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## CAPInv. 139: **he semnotate ergasia ton erioplyton**

### I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Phrygia
iii. Site	Hierapolis

### II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ἡ σεμνοτάτη ἐργασία τῶν ἐριοπλυτῶν (Altertümer von Hierapolis 40, ll. 1-3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>he semnotate ergasia ton erioplyton</i>

### III. DATE

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

i. Name in other forms	ἡ ἐργασία τῶν ἐριοπλυτῶν (AAT 101: 317, no. 45, l. 5)
ii. Name elements	Professional: ἐριοπλυταί, <i>eriplytai</i> Other: σεμνοτάτη, <i>semnotate</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	ἐργασία, <i>ergasia</i>
Note	<i>ergasia</i> : Altertümer von Hierapolis 40, l. 2; AAT 101: 317, no. 45, l. 5

### V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Altertümer von Hierapolis 40 AAT 101: 317, no. 45 (with BE 1971: no. 652)
Online Resources	<a href="#">Altertümer von Hierapolis 40</a> <a href="#">AAT 101: 317, no. 45</a>

i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	The first document is an honorific decree; the second document is a funerary inscription. If someone acts against the will of the tomb's owner by burying someone else there or selling the place, he shall pay a fine to the <i>eriplytai</i> . Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	The first document is a white marble plate.
ii. Source(s) provenance	The first document was found near the theatre of Hierapolis.

## VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	οἱ τῆς ἐργασίας τῶν ἐριοπλυτῶν οἱ μετέχοντες, <i>hoi tes ergasias ton erioplyton hoi metechontes</i> . (AAT 101: 317, no. 45, ll. 5-6)
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## VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

iv. Endowments	The association is the recipient of a funerary endowment ( <i>stephanotikon</i> ; in Pennacchietti's edition (AAT 101: 317, no. 45), it is qualified as "great", <i>mega</i> , but the Roberts have plausibly argued for a different reading). The coronation of the grave shall take place on the birthday ( <i>genethlion</i> , AAT 101: 317, no. 45, l. 8) of the deceased woman's son.
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## X. ACTIVITIES

ii. Meetings and events	The association was entrusted with taking care of a grave.
iv. Honours/Other activities	Altertümer von Hierapolis 40 is an honorific decree for a man who had served as <i>strategos</i> , <i>agonothetes</i> , <i>grammateus</i> (Altertümer von Hierapolis 40, ll. 6-7) of the temples of Asia, <i>presbeutes</i> and <i>archiereus</i> (Altertümer von Hierapolis 40, ll. 12-14; he is described as a "benefactor of the homeland").

## XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The association honors the same person as do the <i>porphyrabaphoi</i> (Altertümer von Hierapolis 41); both associations use the same wording.
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## XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance	Poland Z 66 (Altertümer von Hierapolis 40)
iii. Bibliography	Pennacchietti, F.A. (1967), 'Nuove iscrizioni di Hierapolis di Frigia', AAT 101: 287-328. Ritti, T. (1995), 'Associazioni di mestiere a Hierapolis di Frigia', in B. Maria Giannattasio (ed.), <i>Viaggi e commerci nell'antichità. Atti VII Giornata Archeologia</i> , Genova: 65-84. Robert, J., and L. (1971), 'Bulletin Épigraphique', REG 84: no. 652.

### XIII. EVALUATION

<b>i. Private association</b>	Probable
<b>Note</b>	Professional associations in the 2nd/3rd century were often very close to the official civic institutions, but they probably remained essentially private associations.
<b>ii. Historical authenticity</b>	Certain