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CAPInv. 592: to systema Artemeisiakon (l. Artemisiakon) mega epikaloumenon ton gnapheon

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Arabia
iii. Site	Gerasa

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	τὸ σύστημα Ἀρτεμεισιακὸν (l. Ἀρτεμισιακὸν) μέγα ἐπικαλούμενον τῶν γναφέων (SEG 35: 1572, ll. 9-10)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>to systema Artemeisiakon (l. Artemisiakon) mega epikaloumenon ton gnapheon</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	207 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Personal:	<i>gnapheis</i>
	Theophoric:	<i>Artemisiakon</i> : Artemis
	Other:	<i>mega</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	σύστημα, <i>systema</i>	
Note	<i>systema</i> : SEG 35: 1572, l. 9	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 35: 1572 (AD 207)
Online Resources	SEG 35: 1572

i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedicatory inscription
i.c. Physical format(s)	Small chalk altar, inscription on four sides
ii. Source(s) provenance	At the way up to the sanctuary of Artemis at Gerasa

VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	Zenon son of Ariston (ll. 10-11)
Gender	Male

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	L. 9 seems to refer to the delineation of sacred space (τὸ κλῖτος περιέλαβαν, <i>to klitos perielaban</i> , ll. 8-9). Gatier 1985: 310 infers from this that the association had been founded rather recently.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The altar is erected for the <i>soteria</i> (l. 1) of the emperors.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	This is a professional association (<i>systema</i>) that "is also called the great Artemisiac (association)".
iii. Bibliography	Gatier, P.-L. (1985) 'Nouvelles inscriptions de Gerasa', <i>Syria</i> 62: 297-312, esp. 308-10.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	Professional associations in the 2nd/3rd century AD were often very close to the official civic institutions, but they probably remained essentially private associations.