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CAPInv. 593: **kepouroi tes ano pharangos**

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	κηπουροὶ τῆς ἄνω φάρανγος (SEG 35: 1573, ll. 9-10)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>kepouroi tes ano pharangos</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	209 - 211 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>kepouroi</i>
	Topographical:	The <i>kepouroi</i> are those "of the upper valley".

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 35: 1573 (209 - 211 AD)
Online Resources	SEG 35: 1573
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedicatory inscription
i.c. Physical format(s)	Chalk base

ii. Source(s) provenance	Found at the way up to the sanctuary of Artemis.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	Given the dedication to Artemis, worship by the gourd can be envisaged.
Deities worshipped	Artemis
iv. Honours/Other activities	The dedication is made to Artemis for the well-being of the emperors.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	Gatier 1985: 311 argues that "ici la forme d'association entre les jardiniers paraît sommaire, limitée à l'érection de la base dédiée à la déesse poliade de Gerasa, Artémis". While a permanent structure cannot be proven, it should not be excluded. The find-spot, the date and the worship of Artemis invite comparison to the <i>systema</i> of the <i>gnapheis</i> (CAPInv. 592).
iii. Bibliography	Gatier, P.-L. (1985), 'Nouvelles inscriptions de Gerasa', <i>Syria</i> 62: 297-312, esp. 310-2.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
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.