

CAPInv. 641: **bennos**

I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Western Asia Minor |
| ii. Region | Bithynia |
| iii. Site | Krateia |

II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | βέννος |
| ii. Full name (transliterated) | <i>bennos</i> |

III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | i BC - iii AD |
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| iii. Descriptive terms | βέννος, <i>bennos</i> |
| Note | <i>bennos</i> : SEG 36: 1150 ll. 1-2 <i>Bennos</i> is a term denoting a religious association devoted to the cult of the fertility God Zeus Bennios (see Şahin 1978; Drew-Bear and Naour 1991: 1956-1961 and 1987-1991; Schwabl 1999; Adak, Akyürek Şahin and Güneş 2008: 81-82). |

V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s) | SEG 36: 1150 (i - iii AD) |
| Note | The inscription was first mentioned by Şahin 1986: 135 note 37. |
| Online Resources | AGRW ID# 13282 SEG 36: 1150 |
| i.a. Source type(s) | Epigraphic source(s) |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Dedication in Greek of an altar by Apollonios to Zeus Bennios. |

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| i.c. Physical format(s) | Altar |
| ii. Source(s) provenance | The inscription was found at Gereade (Krateia). |

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

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| ii. References to buildings/objects | βωμός, <i>bomos</i> , l. 2 An altar was dedicated by Apollonios as an expression of gratitude and honour towards the <i>bennos</i> . |
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VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

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| ii. Realty | The altar dedicated by Apollonios as an expression of gratitude and honour towards the <i>bennos</i> was apparently in the association's possession. |
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X. ACTIVITIES

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| iii. Worship | The dedication of an altar (βωμός, <i>bomos</i> , l. 2) to Zeus Bennios as an expression of gratitude and honour towards the <i>bennos</i> demonstrate that the association was involved in sacrifices. |
| Deities worshipped | Zeus Bennios |

XI. INTERACTION

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| i. Local interaction | The association is explicitly stated to have provided certain unspecified benefactions to the dedicator of the altar Apollonios. Since the dedication was addressed to Zeus Bennios <i>epekoos</i> , it could be argued that the association was held to have secured divine assistance for the dedicator's (rural?) affairs. In fact Apollonios may have been a member of the <i>bennos</i> . |
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XII. NOTES

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| i. Comments | The official name of the individual association which Apollonios thanked, may have been simply <i>bennos</i> , but, since his dedication is not a document issued by the association itself, this is not certain. |
| iii. Bibliography | Adak, M., Akyürek Şahin, N.E., and Güneş, M.Y. (2008), 'Neue Inschriften im Museum von Bolu (Bithynion/Klaudiupolis)', <i>Gephyra</i> 5: 73-120. Drew-Bear, T. and Naour, C. (1990), 'Divinités de Phrygie', <i>ANRW</i> II.18.3: 1907-2044. Şahin, S. (1978), 'Zeus Bennios' in S. Şahin, E. Schwertheim and J. Wagner (eds.), <i>Studien zur Religion und Kultur Kleinasien. Festschrift für Friedrich Karl Dörner zum 65. Geburtstag am 28. Februar 1976</i> . 2 vols, Leiden: 771-90. Şahin, S. (1986), 'Studien über die Probleme der historischen Geographie des nordwestlichen Kleinasien I: Strabon XII 3,7 p. 543. Der Fluß Gallos, die Stadt Modr<en>e in Phrygia Epiktetos und die Schiffbarkeit des Sangarios', <i>EA</i> 7: 125-52. Schwabl, H. (1999), 'Zum Kult des Zeus in Kleinasien (II). Der phrygische Zeus Bennios und Verwandtes', <i>AAntHung</i> 39: 345-54. |

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The term *bennos* in this inscription denotes a private association considered to have awarded benefactions to an individual.