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CAPInv. 1923: **xystos**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Greece with the Ionian Islands
ii. Region	Korkyra
iii. Site	Kassiopi

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ξυστός (IG IX.1 ² .4 845, l. 5)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>xystos</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

iii. Descriptive terms	ξυστός, <i>xystos</i>
Note	<i>xystos</i> : IG IX.1 ² .4 845, ll. 5, 16-17

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG IX.1 ² .4 845 (II AD)
Note	Text published in <i>Arch. Deltion</i> 17 (1961/2) 206.
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication of thanks (<i>ex voto</i>) to Zeus Kassios by Sabeinos, <i>archigrammateus</i> of the athletic <i>xystos</i> of Ephesus, for the safe passage to Greece from Rome (presumably).
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble base.

ii. Source(s) provenance	Village of Kassiopei, on Corfu.
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VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	See below: VII.iv Officials.
iv. Officials	ἀρχιγραμματεὺς, <i>archigrammateus</i> (l. 4): the man was called Sabeinos and belonged to the athletic <i>xystos</i> of Ephesus. He set up the dedication of thanks to Zeus Cassius for his safe passage, presumably from Italy (ll. 9-11). The man is also called ξυστοῦ πρόμος, <i>xystou promos</i> (ll. 16-7) 'foreman, chief of the <i>xystos</i> ': he may have been at the head of the Ephesian branch of the <i>xystos</i> (instead of a <i>xystarches</i>), however in this case the frase may be used poetically (the passage is a hexameter poem of dedication) and may be thus better understood as 'one of the most prominent men in the <i>xystos</i> '.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	Given the character of the athletic <i>xystos</i> , it seems reasonable that the members were men.
iii. Age	Adults
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iv. Status	The <i>archigrammateus</i> Sabeinos is an <i>Ephesios</i> (l. 3).

XI. INTERACTION

ii. Interaction abroad	The members of the athletic <i>xystos</i> performed worldwide, travelled often, and had a vast international network, first of all with Rome. This dedication of thanks on Corfu by the <i>archigrammateus</i> of the <i>xystos</i> of Ephesus is but one example of such a network by the athletic association.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology employed (<i>xystos</i> , <i>archigrammateus</i>), the internal organisation, and the nature of the well-known international association of athletes make it certain that we are dealing here with a private association.