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CAPInv. 708: **thiasus Maenad(um) regianarum**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Macedonia
ii. Region	Edonis
iii. Site	Philippi

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	thiasus Maenad(um) regianarum (<i>An.Ép.</i> 1939: no. 192, ll. 2-3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>thiasus Maenad(um) regianarum</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	i - ii AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>Maenades</i>
	Other:	<i>regianae</i> : The meaning is not clear. Jaccottet II no. 25 translates as 'royal' and sees a reference to literary tradition (Greek tragedy) and the daughters of Cadmus; GRA I 71 tentatively suggests the translation 'distinguished'; Philhofer 2000: 103, no. 340/L589 omits the term in his translation but wonders if it occurs here in order to differentiate from some other <i>thiasus</i> of Maenads.
iii. Descriptive terms	thiasus, <i>thiasus</i>	
Note	<i>thiasus</i> : <i>An.Ép.</i> 1939: no. 192, l. 2	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	<i>An.Ép.</i> 1939: no. 192 (i - ii AD)
Note	See also: Jaccottet II no. 25; GRA I 71
Online Resources	An.Ép. 1939: no. 192 and AGRW ID 2251
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication to Liber, Libera and Hercules in Latin
i.c. Physical format(s)	Stele
ii. Source(s) provenance	Philippi, found in a small building unearthed below the NW corner of the Roman baths. In <i>BCH</i> 103 (1979): 624 reported as lost during World War II; present whereabouts unknown.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	Inscriptions referring to Liber, Libera and Hercules and found in this same area (for a list of which, see Pilhofer 2009: no. 338/L333) suggest that the structure below the Roman baths may have been a small sanctuary devoted to this cult. The baths were built in the middle of the 3rd cent. AD, thus offering a <i>terminus ante quem</i> for the construction and use of the building below.
ii. References to buildings/objects	As indicated by the text, the <i>thiasus</i> provided for the supply of water (ll. 3-4: <i>aq[ua]m induxit, aq[ua]m induxit</i>) to the cult place where the inscription was found, see GRA I 71.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The members are referred to as <i>Maenades regianae</i> (<i>An.Ép.</i> 1939: no. 192, ll. 2-3).
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Women
Note	As indicated by the reference to Maenads, the members were women.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The term <i>Maenades</i> indicate orgiastic rites and suggests worship of Dionysus by the group.
Deities worshipped	Dionysos

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	<i>Thiasus Maenad(arum) regianar(um)</i>, on the stone, according to Collart 1937: 368, no. 1, followed by Jaccottet II no. 25. <i>Thiasus Maenad(um) regianar(um)</i>, according to Nigdelis, followed by Pilhofer 2000: 103, no. 340/L589 and GRA I 71. For Jaccottet II no. 25 the use of the term <i>Maenadarum</i> instead of <i>Baccharum</i> and the epithet <i>regianarum</i>, understood as a reference to the daughters of Cadmus, indicate 'a poetic rather than a ritual language'. The date is tentatively suggested by Jaccottet II no. 25.
iii. Bibliography	Collart, P. (1937), <i>Philippes, ville de Macédoine depuis ses origines jusqu'à la fin de l'époque romaine</i>. Paris. Jaccottet, A.-Fr. (2003), <i>Choisir Dionysos: Les associations dionysiaques ou la face cachée du dionysisme</i>. 2 vols. Zürich. Pilhofer, P. (2000), <i>Philippi, Band II: Katalog der Inschriften von Philippi</i>. Tübingen: 103, no. 340/L589. Pilhofer, P. (2009), <i>Philippi, Band II. Katalog der Inschriften von Philippi. 2., überarbeitete und ergänzte Auflage</i>. Tübingen: 404-5, no. 338/L333.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology employed points to a private association.