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CAPInv. 1590: **hoi ergastai** [- - -]

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Lemnos, but likely from Chios (Robert 1929: 32-38)
iii. Site	The stone was kept in a private house in the village Plaka of Lemnos; according to the owner it was found in Vriokastro (Cousin and Dürrbach 1885: 62). It was then built in the church of St George (IG XII. 8 16)

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ ἐργασταὶ [- - -] (IG XII.8 16 l. 2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi ergastai</i> [- - -]

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>ergastai</i>
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII. 8 16 and Add. p. VII, IG XIs., p. 147 (i BC)
Online Resources	IG XII,8 16
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorary inscription, in Greek
i.c. Physical format(s)	Block of marble, broken on the upper left part

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities

The *ergastai* [- -] and another group, whose name is not preserved ([CAP 1888](#)), offer a crown to the officers responsible for *ton kata ten agoran*

XII. NOTES

i. Comments

Based on the similarities of IG XII. 8 6 with SEG XVII 382 A ([CAP Inv. 1589](#)) and with a series of other Chian inscriptions, Robert convincingly argued that IG XII. 8 16 was of Chian origin. Furthermore, on the basis of SEG XVII 382 A he suggested the following restoration of ll. 1-2: [οἱ ναύκληροι καὶ οἱ ἐργαστὰι | οἱ ἐπὶ τοῦ λιμένος] (see Robert 1929: 37).

The inscription to my opinion can be dated by letter-forms to the i AD. The characteristic letter omega, as it is shown in the facsimile published by Cousin-Dürbach is very similar to the omega which occurs in a series of Chian inscriptions of the 1 c. A.D. (the so-called CI. Metrodora's inscriptions, for which see Robert 1938: 128-34).

One of the honorands is the nauarch Neileus son of Pamphilos, and adopted son of Neileus. The prosopographical identification suggested by Dunst (Dunst 1958: 185) of the here attested Neileus with the honorand [- -]λεύς) in Robert 1929: 36 C (see [CAP Inv. 1587](#)) is tentative. A strong argument against this identification is that the person in IG XII. 8 16 is an adopted son of Neileus. He could well be a descendant of [- -]λεύς).

For the officers responsible for the administration of the agora see [CAP Inv. 1587](#) (Comments).

ii. Poland concordance

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iii. Bibliography

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The professional terminology of the association ensures the private character of the association.