

CAPInv. 1839: **thiasos Aphrodisiastan ton syn Aristokratei**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Kos
iii. Site	Kos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	θιάσου Ἀφροδισιαστῶν τῶν σὺν Ἀριστοκράτει (<i>IG XII.4 2795</i> , lines 2-6)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	thiasos Aphrodisiastan ton syn Aristokratei

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>thiasos</i> (θιάσου, line 2)
	Personal:	<i>syn Aristokratei</i> (σὺν Ἀριστοκράτει, lines 5-6)
	Theophoric:	<i>Aphrodisiastai</i> (Ἀφροδισιαστῶν, lines 2-4) Alternatively, or concomitantly, the name may be concerned with the celebration of rites in honour of Aphrodite, the festival of the Aphrodisia.
iii. Descriptive terms	<i>thiasos</i> (θιάσου, line 2) The term both refers specifically to a cultic group <i>and</i> , more widely, to a collectivity.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII.4 2795
Note	Segre, <i>I. Cos EF</i> 440; <i>SEG</i> 57.786; Tsouli 2013: no. 638c with ph. Cf. also Maillot 2013: no. 22.
Online Resources	PHI: EF 440 Harland, AGRW 12006
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Boundary stone of a burial plot. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Boundary stone: cippus of white marble, with base made to be inserted into the ground.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found during demolition work in the city of Kos (context lost).

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The point of reference of the boundary stone is to a burial plot, <i>thekaïos</i> (ἄρκος [θη]καῖος, line 1).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	Aristokrates (lines 5-6) This individual, mentioned in the name of the association, is either its founder or its leader.
Gender	Male

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	See above IV.ii.
Deities worshipped	Aphrodite (lines 2-4)

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	S. Maillot (2013), 'Les associations à Cos', in P. Hamon and P. Fröhlich (eds.), <i>Groupes et associations dans les cités grecques</i> , Geneva: 199-226. M. Segre (2007), <i>Iscrizioni di Cos, Epigrafi funerarie</i> , Rome. C. Tsouli, <i>Ταφικά και επιτάφια μνημεία της Κω</i> , diss. Athens 2013.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

Little is known about this association and its context. But simply on the basis of its name and by comparison with other highly similar boundary stones of the burial plots of associations near the city of Kos (more than 50 in number, cf. e.g. [CAPI no. 1826](#)), we can be confident that it constituted a private association.