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CAPInv. 53: **he synodos tou Herakleious**

I. LOCATION

i. **Geographical area**	Egypt	
ii. **Nome**	Elephantine (U01)	
iii. **Site**	Philae	

II. NAME

i. **Full name (original language)**	ἡ σύνοδος τοῦ Ἡρακλείους (I.Philae 11, l. 2)
ii. **Full name (transliterated)**	*he synodos tou Herakleious*

III. DATE

i. **Date(s)**	172 (?) BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. **Name elements**	Theophoric:	Heracles
iii. **Descriptive terms**	σύνοδος, *synodos*	

V. SOURCES

i. **Source(s)**	I.Philae 11 (172 BC ?)
Online Resources	I.Philae 11 TM 43944
i.a. **Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. **Document(s) typology & language/script**	Greek dedication of the temple on behalf of Ptolemy VI Philometor and Cleopatra II to the god Arensnouphis (Heracles).

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i.c. Physical format(s)	Lintel.
ii. Source(s) provenance	The inscription should originate from the portal of the temple of Arensnouphis (Heracles) on Philae.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	ἱερόν, *hieron* (l. 2)

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The grammar of the inscription (*hoi en tei synodoi*, l. 2) points to the fact they were men.
iv. Status	One of the dedicants of the inscription, who is very likely to have been member of the association, belonged to the army and was the commander of the garrison (*phrourarchos*, l. 2). Dietze 2000: 80 believes that the members of the association were also soldiers.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The association had a devotion for the god Arensnouphis (Nubian god, in the Egyptian interpretation for Heracles), to whom they dedicated the present inscription (together with the *phrourarchos*) and whose temple the association restored (l. 2: οἱ ἐν τῇι συνόδωι τοῦ Ἡρακλείους ἀνοικοδομηκότες τὸ ἱερόν, *hoi en tei synodoi tou Herakleious anoikodomekotes to hieron*).
Deities worshipped	Arensnouphis-Heracles

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The association had some connections with the local temple of Arensnouphis in Philae, which they had restored.

XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance	Poland B * 469 A
iii. Bibliography	Dietze G. (2000), 'Temples and soldiers in southern Ptolemaic Egypt', in L. Mooren (ed.), *Politics, administration and society in the Hellenistic and Roman world*, Leuven: 77-89.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. **Private association**	Certain
Note	The terminology used (*synodos*) makes it certain that we have here a private association.

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