

CAPInv. 765: Isthmike s[ynodos - - -]

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Peloponnese with Adjacent Islands
ii. Region	Korinthia
iii. Site	Corinth

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Ἴσθμικὴ σ[ύνοδος ---] (SEG 45: 234, l. 4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Isthmike s[ynodos - - -]</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	98 / 99 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Geographical:	<i>Isthmike</i> (of Isthmos)
iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>	
Note	<i>synodos</i> : SEG 45: 234, l. 4	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 45: 234 (AD 98/9)
Note	See also: <i>BE</i> 1976: no. 249
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Letter in Greek by the Emperor Trajan to a <i>synodos</i> .

i.c. Physical format(s)	Fragment of a stele of white marble which preserves the bottom of the stele.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Corinth, "in a level of destruction debris overlying an ancient quarry directly opposite Hill House on the south side of the road running west from the site of Ancient Corinth" (Geagan 1975: 396).

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	"The debris in which the stone was found possibly represents a building which housed the headquarters of the <i>technitai</i> at Corinth" (Geagan 1975: 400).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

v. Other staff	[- -] <i>jouios Philadelphos</i> (l. 11) served apparently as an ambassador of the <i>synodos</i> to the emperor (in l. 11 <i>πρεσβευτής</i> , <i>presbeutes</i> is restored), since in l. 12 the <i>ἐφόδιον</i> , <i>ephodion</i> , (<i>viaticum</i>) is mentioned.
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XI. INTERACTION

ii. Interaction abroad	The imperial letter shows the impact of the <i>synodos</i> .
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	Geagan 1975: 396-401, restores ll. 4-5 of the inscription as [τ]ῆι ἰσθμικῆι σ[υνόδοι τῶν περὶ τὸν Διόνυσον τεχνειτῶν], [<i>t]ei isthmikei s[ynodoi ton peri ton Dionyson techneiton]. Oliver 1989: 139-40, no. 47, offers a different text [τ]ῆι ἰσθμικῆι σ[υνόδοι τῶν περὶ τὸν Ἡρακλέα ἀθλητῶν], [<i>t]ei isthmikei s[ynodoi ton peri ton Heraklea athleton]. Robert in BE 1976: no. 249, mentions coins of Tralles dated to the age of Septimius Severus, where two female figures are depicted and accompanied by the legends σύννοδος Ὀλυμπική, σύννοδος Πυθική (<i>synodos Olympike, synodos Pythike</i>) (see Robert 1969: 652-3), which are interpreted as personifications of the assemblies of competitors who arrived in order to participate respectively in the Olympia and Pythia which were organized in Tralles.</i></i>
iii. Bibliography	Geagan, D.J. (1975), 'A letter of Trajan to a synod at Isthmia', <i>Hesperia</i> 44: 396-401. Oliver, J.H. (1989), <i>Greek constitutions of early Roman Emperors from inscriptions and papyri</i> . Philadelphia: 139-40, no. 47. Robert, L. (1969), <i>Opera Minora Selecta</i> . Vol. I. Amsterdam: 652-3.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The well-known character of the athletic <i>synodoi</i> makes it certain that we are dealing with a private association.