

CAPInv. 1614: **Hermaistai hoi en Kamiroi**

## I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Rhodes
iii. Site	Kamiroi

## II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Ἑρμαιοῖται οἱ ἐν Καμίροι (Tit.Cam. 84, l. 12)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Hermaistai hoi en Kamiroi</i>

## III. DATE

i. Date(s)	a. 167 BC
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	From the name of the god Hermes (Doric Hermas), whose cult is well attested in Rhodes: D. Moreli <i>I culti in Rodi</i> . SCO 8 (Pisa, 1959) 44-5, 133-35, with 62 for Hermes connection to mysteries, cf. also H. van Gelder, <i>Geschichte der Alten Rhodier</i> , The Hague, 1900, 342, and Poland 1909, 224 n. 2.
	Topographical:	The element οἱ ἐν Καμίροι, <i>hoi en Kamiroi</i> (those in Kamiros), specifies the place at which the association was based and is paralleled by other instances (e.g. Ἀσκληπιασταί οἱ ἐν Καμίροι, <i>Asklapiastai hoi en Kamiroi</i> , Tit.Cam. 84, l. 10). One of the purposes it served was to distinguish between associations with the same core element (here, <i>Hermaistai</i> ) in their name. See, e.g. Tit.Cam. 159a, l. 5: Ἑρμαιοστᾶν τῶν ἐν τῷ ἄστυ κοιν[όν], <i>Hermaistan toi en toi asty koin[on]</i> , in which <i>asty</i> refers to the capital city of Rhodes.

## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Tit.Cam. 84, l. 12.
Online Resources	<a href="#">Tit.Cam. 12</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

## VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The association of <i>Hermaistai hoi en Kamiroi</i> is one among several bodies which honour a Kamiran, Aristombrotidas Aristombrotida. He may or may not have been a member.
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## IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status	Aristombrotidas Aristombrotida, who is honoured by the association, is known as a very prominent person in the public and religious life of Kamiros (LGPN I, s.v. no. 12). However, his membership of the association, even though possible, cannot be ascertained.
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## X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The theophoric element of the association's name indicates that the membership was devoted to the worship of Hermes
Deities worshipped	Hermes
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association honoured with a gold wreath Aristombrotidas Aristombrotida, who had served as priest of Athana Polias and Zeus Polieus and had held the office of <i>damiourgos</i> in Kamiros.

## XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The association interacted locally in two ways: (i) by awarding honours to a high-standing person in Kamiros, the priest of Athana Polias and Zeus Polieus and the holder of the office of <i>damiourgos</i> ; and (ii) by doing so jointly with (a) the family of the person honoured, (b) the citizens of Kamiros, and (c) four other private bodies: the Ἀσκληπιασταὶ οἱ ἐν Καμίρῳ ( <i>Asklapiastai hoi en Kamiroi</i> ), the Σαραπιασταὶ οἱ ἐν Καμίρῳ ( <i>Sarapiastai hoi en Kamiroi</i> ), the Κουραισταὶ οἱ ἐν Κυτήλῳ ( <i>Kouriastai hoi en Kyteloi</i> ), and the Τρίκτοινοι οἱ ἐν Λέλῳ ( <i>Triktoinoi hoi en Leloi</i> ).
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## XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	In view of the theophoric element in the name, this association must be regarded with certainty as a private one.