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CAPInv. 591: **he** tou Dios [t]ou ammana het[ai]reia

## I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Arabia
iii. Site	Gerasa

## II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ἡ τοῦ Διὸς [τ]οῦ ἀμμανα ἐτ[αι]ρεία (SEG 56: 1920, ll. 1-3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>he tou Dios [t]ou ammana het[ai]reia</i>

## III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii BC
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	Zeus
	Topographical:	<i>ammana</i> (see below)
iii. Descriptive terms	ἐταιρεία, <i>hetaireia</i>	
Note	<i>hetaireia</i> : SEG 56: 1920, l. 2	

## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 56: 1920 (ii BC)
Online Resources	<a href="#">AGRW ID 22806</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedicatory inscription

i.c. <b>Physical format(s)</b>	One side of the stone is decorated with reliefs, but the inscription is older. The stone has been re-used two times. Its original context may have been the so-called "altar", a cubic monument found in the sanctuary.
ii. <b>Source(s) provenance</b>	Sanctuary of Zeus at Gerasa.

## VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. <b>References to buildings/objects</b>	Αμμανα, <i>Ammana</i> is explained by Gatier and Seigne 2006: 181-3 (on the basis of Gawlikowski's study of the term) not as a reference to Rabbath-Ammon/Philadelphia, but to Aramaic 𐩦 𐩣𐩪𐩣𐩪𐩥𐩪 sort of chapel.
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## X. ACTIVITIES

iii. <b>Worship</b>	The association dedicates something (presumably the monument that carried the inscription) to Zeus, the principal deity of Gerasa.
<b>Deities worshipped</b>	Zeus

## XII. NOTES

i. <b>Comments</b>	In the last line, the ἑπαρχος, <i>eparchos</i> [Be?]-laios is mentioned. Gatier and Seigne 2006 speculate about his relations to the later ruling dynasty of Charakene. In any case, it seems clear that he is a Seleucid regional official, not a magistrate of the association.
iii. <b>Bibliography</b>	Gatier, P.-L., and Seigne, J. (2006), 'Le <i>hammana</i> de Zeus à Gerasa', <i>Electrum</i> 11: 171-89. Gawlikowski, M. (1999), 'Motab et hamana. Sur quelques monuments religieux du Levant', <i>Topoi</i> 9: 491-505.

## XIII. EVALUATION

i. <b>Private association</b>	Probable
<b>Note</b>	On the basis of the terminology, it is likely that we have here a private association. However, lack of further information prevents firmer conclusions.