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CAPInv. 1232: U-WAM-019

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Mysia
iii. Site	Kyzikos

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-WAM-019
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	i BC
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IMT 1539 (i BC)
Note	Ed.pr. Mordtmann 1885: 204-207 no. 30
Online Resources	AGRW II 107 IMT 1539 AGRW ID 7084
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedicatory inscription in Greek to Poseidon and Aphrodite Potnia set up by business partners in the fishing industry.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Stele with relief in two registers. Upper register depicts Kybele and Apollo. Lower register depicts an altar and a servant making an offering. The dedicatory inscription to Poseidon and Aphrodite Potnia does not match the deities depicted in the relief. H. 57 x W. 36 cm.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Kyzikos area.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	<p>The occupations recorded in the text point to the fishing business (Robert 1950; Marzano 2013: 41-3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ἀρχόνης σκοπιᾶς, <i>archones skopias</i> (l. 2)- chief-lessee of the lookout- ἐπὶ τοῦ χρηματισμοῦ, <i>epi tou chrematismou</i> (l. 3) - in charge of the business/ or the funds- μέτοχοι, <i>metochoi</i> (l. 5) - partners- ἐπαγωγοί, <i>epagogoi</i> (l. 16) - a category of fishermen, i.e. those attracting the fish in the nets (Robert 1950: 97) <p>Eleven <i>metochoi</i> are recorded in the text. Their participation would be of financial nature, namely the funding of fishing activities and sharing of financial liability (see Marzano 2013: 80).</p>
iii. Bibliography	<p>Marzano, A. (2013), <i>Harvesting the sea, the exploitation of marine resources in the Roman Mediterranean</i>. Oxford.</p> <p>Mordtmann, J.H. (1885), 'Zur Epigraphic von Kyzikos III', <i>MDAI(A)</i> 10: 200-11.</p> <p>Robert, L. 1950: 'Inscriptions de l'Hellespont et de la Propontide', <i>Hellenica</i> IX: 78-97.</p>

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Discarded
Note	<p>The inscription attests to the disparate parties involved in fishing activities, shedding thus light on the complex organization of the fishing business in Kyzikos. Business partners set up a dedication as a thanks-offering (<i>charisterion</i>), presumably for a successful and profitable undertaking. Joint activities in business alone do not suffice to identify a group as a private association.</p>