, <i>aneipeto ho keryx</i>) during the festival of Heracles.</p>

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i. Private association	Probable
Note	<p>It is the current orthodoxy to regard <i>Mesogeioi</i> as a <i>genos</i> (e.g., most recently and comprehensively Parker 1996, 306). Jones 1999, 238-9 rejects the identification with a <i>genos</i>. The preserved evidence cannot exclude the possibility of <i>Mesogeioi</i> being a cult association, so Malouchou 2019: 89, where the most recent discussion. The association has a distinct name, internal organization, but its link with the <i>polis</i> through the performance of a minor ritual remains an assumption.</p>