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CAPInv. 1519: Meloucheaton [ho thiasos]

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Cyprus
ii. Region	Cyprus
iii. Site	Melousha, to the north-east of ancient Golgoi.

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Μηλουχεάτων [ὁ θίαςος] (Hermay 2004: 61, no. M.1, l. 1)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Meloucheaton [ho thiasos]</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	Hell.
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Ethnic:	<i>Meloucheatoi</i> : the ethnic probably referred to the village of Melousha. See Hermay 2004: 49-50.
iii. Descriptive terms	θίαςος, <i>thiasos</i> (?)	
Note	<i>thiasos</i> : Hermay 2004: 61, no. M.1, l. 1. The descriptive term is a restoration. Scholars have proposed other restorations.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Hermay 2004: 61, no. M.1 = SEG 54: 1532 (Hell.)
Note	Other publications: Colonna-Ceccaldi 1875: 99, no. 1; Mitford 1980: 1308, no. 80
Online Resources	SEG 54: 1532 and AGRW ID 20878
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication of a statue probably to Aphrodite by the association.
i.c. Physical format(s)	A fragmentary statue base
ii. Source(s) provenance	Melousha, to the north-east of ancient Golgoi.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	The inscription may have originally been set up in the sanctuary of Aphrodite. For this deity in Melousha, see Hermary 2004: 49-50.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status	If the restoration <i>thiasos</i> is correct, the association may have consisted of Ptolemaic military settlers and their descendants, as other <i>thiasoi</i> in the Mesaoria (see Hermary 2004: 54-5).
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	Given the dedication to Aphrodite, one may suppose worship by the group.
Deities worshipped	Aphrodite

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The term <i>thiasos</i> is entirely restored: Scholars have proposed other restorations, e.g. <i>polis</i> or <i>demos</i> . See: Colonna-Ceccaldi 1875: 99, no. 1; Mitford 1980: 1308, no. 80.
iii. Bibliography	Colonna-Ceccaldi, G. (1875), 'Nouvelles inscriptions grecques de Chypre', <i>RA</i> 29: 95-101. Hermary, A. (2004), 'Autour de Golgoi: Les cités de la Mesaoria à l'époque hellénistique et sous l'Empire', <i>CCEC</i> 34: 47-68. Mitford, T.B. (1980), 'Roman Cyprus', <i>ANRW</i> 2.7.2: 1285-384.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	The fragmentary state of the inscription does not allow absolute certainty about the character of private association of the group.