

CAPInv. 778: to bennos ho Totrianos or to bennos <to> Otrianos

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Bithynia
iii. Site	Prusias ad Hypium

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	τὸ βέννος ὁ Τωτριάνας or τὸ βέννος <τὸ> Οτριάνας (SEG 58: 1453, ll. 1-2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	to bennos ho Totrianos or to bennos <to> Otrianos

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>bennos</i> . See below under field XII.i: Comments
	Personal:	<i>Totrianos</i> or <i>Otrianos</i> ? See below under field XII.i: Comments.
	Topographical:	<i>Totrianos</i> or <i>Otrianos</i> ? See below under field XII.i: Comments.
iii. Descriptive terms	βέννος, <i>bennos</i>	
Note	<i>bennos</i> : SEG 58: 1453, l. 1	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 58: 1453 (i BC - iii AD)
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Note	See also: Adak, Akyürek Şahin and Güneş 2008: 81-2 no. 5 BE 2010: no. 846.
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorary inscription in Greek erected by the <i>bennos</i> for Menagoras and his wife Menophila.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble pedimental stele with wreath.
ii. Source(s) provenance	The inscription was found in Akkaya Köyü, in the area of Prusias ad Hypium.

VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	See below under field XII.i: Comments.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>bennos</i> attributed a crown (l. 3: στεφανοῖ, <i>stephanoi</i>) to Menagoras and Menophila as a response to generosity offered by the couple (l. 6: ἕνεκα φιλοδοξίας, <i>heneka philodoxias</i>). See below under field XII.i: Comments.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	<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: 1956-61 and 1987-91; Schwabl 1999; Adak, Akyürek Şahin and Güneş 2008: 81-2). In ll. 1-2 of the inscription the name of the honouring group appears as: τὸ βέννος ὁ Τωτριάνας (<i>to bennos ho Totrianos</i>). The first editors (Adak, Akyürek Şahin and Güneş 2008: 81-2 no. 5) gave the following translation: 'The religious association which is called Totrianos'. However, the obvious grammatical inconsistency between the definite article and the relative pronoun led Brixhe (BE 2010: no. 846) to assume a possible mistake on the engraver's part and to suggest the following reading: τὸ βέννος <τὸ> Ὀτριάνας (<i>to bennos <to> Otrianos</i>). As Brixhe himself admits, this does not solve the problem of the inconsistency between the masculine <i>Otrianos</i> and the neutral <i>bennos</i>. <i>Totrianos</i> or <i>Otrianos</i> may be an adjective denoting either the founder of the association or the place where the group held its meetings. The cost of the honours awarded to Menagoras and his wife may indicate the existence of a common treasury of the <i>bennos</i>, but there is no clear proof for that. The cost may have been covered from <i>ad hoc</i> contributions paid by the members of the group. If the <i>bennos</i> had a common treasury, the members may have been obliged to offer contributions.
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 cultic association.