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CAPInv. 467: **Ptolemenoi mystai**

I. LOCATION

i.	**Geographical area**	Western Asia Minor
ii.	**Region**	Phrygia
iii.	**Site**	Nakoleia

II. NAME

i.	**Full name (original language)**	Πτολεμηνοὶ μύσται (MAMA V KB 6, l. 1)
ii.	**Full name (transliterated)**	*Ptolemenoi mystai*

III. DATE

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

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii.	**Name elements**	Topographical:	*Ptolemenoi* is probably the designation of a village near Nakoleia.

V. SOURCES

i.	**Source(s)**	MAMA V KB 6 (ii AD)
	Note	See also: Jaccottet II no. 77
	Online Resources	MAMA V KB 6
i.a.	**Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	**Document(s) typology & language/script**	Dedicatory inscription. Greek.
i.c.	**Physical format(s)**	Marble altar with representations of Dionysiac cult scenes (for photo and description, see Haspels).

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ii.	**Source(s) provenance**	Ayvali

X. ACTIVITIES

iii.	**Worship**	The scenes depicted on the altar show cult scenes that were probably familiar to initiates; cf. Haspels 1962: 287, who regards this (and similar scenes in monuments for Zeus *Dionysos*, presumably an old Phrygian deity) as evidence for "an old local cult, which was taken up, and perhaps enlarged, in Roman time."
	Deities worshipped	Dionysos
iv.	**Honours/Other activities**	The *mystai* dedicate an altar to Dionysos.

XII. NOTES

i.	**Comments**	This altar belongs to a group of similar monuments; cf. Jaccottet 2003: 152-3, 158-60 for discussion.
ii.	**Poland concordance**	Poland B 422
iii.	**Bibliography**	Haspels, C.H.E. (1962), 'Relics of a Dionysiac Cult in Asia Minor', *AJA* 66: 285-7. Jaccottet, A.-F. (2003), *Choisir Dionysos. Les associations dionysiaques ou la face cachée du dionysisme*. 2 vols. Zürich.

XIII. EVALUATION

i.	**Private association**	Probable
	Note	The status of *mystai*-groups is not quite clear; most of them probably served both the private interests of their members and the needs of civic religion.
ii.	**Historical authenticity**	Certain

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