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CAPInv. 682: U-WAM-031

I. LOCATION

i.	**Geographical area**	Western Asia Minor
ii.	**Region**	Bithynia
iii.	**Site**	Nikaia

II. NAME

i.	Association with unknown name	U-WAM-031

III. DATE

i.	**Date(s)**	I. ii - iii AD

V. SOURCES

i.	**Source(s)**	I.Iznik 1210
	Note	See also Mendel 1900: 401 nr. 75.
	Online Resources	I.Iznik 1210
i.a.	**Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	**Document(s) typology & language/script**	Thanks-giving in Greek offered to Pauleine by Gennios from Dokimeion and the *koinonoi.*
i.c.	**Physical format(s)**	The inscription was engraved on the right side of the entrance of a rock-cut grave.
ii.	**Source(s) provenance**	The inscription was found at Kasimlar in the vicinity of Iznik.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i.	**Archaeological remains**	Gennios and the *koinonoi* were allowed to be buried in Pauleine's rock-cut grave (see Robert 1955: 60-61; Şahin in I. Iznik 1210).

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VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	The formula Γέννιος Δοκιμεὺς μετὰ τῶν κοινωνῶν, *Gennios Dokimeus meta ton koinonon* (ll.1-3) indicates probable leadership of the group by Gennios.
iii. Members	The members are collectively called κοινωνοί, *koinonoi* (l. 3).

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	The right given to Gennios and the *koinonoi* to be buried in Pauleine's grave (see Robert 1955: 60-61; Şahin in I.Iznik 1210) suggests use but not ownership of the tomb.

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	Gennios and the *koinonoi* thanked Pauleine for allowing them to be buried in her tomb. The exact nature of the relation between the two parties remains unspecified (see Robert 1955: 60-61; Şahin in I.Iznik 1210).

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	A date after the age of the Antonines is suggested by Mendel (1900: 401) on the basis of the *gravure* and the form of the letters.
iii. Bibliography	Mendel, G. (1900), 'Inscriptions de Bithynie', *BCH* 24: 361-426. Poland, F. (1909), *Geschichte des griechischen Vereinswesens*. Leipzig. Robert, L. (1955), *Hellenica. Recueil d'épigraphie, de numismatique et d'antiquités grecques.* Vol. 10. Paris. Ziebarth, E. (1896), *Das griechische Vereinswesen*. Leipzig.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The vague term *koinonoi*, derived from *koinonia*, is commonly used for societies of business partners (Ziebarth 1896: 13-4, 19; Poland 1909: 164). However Aristotle in a well-known passage (*Eth. Nic.* 8.9 (1160a20) lists as examples of *koinoniai* (communities formed on the basis of common interests shared by the members), religious associations such as *thiasotai* and *eranistai*. Gennios' *koinonoi* of our inscription may thus have been either business partners or members of an association (perhaps of persons originating from Dokimeion) to which Gennios himself also belonged.

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