

CAPInv. 1649: **he semnotate synergasia ton skytobyirseon**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Lycia
iii. Site	Kibyra (Kibyrtis)

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ἡ σεμνοτάτη συνεργασία τῶν σκυτοβυρσέων (<i>I. Kibyra</i> 63, lines 5-7)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	he semnotate synergasia ton skytobyirseon

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	100 - 200 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	σεμνοτάτη, <i>semnotate</i> Possibly an element indicating a cultic or privileged status of the group.
	Professional:	συνεργασία, <i>synergasia</i> σκυτοβυρσεῖς, <i>skytobyirseis</i> The first element indicates a collective of workers, while the second clarifies their profession: leather-workers.

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	<i>I. Kibyra</i> 63,
Note	Cf. also <i>IGR</i> IV 907; Dittman-Schöne 2001: 234, no. VI.1.1.

Online Resources	PHI: IK Kibyra 63 Harland, AGRW no. 9724
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorific inscription.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Large base of white marble.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Göhlisar-Horzum (Kibyra).

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	σκυτοβυρσεῖς, <i>skytobyirseis</i> Leather-workers could be included as members; to what extent this defined the membership of the group remains unclear.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	Men may be presumed to have formed the majority if not the entirety of the ranks of leather-workers.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	Unclear, but see above IV.ii.
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association is responsible for honouring four prominent individuals, including Tiberius Claudius Polemo (on which see <i>IGR</i>), for their public works (<i>demosia erga</i>).

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The honours are passed by the group according to decrees (κατὰ τὰ δόξαντα, <i>kata ta doxanta</i>) resolved by the <i>boule</i> and the <i>demos</i> of Kibyra.
ii. Interaction abroad	The honourands of the inscription include an Asiarch, a Lykiarch, etc.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	I. Dittman-Schöne (2001), <i>Die Berufsvereine in den Städten des kaiserzeitlichen Kleinasien</i> , Regensburg.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

Though information is lacking as to the durative character of this association (as opposed to e.g. a more temporary business partnership), its elaborate name does suggest that it was formalised as a group wishing to distinguish from its peers, and one which was involved in honouring benefactors and perhaps also involved in cult. For parallels, cp. e.g. [CAP Inv. 149](#) (possibly a less durable group, given its name).