

CAPInv. 91: to koinon ton Amphiaston

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Euboea
iii. Site	Eretria

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	τὸ κοινὸν τῶν Ἀμφιαστῶν (SEG 31, 807)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>to koinon ton Amphiaston</i>

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Personal:	Amphias: <i>Amphiastai</i> (followers of Amphias)
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>	
Note	Charbonnet (1984, 49-53) argued that the name derives from Amphiaraios and should read τὸ κοινὸν τῶν Ἀμφια(ρα)στῶν, i.e. worshippers of Amphiaraios. This view, however, met strong criticism (e.g. <i>Eretria</i> VIII: 146-147 no. 2).	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 31, 807 (m. ii BC)
Online Resources	SEG 31, 807
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorary inscription in Greek for Amphas, son of Aristodemos, by the koinon of Amphiastai dedicated to Asklepios and Hygeia.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Statue base.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found reused in the 'East House' (Maison Est), to the east of the House of the Mosaics in Eretria.

VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	Amphas may have been the founder of the koinon, as the <i>koinon</i> is named after him (<i>Amphiastai</i>).
Gender	Male

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The statue of Amphas was dedicated to Asklepios and Hygeia.
Deities worshipped	Asklepios Hygeia
iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>koinon</i> honoured Amphas with an honorific statue (as it can be deduced on the basis of the statue base and the formula of the inscription).

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	In light of a statuette of Asklepios found not far away from the House of the Mosaics, Themelis (1978a, pp. 4-9; 1978b, p. 25) suggested that a sanctuary of Asklepios was probably located in the area nearby. However, the statuette was found in a deposit along with three more sculptures and it is not concrete evidence for the presence of a sanctuary of Asklepios in the nearby area. Although the statue of Amphas is dedicated to Asklepios and Hygeia it does not need being set up in a sanctuary.
iii. Bibliography	Charbonnet, A. (1984), 'Amphiaraos à Éréttrie', <i>MH</i> 41: 49-52. Ducrey, P. (1981), <i>Études des lettres</i> 4: 73-78. <i>Eretria</i> VIII, 146-147 no. 2. Themelis, P. (1978a): 4-9. Themelis, P. (1978b): 25

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The term <i>koinon</i> along with the name terminating in -istai (followers/ worshippers) suggests that this group is a private association. Due to the nature of evidence (honorific inscription) we know next to nothing about its internal organization.