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CAPInv. 265: **koinon ton thiasoton**

I. LOCATION

i.	**Geographical area**	Attica with Salamis
ii.	**Region**	Attica
iii.	**Site**	Piraeus

II. NAME

i.	**Full name (original language)**	κοινὸν τῶν θιασωτῶν (IG II^2 1273, ll. 20-21)
ii.	**Full name (transliterated)**	*koinon ton thiasoton*

III. DATE

i.	**Date(s)**	265 (?) / 264 (?) BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii.	**Name elements**	Cultic:	*thiasotai*
iii.	**Descriptive terms**	κοινόν, *koinon*	
	Note	*koinon*: IG II^2 1273, ll. 20	

V. SOURCES

i.	**Source(s)**	IG II^2 1273, 265/4 BC?
	Note	The inscription is written *stoichedon*. Ed. pr. *Archaeologische Zeitung* 13/82-83 (1855) cols 83-85 nos 2-3; *An.Ép* 1855, 1281 no. 2583. (*APMA* 5, 367 no. 2431); *Ephemeris ton Philomathon* issue 205 (13/4/1857) 38 no. 24 (*APMA* 2, 89 no. 239) Other publications: Lueders no. 15; Foucart no. 22-23; Michel 978; Vermaseren, *CCCA* 2.258; GRA I 18 Cf. SEG 28: 108; 30: 96; 39: 152, 310; 43: 114; 44: 58; 50: 1, 165; 57: 29. *BE* 1995: no. 230.

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	Online Resources	IG II^2 1273 and AGRW ID 3752
i.a.	**Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	**Document(s) typology & language/script**	Greek honorific decrees, a) for a certain Soterichos of Troizen because he has contributed in the building of the sanctuary (for his εὔνοια, *eunoia* and φιλοτιμία, *philotimia*) and, b) for a certain Kephalion of Herakleia because of his stewardship over the sacred affairs.
i.c.	**Physical format(s)**	Pedimental marble stele measuring 0,39x0,22m.
ii.	**Source(s) provenance**	Found in 1855 in Piraeus, to the south of the peninsula of Zea, now in the Epigraphical Museum, EM 7757.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii.	**References to buildings/objects**	In the inscription there are references to a precinct (ἱερόν, *hieron*, l. 31), a house (οἶκος, *oikos*, l. 7), and to a stele (στήλη, *stele*, l. 27).

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii.	**Members**	Members of the group are designated as θιασῶται, *thiasotai* (IG II^2 1273, ll. 5-6, 9, 11-12, 14, 18-19, 25, 32-33).
iv.	**Officials**	Priest, ἱερεύς, *hiereus*, IG II^2 1273, ll. 13, 16, 21 and 29.
	Known practice of appointment	The person appointed as priest (ἱερεύς, *hiereus*) was alloted (λαχών, *lachon*, l. 29).
v.	**Other staff**	In the first of the two decrees is mentioned that Soterichos is honoured because of the care he took over the building of a house (l. 8), perhaps as member of an ad hoc committee.
	Known practice of appointment	There is also reference to an unspecified office to which a person is elected (αἱρεθείς, *hairetheis*, l. 5).
vi.	**Laws and rules**	It is prescribed that the exaction of a fine will follow the same procedure used for the exaction of other debts to the association (IG II^2 1273, ll. 24-26), Ziebarth 1896: 175.
vii.	**Judicial system**	A fine equal to 50 dr. is imposed to the priest who do not crown or do not proclaim the crown (IG II^2 1273, ll. 21-24).

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii.	**Realty**	The association had a sanctuary and had built in it an *oikos* (IG II^2 1273 ll. 7-8)
iii.	**Income**	The association imposed fines to the priests who did not comply with their duty to crown or to proclaim the crowns awarded (IG II^2 1273 ll. 21-24).

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii.	**Gender**	Men

Note	Λεύκων, *Athenian Onomasticon* s.v. (8). Κεφαλίων Ἡρακλεώτης, *Athenian Onomasticon* s.v. (18). Σωτήριχος Τροζήνιος, *Athenian Onomasticon* s.v. (85).
iii. Age	Adults
iv. Status	Two of the individuals are resident aliens (metics), while the third one remains unidentified (perhaps also a metic).

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The members of group performed sacrifices (θυσίαι, *thysiai*, IG II^2 1273 l. 14) and libations (σπονδαί, *spondai*, IG II^2 1273 l. 15).
Deities worshipped	Μήτηρ (Θεῶν), *Meter (Theon)*, IG II^2 1273 ll. 24, 32.
iv. Honours/Other activities	Both honoured individuals are praised (ἐπαινέσαι, *epainesai*, IG II^2 1273 ll. 9-10, 34) and awarded an olive-leaves crown (θαλλοῦ στέφανος, *thallou stephanos*, IG II^2 1273 ll. 12-13, 16, 35). In addition, Soterichos' crown will be proclaimed (ἀνειπάτω, *aneipato*, IG II^2 1273 l. 17) by the priest on every appropriate occasion (IG II^2 1273 ll. 17-18). Soterichos was honoured for his benevolence (εὔνοια, *eunoia*) and zeal (φιλοτιμία, *philotimia*).

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The relation of this association with the *orgeones* of the Mother of the Gods (CAPInv. 361) remains a matter of debate, although cult associations sharing the same sanctuary is not as uncommon as it was thought.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The decrees were passed during the archonship of ---os.
ii. Poland concordance	Poland A17
iii. Bibliography	Arnaoutoglou, I. (2003), Thusias heneka kai sunousias. *Private religious associations in Hellenistic Athens*. Athens. Ismard, P. (2010), *La cité des réseaux. Athènes et ses associations VIe – Ier siècle av. J.-C.*. Paris: 349, 355. Jones, N. (1999), *The associations of classical Athens. A response to democracy*. New York: 263-4 Mikalson, J. (1998), *Religion in Hellenistic Athens*. Los Angeles: 148 Osborne, M. (2004), 'The archons of *IG* II^2 1273' in A. Matthaiou (ed.), *Attikai Epigraphai* (Praktika symposiou eis mnemen A. Wilhelm (1864-1950)). Athena: 199-211. Osborne, M. (2009), 'The archons of Athens 300/299–228/7', *ZPE* 171: 83-99. Pakkanen, P. (1996), *Interpreting early Hellenistic religion. A study based on the mystery cult of Demeter and the cult of Isis*. Helsinki. Parker, R. (1996), *Athenian religion. A history*. Oxford: 159-60, 188-94, 197-8 Tracy, S. (1990), *Attic letter-cutters of 229 to 86 B.C.*. Berkeley: 259 Ziebarth, E. (1896), *Das griechische Vereinswesen*. Leipzig.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. **Private association**	Certain
Note	The association displays all the hallmarks of a private association: distinct name, membership, organization, property and durability.

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