

CAPInv. 1624: **Emboleitai**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Ionia
iii. Site	Ephesos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Ἐμβολειταί (I.Eph(esos) 3059, ll. 11-12)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Emboleitai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	100 (?) - 600 (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i. Name in other forms	Ἐμβολον οἱ ναίουσι, <i>Embolon hoi naiousi</i> (I.Eph(esos) 1300, l. 3) οἱ ἐν τῷ ἐν[βόλω -] ζῶσι[v], <i>hoi en toi en[boloi -] zosi[n]</i> (I.Eph(esos) 2117, l. 4)	
ii. Name elements	Topographical:	Embolos: The so-called "Couretes street".

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Eph(esos) 1300 (100 (?) - 600 (?) AD) I.Eph(esos) 2117 (100 (?) - 600 (?) AD) I.Eph(esos) 3059 (100 (?) - 600 (?) AD)
Online Resources	I.Eph(esos) 1300 I.Eph(esos) 2117 I.Eph(esos) 3059
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	I.Eph(esos) 1300 and I.Eph(esos) 3059 are honorific inscriptions (but 1300 is considerably later and metric). I.Eph(esos) 2117 is a grave inscription. All in Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	I.Eph(esos) 1300 and I.Eph(esos) 3059 are marble statue bases; I.Eph(esos) 2117 is of blue marble.
ii. Source(s) provenance	I.Eph(esos) 1300 and I.Eph(esos) 2117 were found in secondary use (I.Eph(esos) 1300 in Ephesos opposite the Octogon, I.Eph(esos) 2117 in Selcuk).

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	I.Eph(esos) 3059 ends as a topos-inscription, referring to a ἱερός τόπος, <i>hieros topos</i> (l. 11) of the <i>Emboleitai</i> .
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VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	It is unclear what the <i>hieros topos</i> mentioned in I.Eph(esos) 3059 is.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	I.Eph(esos) 3059 is an honorific decree for a priestess of Artemis. It ends with the addition that this is ὁ ἱερός τόπος Ἐμβολειτῶν τῶν παρὰ τῇ κυρίᾳ ἡμῶν θεᾷ Ἀρτέμιδι, <i>ho hieros topos Emboleiton ton para tei kyriai hemon theai Artemidi</i> . The designation suggests a close relationship to the most important deity of the city.
Deities worshipped	Artemis
iv. Honours/Other activities	I.Eph(esos) 3059 honors a priestess of Artemis; I.Eph(esos) 1300 (4th to 6th century according to Merkelbach and Stauber 1998: 311) honors a proconsul. The association was also involved in grave care, as shown by the fragmentary inscription I.Eph(esos) 2117.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Merkelbach, R., and Stauber, J. (1998), <i>Steinepigramme aus dem griechischen Osten. Band 1: Die Westküste Kleinasiens von Knidos bis Ilion</i> . Stuttgart, Leipzig. Pont, A.-V. (2013), 'Les groupes de voisinage dans les villes d'Asie Mineure occidentale à l'époque impériale', in P. Fröhlich and P. Hamon (eds.), <i>Groupes et associations dans les cités grecques (IIIe siècle av. J.-C. - IIe siècle apr. J.-C.)</i> , Genève: 129-56.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
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Note	This appears to have been a neighborhood association uniting people living - or working - in the <i>Embolos</i> , the most important commercial area of Ephesos (on this type of group, see Pont 2013). If the late date for I.Eph(esos) 1300 is correct, one might posit remarkable stability over several centuries, but the degree of organization is unclear, especially as there must have been a rather high fluctuation of people in a place such as the <i>Embolos</i> .
ii. Historical authenticity	Certain