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CAPInv. 1850: **thiasitai** [t]on syn Metrodoroï

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	θιασιτω[ν]των συν Μητροδώροι (<i>IG</i> XII.4 2774 I, lines 2-3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	thiasitai [t]on syn Metrodoroï

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>thiasitai</i> (θιασιτω[ν], line 2)
	Personal:	<i>syn Metrodoroï</i> (συν Μητροδώροι, lines 2-3)
iii. Descriptive terms	<i>thiasitai</i> (θιασιτω[ν], line 2) The term both refers specifically to a cultic group <i>and</i> , more widely, to a collectivity.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	<i>IG</i> XII.4 2774 I.
Note	Bosnakis, <i>Epigraphes</i> 280-I; Tsouli 2013: no. 486. Cf. also Maillot 2013: no. 33.
Online Resources	PHI: Epigraphes 280.I

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: rectangular marble block. The boundary stone was inscribed twice, cf. CAPI no. 1851 for the other, later and apparently unrelated inscription. It would seem that ownership of both the boundary and the burial ground had changed by the 1st c. BC.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Area of the Asklepieion.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The point of reference of the boundary stone (ὄρος) is to a burial plot for the group, a <i>thekaion</i> ([θηκ]αίου, line 1).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	Metrodoros, line 3. This individual, mentioned in the name of the association, is either its founder or its leader.
Gender	Male
iii. Members	<i>thiasitai</i> (θιασιτῶ[v], line 2)

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	See above IV.ii.
Deities worshipped	Unclear.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	D. Bosnakis (2008), <i>Anekdotes epigraphes tes Ko, Epitymvia mnemeia kai horoi</i> , Athens. 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. C. Tsouli, <i>Ταφικά και επιτάφια μνημεία της Κω</i> , diss. Athens 2013.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
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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 40 in number, cf. e.g. [CAPI no. 1826](#)), we can be confident that it constituted a private association.