

CAPInv. 615: **machairopoioi**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Phoenicia
iii. Site	Sidon

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	μαχαιοποιοί (SEG 55: 1660, ll. 4-5)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>machairopoioi</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	48 / 47 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>machairopoioi</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>	
Note	<i>koinon</i> : SEG 55: 1660, l. 6	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 55: 1660 (48 / 47 BC)
Note	See also AGRW 275.
Online Resources	AGRW ID 4835
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedicatory inscription

i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble plaque
ii. Source(s) provenance	Sidon, probably from the sanctuary of Eshmun

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	ἄρχων, <i>archon</i> (ll. 3-4)
Eponymous office	The document is dated according to the Sidonian Era, but also (through a genitive absolute) by the <i>archon</i> (ll. 1-4).

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	Given the dedication to the <i>theos hagios</i> by the group, worship may be supposed.
Deities worshipped	<i>Theos Hagios</i>

XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance	Poland Z 89
iii. Bibliography	Wachter, R. (2005), 'Die griechischen Inschriften', in R.A. Stucky (ed.), <i>Das Eschmun-Heiligtum von Sidon. Architektur und Inschriften</i> , Basel: 319-31, esp. 321.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	The use of a corporate designation proves that this is an early example of a professional association. Nothing suggests that it was not an essentially private network.