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CAPInv. 784: **delphid[otai]**

## I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Peloponnese with Adjacent Islands
ii. Region	Argolis
iii. Site	Argos

## II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	δελφιδ[ῶται] (Curty and Piérart 2009: 184-5, l. 2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>delphid[otai]</i>

## III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii BC
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Topographical:	<i>delphidotai</i> : from Delphis, the appellation given to a local gymnasium (?)
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>	
Note	<i>koinon</i> : Curty and Piérart 2009: 184-5, l. 6 and 14-15	

## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG IV 608 (II BC?) Curty and Piérart 2009: 184-5, 183-202 (II BC)
Note	See also <i>BE</i> 2010: no. 254.
Online Resources	<a href="#">IG IV 608</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

<b>i.b. Document(s) typology &amp; language/script</b>	IG IV 608: Honorary inscription for Damostratos son of Sosos Curty and Piérart 2009: 184-5: Decree in honour of the <i>gymnasiarch</i> Aristokrates son of Kleainetos.
<b>i.c. Physical format(s)</b>	Curty and Piérart 2009: 184-5: Two fragments of a block of grey limestone.
<b>ii. Source(s) provenance</b>	IG IV 608 is said to have been found in Argos, built into the church of Hagia Paraskevi, not visible from the outside.  Curty and Piérart 2009: 184-5: Found in the agora of Argos in the ruins of a medieval construction.

## X. ACTIVITIES

<b>iv. Honours/Other activities</b>	<i>Delphid[otai]</i> honour Damostratos, son of Sosos, and Aristokrates, son of Kleainetos, as their benefactors.
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## XI. INTERACTION

<b>i. Local interaction</b>	The fact that the <i>Delphidotai</i> honour prominent local individuals, shows that they maintained relations with influential people on a local level.
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## XII. NOTES

<b>i. Comments</b>	<p>Curty and Pierart 2009 associate the name of the group with the name of a gymnasium, which they think was called "Delphis". This remains, however, a hypothesis.</p> <p>Already A. Boeckh (CIG 1135) and Waltzing 1899: 67 no. 186 drew attention to the fact that the name <i>δεφιδασταί</i>, <i>dephidastai</i>, which is restored in IG IV 608, makes little sense. The IG editor, M. Fraenkel, identified the <i>δεφιδασταί</i>, <i>dephidastai</i> with an association of fullones (from <i>δέφω</i>, <i>depho</i>, "soften by working with the hand").</p> <p>Curty and Piérart, on the advice of M. Sève, adopted Ph. Jourdain's reading in his copy of 1822, which was <i>δελφιδῶται</i>, <i>delphidotai</i>, instead of M. Fourmont's <i>δεφιδασταί</i>, <i>dephidastai</i> and accordingly completed the word ΔΕΛΦΙΔ[---], <i>DELPHID[---]</i> of the new decree published by them as Δελφιδῶται, <i>Delphidotai</i>. As in Fourmont's copy we read ΔΑΜΟΣΤΑΤΟΣ, <i>DAMOSTATOS</i> instead of ΔΑΜΟΣΤΡΑΤΟΣ, <i>DAMOSTRATOS</i>, and a false copy of the first line of the inscription and the name of the group which honours Sosos cannot be excluded.</p> <p>Curty and Piérart interpret this group as a community which frequented a gymnasium, since they honour a <i>gymnasiarch</i>. This gymnasium could have been called Delphis; a further gymnasium is named by Pausanias Kylabaris.</p>
<b>ii. Poland concordance</b>	Poland Z 5
<b>iii. Bibliography</b>	<p>Curty, O. (2015), <i>Gymnasiarchika. Recueil et analyse des inscriptions de l'époque hellénistique en l'honneur des gymnasiarques</i>. Paris: 27-30.</p> <p>Curty, O. and Piérart, M. (2009), 'Un gymnasiarque argien de la basse époque hellénistique', in: O. Curty and M. Piérart (eds.), <i>L'huile et l'argent: gymnasiarchie et évergétisme dans la Grèce hellénistique : actes du colloque tenu à Fribourg du 13 au 15 octobre 2005, publiés en l'honneur du professeur Marcel Piérart à l'occasion de son 60ème anniversaire</i>. Fribourg: 183-202 (<i>BE</i> 2010: no. 254).</p> <p>Millis, B. and Balzat, S. (2013), 'M. Antonius Aristocrates: Provincial involvement with Roman power in the Late 1st c. BC', <i>Hesperia</i> 82.4: 651-672.</p> <p>Waltzing, J.P. (1899) <i>Etude historique sur les corporations professionnelles chez les Romains depuis les origines jusqu'à la chute de l'Empire d'Occident</i>. Vol. 3. Louvain.</p>

### XIII. EVALUATION

#### i. Private association

Certain

##### Note

Since the group defines itself twice in Curty and Pierart 2009 as *koinon* and as they erect two documents in honour of prominent local individuals displaying thus some duration as a collectivity, we could regard them as a private association.