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CAPInv. 2112: to koinon to Samothraikiastan

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I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Rhodes
iii. Site	Rhodos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	τὸ κοινὸν τὸ Σαμοθραικιαστᾶν
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>to koinon to Samothraikiastan</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	i BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	Σαμοθραικιασταί, <i>Samothraikiastai</i> - worshippers of the Samothracian gods. It is likely that the association of <i>Samothrakiastai</i> were connected to the mystery cult on the island, yet it remains uncertain whether all members were initiated into the Samothracian Mysteries. The associations of the Samothrakiastai were prominent in their role in protecting sailors (cf. Cole, 1984, 85-6).
iii. Descriptive terms	τὸ κοινὸν, <i>to koinon</i>	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Maiuri, NSER 43
Online Resources	Maiuri, NSER 43 AGRW ¹⁴⁹⁷⁰
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorific funerary dedication in Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	A small rectangular base with a slot intended for a funerary stone.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found on the slopes of the city of Rhodes

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The Koinon of Samothracians crowned Μοσχίων Φασηλίταν <i>Moschion Phaselitan</i> with a golden crown (NSER 43 l. 6, cf. Boyxen 2018, 128, and Thomsen, 00-00). The inscription had originally been erected by the Samothrakiastai, wherein they mentioned previous honours bestowed upon <i>Moschion</i> by other associations. The inscription mentions two foliage crowns (θαλλίνωι στεφάνωι, <i>thallinoi stephanoi</i>) from the Παναθηναϊστᾶν, <i>Panathenaistan</i> and the Ἀφροδισιαστᾶν, <i>Aphrodisiastan</i> (CAPInv. 2102 and CAPInv. 2008 Reference to the two other associations).
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XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The association of Samothrakiastai advertised merits of <i>Moschion</i> as awarded by other associations. According to Boyxen this points towards a wider public audience than the association of the Samothrakiastai alone. In this way the association visibly showed their local interactions with other associations as well as important locally residing foreigners. (Boyxen 2018, 128, and Thomsen, 00-00, ??).
ii. Interaction abroad	The <i>Moschion Phaselitan</i> honoured by the Samothrakiastai, was from Phaselis. A connection between Rhodian associations and Phaselians is not uncommon, since we have references to some thirty individuals buried on Rhodes from Phaselis, many of which had honours bestowed upon them by Rhodian associations (see Boyxen 2018, 380).

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	We know of several associations connected with the cult of the Samothracian gods along the Aegean in the Hellenistic period (cf. Methymna; CAPInv. 13 , Syme; CAPInv. 57 , and Teos; CAPInv. 1678).
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The descriptive term <i>koinon</i> (κοινόν), used together with a theophoric name element, guarantees the private character of the association.