

CAPInv. 157: **synariston**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Nisyros
iii. Site	Nisyros

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	συναρίστιον (IG XII.3 93, l. 1; 94, l.2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>synariston</i>

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Other: <i>synariston</i> : mess-mates
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII.3 93 (iii BC) IG XII.3 94 (ii BC)
Online Resources	IG XII.3 93 IG XII.3 94
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	IG XII.3 94 is badly preserved. IG XII.3 93 is a list of names. In Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Poorly preserved stone (IG XII.3 94)

XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance

Poland B *245a (IG XII.3 93)

Poland B *245b (IG XII.3 94)

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Discarded

Note

Poland instead of reading Θαλίαρχος (personal name) reads θαλίαρχος and thus he thinks that this term stands for an official, otherwise unattested. On the other hand, the personal name Θαλίαρχος is well attested in Nisyros ([IG XII.3, 89](#); [IG XII.3 98](#); [AEphem 1913: 15 no. 45](#)).

Poland reads οἶνοφ[ύλαξ] in line 4 (Poland 1909: 392). It seems, however, that the inscription records personal names in tune with IG XII.3 93, where a similar formula is attested: dedication to Hermes followed by personal names. Instead of οἶνοφ[ύλαξ], one could read Οἰνόφ[ιλος], a personal name attested in Nisyros ([AEphem 1913: 8 no. 4](#)).

The term *synaristion* may refer to an association of 'lunch-mates', but a connection to the army or the gymnasium would conform better to the context of the text. The *synaristion* in both inscriptions is followed by a dative case: *Hermai*, denoting a dedication to Hermes, the palaistra god. In IG XII.3 93, l. 18 the term *paidon* is attested followed by a list of personal names. Both inscriptions record names, possibly of victors' in athletic or gymnastic contests.