

CAPInv. 676: **he hetaireia**

## I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Syria
iii. Site	Dura Europos

## II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ἡ ἑταιρεία (Dura-Europos V 418, l. 3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>he hetaireia</i>

## III. DATE

i. Date(s)	54 AD
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

iii. Descriptive terms	ἐταιρεία, <i>hetaireia</i>
Note	<i>hetaireia</i> : Dura-Europos V, no. 418, l. 3

## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Dura-Europos V 418 (AD 54)
Online Resources	<a href="#">AGRW ID 23496</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Building inscription in Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Slab of gypsum
ii. Source(s) provenance	Temple of Aphlad

## VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	Low benches around the room may have been used for the meetings of this association (cf. Rostovtzeff 1934: 115).
ii. References to buildings/objects	ἀνδρών, <i>andron</i> (l. 4). The term originally means "men's chamber"; "at Dura it is clearly a sanctuary but one probably reserved for men" (Rostovtzeff 1934: 115).

## IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	11
ii. Gender	Men
Note	The names recorded are male names.
v. Relations	The 11 subscribers belong to 6 different families.

## X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The "undersigned members of the <i>hetaireia</i> " dedicate the <i>andron</i> to Aphlad, for the welfare of the <i>strategos</i> Seleukos, of themselves and their families.
Deities worshipped	Aphlad

## XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The document is dated to the 20th of Gorpaios, as is the case - 17 years earlier - with the building inscription of the <i>synetairot</i> from the temple of Atargatis ( <a href="#">CAPInv. 675</a> ). The documents are also linked by the use of the formal word "undersigned": οἱ ὑπογεγραμμένοι συνέταιροι, <i>hoi hypogegrammenoi synetairot</i> (YCIS 14 (1955): 129-31, no. 2, ll. 3-4); οἱ ὑπογεγραμμένοι ἀπὸ τῆς ἑταιρείας, <i>hoi hypogegrammenoi apo tes hetaireias</i> (Dura-Europos V, no. 418, ll. 2-3). These similarities do not mean that the two groups are identical, but rather suggest a common environment for cultic associations at Dura. Unfortunately, the details escape us.
iii. Bibliography	Milik, J.T. (1972), <i>Dédicaces faites par des dieux (Palmyre, Hatra, Tyr) et des thiasés sémitiques à l'époque romaine</i> . Paris: 136-7. Rostovtzeff, M.I. (1934), <i>The Excavations at Dura-Europos. Preliminary Report of Fifth Season of Work, October 1931-March 1932</i> . New Haven.

## XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	This was probably a private association like the <i>synetairot</i> discussed in <a href="#">CAPInv. 675</a> .