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CAPInv. 806: Neikomedeis (1. Nikomedeis)

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Inland Thrace
iii. Site	Philippopolis

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Νεικομηδεῖς, 1. Νικομηδεῖς (IGBulg V 5464)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Neikomedeis</i> (1. <i>Nikomedeis</i>)

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	Imp.
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Ethnic:	<i>Nikomedeis</i>
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IGBulg V 5464 (Imp.)
Online Resources	IGBulg V 5464
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Funerary inscription in Greek of Philippos son of Philippos with depiction of five wreaths, one of them offered by the <i>Nikomedeis</i> .
i.c. Physical format(s)	Rectangular mable stele (1.62 x 0.74 x 0.18) with an elaborate floral pattern at its upper part and a pedimental stele in relief depicted below; this stele bears five wreaths and the funerary inscription.

ii. Source(s) provenance	Found at Ralitz str. at the site of 'Vtora Kamenitza', where the necropolis of the 1st-3rd cent. AD is located, see <i>TIR K35/2: Philippopolis</i> , p. 298. !editor: couldn't find the reference!
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VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	Necropolis
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VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	The wreath offered to the deceased indicate that these <i>Nikomedeis</i> , collected funds, even if on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status	The <i>Nikomedeis</i> , were residents of Philippopolis, likely originating from Bithynian Nicomedia.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	A wreath was offered to the deceased, who should have been an important citizen of Philippopolis (see below XI.i), though not necessarily a member of this group.
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XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The deceased should have been an important citizen of Philippopolis, as indicated by the wreaths also offered to him by the βουλή, <i>boule</i> and the δῆμος, <i>demos</i> of the city, the Νικαεῖς ὀλυμπιασταί, <i>Nikaeis olympiastai</i> (see CAPInv. 688), the ῥωποπῶλαι, <i>rhopolai</i> , (see CAPInv. 686) and the βυρσεῖς, <i>byrseis</i> (see CAPInv. 583). The presence of two professional associations, of two associations of foreign residents at Philippopolis and the eastern origin of the deceased's brother (as indicated by the personal name Παπίας, <i>Papias</i>) are signs of his eastern origin and of his possible involvement with trade.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The term <i>Nikomedeis</i> in the group's name quite probably refers to Nicomedia of Bithynia, as indicated by the presence on the same stone of the Νικαεῖς <i>Nikaeis</i> and the general influx to Thrace of immigrants from this region (see also CAPInv. 697).
iii. Bibliography	Kolev, K. (1966), 'Nadgrobna plotsa ot Filipopol', <i>Arheologija</i> 8/2: 57-9.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Probable

Note

The *Nikomedeis*, just like the *Nikaeis olympiastai*, mentioned on the same stone, should have been residents of Philippopolis originating from Bithynian Nicomedia (see also *BE* 1967: 375). Their collective name and the group's action of honouring a deceased are signs of an associative organisation.