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## CAPInv. 1301: **he thiasos peri <hie>rea X**

### I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Black Sea Region             |
| ii. Region           | North coast of the Black Sea |
| iii. Site            | Phanagoria                   |

### II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | ἡ θίασος περὶ <ιε>ρέα τὸν δεῖνα (CIRB 1016) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated)   | <i>he thiasos peri &lt;hie&gt;rea X</i>     |

### III. DATE

|            |            |
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| i. Date(s) | i - iii AD |
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### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| ii. Name elements      | Personal: <i>peri hiera X</i> |
| iii. Descriptive terms | θίασος, <i>thiasos</i>        |
| Note                   | <i>thiasos</i> : CIRB 1016    |

### V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s) | CIRB 987 (i AD).<br>CIRB 988 (iii AD).<br>CIRB 1016 (iii AD).<br>SEG 57, 739A (i AD).<br>SEG 57, 739B (l. ii - iii AD).<br>SEG 57, 740 (i AD). |
| Note         | Other publications:<br>CIRB 987: IOSPE II 365; GGSr 625                                                                                        |

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| Online Resources                            | <a href="#">CIRB 987</a> and <a href="#">AGRW ID 7732</a><br><a href="#">CIRB 988</a><br><a href="#">CIRB 1016</a> and <a href="#">AGRW ID 7738</a><br><a href="#">AGRW ID 22889</a> (SEG 57: 740)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| i.a. Source type(s)                         | Epigraphic source(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Greek tombstones put up by the θίασος, <i>thiasos</i> for some of its members.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| i.c. Physical format(s)                     | CIRB 987: anepigraphic limestone stele with relief depicting a horseman and, behind him, another rider. The stele has been re-used (possibly ii AD) for supporting a new relief (poor remains) and the funerary inscription on the back.<br>CIRB 988: upper part of a limestone stele.<br>CIRB 1016: limestone stele.<br>SEG 57, 739: limestone stele broken at the upper right corner with a building inscription on the front (A: i AD) and the epitaph of the association on the back (B: l. ii - iii AD).<br>SEG 57, 740: limestone stele broken at the bottom with relief representing a rider. |
| ii. Source(s) provenance                    | Phanagoria (CIRB 987 and 988).<br>Phanagoria, eastern necropolis, through excavations (SEG 57: 739-740).<br>Akhtanizovskaja (modern toponym), neighbourhood of Phanagoria (CIRB 1016).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## VII. ORGANIZATION

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| ii. Leadership | One ἱερεὺς, <i>hierews</i> (Agathous in CIRB 987, ll. 2-3; Zop<y>ros in CIRB 988, ll. 2-3; Menestros Ardarakou in CIRB 1016, ll. 1-3; Da[das? Ka]llionos in SEG 57: 739B, ll. 2-3; Nomenios in SEG 57: 740).                                                                                                                                                                                |
| iii. Members   | Mentioned as (οἱ) θιασεῖται, l. θιασῖται, ( <i>hoi</i> ) <i>thiasitai</i> (CIRB 987, l. 1; 988, ll. 4-5; SEG 57: 739B, ll. 16-17) or λοιποὶ θιασε<ι>ται, <i>loipoi thias&lt;i&gt;tai</i> (SEG 57: 739B, ll. 12-13).<br>Seven deceased members are known by their name (CIRB 987, ll. 3-5 [four persons]; 1016, ll. 7-8; SEG 57: 739, ll. 15-17; 57, 740).                                   |
| iv. Officials  | One ἱερομάστωρ, <i>hieromastor</i> (CIRB 988, ll. 3-4; 1016, ll. 4-5; SEG 57: 739B, ll. 4-6). This office is attested only on the Taman peninsula (these three occurrences and CIRB 1054 from Hermonassa, <a href="#">CAPIInv. 1304</a> ).<br>One φιλάγαθος, <i>philagathos</i> (CIRB 1016, ll. 6-7; SEG 57: 739B, ll. 6-9).<br>One γραμματεὺς, <i>grammateus</i> (SEG 57: 739B, ll. 9-12). |
| ix. Privileges | The associations set up tombstones for its members. Funerary expenses by the association may be one of the members' privileges.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## IX. MEMBERSHIP

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| ii. Gender | Men                                 |
| Note       | The preserved names are male names. |
| iii. Age   | Adults                              |

## X. ACTIVITIES

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| i. Assemblies | Called σύνοδοι, <i>synodoi</i> (CIRB 988, l. 1; SEG 57: 739B, l. 1, through restoration). For σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i> designating the assembly of a θίασος, <i>thiasos</i> see Gauthier in <i>BE</i> 2001: no. 312 and Chaniotis in SEG 47: 1199 and 49: 1053. |
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iv. Honours/Other activities

The associations set up tombstones for its members.

## XII. NOTES

i. Comments

Phanagoria being a well known center of the cult of Aphrodite Οὐρανία, *Ourania*, it is highly probable that this *thiasos* worshipped the same deity. The feminine article ἡ strangely used twice (CIRB 1016, l. 1; SEG 57: 740, l. 1) for the substantive θίασος, *thiasos*, could support the idea of a feminine deity.

ii. Poland concordance

Poland B 119 (CIRB 987)

iii. Bibliography

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## XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The terminology points to a private association.