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CAPInv. 1177: hoi synbiotai kai synmystai

i.	Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii.	Region	Ionia
iii.	Site	Smyrna

. Full name (original language)	οί συνβιωταὶ καὶ συνμύσται (I.Smyrna 330, II. 2-4)
i. Full name (transliterated)	hoi synbiotai kai synmystai

i. Date(s)	1 (?) - 300 (?) AD

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	synbiotai, synmystai	

i.	Source(s)	I.Smyrna 330 (1 (?) - 300 (?) AD)
	Online Resources	I.Smyrna 330
i.a.	Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	Document(s) typology & language/script	Grave inscription, greek
i.c.	Physical format(s)	White marble block
ii.	Source(s) provenance	Unclear origins; the stone is now lost.

VI BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects

The association erects a *mnemeion* for the deceased Zotion son of Artemidoros

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship

Synmystai seems to refer to initiations, but in this period, the terminology was not always used in its original sense.

XII. NOTES

i.	Comments	It is probable that <i>synbiotai kai synmystai</i> designates one group, not two.

ii. Poland concordance Poland B 356

VIII EVALUATION

i.	Private association	Probable
	Note	The status of <i>mystai</i> -groups is not quite clear; most of probably served both the private interests of their members and the needs of civic religion.

ii. Historical authenticity Certain

