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i.	Geographical area	Thrace
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11.	Region	Euxine Coast
iii.	Site	Dionysopolis

i. Association with unknown name	U-THR-044		

i. Date(s)	ii - iii AD

i.	Source(s)	SEG 60: 778 (ii - iii AD)	
i.a.	Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)	
i.b.	Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication to Herakles by Demosthenes of Nicomedia Atheneastes.	
i.c.	Physical format(s)	Small marble altar completely preserved	
ii.	Source(s) provenance	Dionysopolis, temple of the Pontic Mother of Gods (excavations).	

i. Archaeological remains	The altar itself, insofar it was consacrated in the temple.	

## VII. ORGANIZATION iii. Members The members of the association were called ἀθηνεασταί, Atheneastai, as we can infer from the definition ἀθηνεαστής (ἀθηνεαστές, in the inscription), Atheneastes (l. 4), used to describe the only known member of the association, Demosthenes, author of the dedication.

iii. Bibliography	Lazarenko, I., et al. (2010), 'The Temple of the Pontic Mother of Gods in Dionysopolis', in E.K. Petropoulos and A.A. Maslennikov (eds.), <i>Ancient Sacral Monuments in the Black Sea</i> , Thessaloniki: 13-62.  Lazarenko, I., et al. (2013), <i>The Temple of the Pontic Mother of Gods in Dionysopolis</i> . Varna.

i. Private association	Certain
Note	On the basis of the terminology, the existence of the association is certain but was it at Dionysopolis or at Nicomedia, Demosthenes' country?