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CAPInv. 500: bakcheion presbyteron

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Macedonia
ii. Region	Northern Paionia
iii. Site	Stoboi

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	βακχείον πρεσβύτερον (Babamova 2012: no. 7, ll. 1-3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>bakcheion presbyteron</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	i AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>bakcheion</i>
	Other:	<i>presbyteros</i> (descriptive)

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Babamova 2012: no. 7 (i AD)
Note	See also Jaccottet II no. 24; Vulić 1933: no. 55; Robert 1934: 31 n. 3; IG XII suppl. 387
Online Resources	Vulić 1933: no. 55
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek honorific inscription
i.c. Physical format(s)	Framed rectangular stele.

ii. Source(s) provenance

Stobi.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership

The honorand Prepon is the association's ἀρχιμύστης, *archimystes* (on the term, cf. Nigdelis 2006: 108-10).

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities

The *bakcheion* honoured its leader, the *archimystes* Prepon.

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction


The adjective *presbyteron* qualifying the *bakcheion* means that the association identified itself as the older, and thus more distinguished, cult association of the god. Such distinctions were common markers of the competition between various cult groups in this period (see Paschidis, forthcoming).

XII. NOTES

i. Comments

The term βακχεῖον, *bakcheion* seems unattested elsewhere in Macedonia for Dionysiac *thiasoi* and / or associations.

iii. Bibliography

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 Vulić, N. (1933),  , Srpska kraljevska akademija. Belgrade.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Probable

Note

The adjective qualifying the association (*presbyteron*) clearly implies that this was one of several groups related to the Dionysiac cult at Stobi, and thus most probably a private association.