

CAPInv. 1896: **thiasos Posidanistan ton syn Herakleiden**

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	θιάσος Ποσιδανιστᾶν τῶν σὺν [Ἰ]ρακλείδην (<i>IG</i> XII.4 2824, lines 1-4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	thiasos Posidanistan ton syn Herakleiden

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>thiasos</i> (θιάσος, line 1)
	Personal:	<i>syn Herakleiden</i> (σὺν [Ἰ]ρακλείδην, lines 3-4)
	Theophoric:	<i>Posidanistai</i> (Ποσιδανιστᾶν, lines 2-3)
iii. Descriptive terms	<i>thiasos</i> (θιάσος, line 1)	
Note	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 2824.
Note	Bosnakis, <i>Epigraphes</i> 287; <i>SEG</i> 58.890; Tsouli 2013: no. 662. Cf. Maillot 2013: no. 38.

Online Resources	PHI: Epigraphes 288
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Boundary stone, <i>horos</i> (cf. ὅρος, line 1). Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Stele of white marble, broken at the bottom.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Platani-Kermetes neighbourhood, south-west of city of Kos (part of the area of the necropolis).

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The point of reference of the boundary stone (ὅρος, line 1), on the analogy of similar texts from Kos and on the basis of the findspot, may be presumed to be to private burial plots for the group (<i>thekaia</i>).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	<i>Herakleides</i> (Ἡρακλείδην, line 4) This individual, mentioned in the name of the association, is either its founder or its leader.
Gender	Male
ii. Leadership	See above.

X. ACTIVITIES

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

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	D. Bosnakis (2008), <i>Anekdotēs epigraphēs 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
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.