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## I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Bithynia
iii. Site	Nikaia

## II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-WAM-008
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## III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii - iii AD
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## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Iznik 1324 (iii AD?)
Note	See also: SGO II 09 / 05 / 86 Nikaia Jaccottet II, p. 146
Online Resources	<a href="#">I.Iznik 1324</a> <a href="#">AGRW ID# 13296</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Funerary inscription in Greek for the <i>archimystes Bakchou Megalou</i> Epiktetos, son of Asklepiades and Vera.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble stele with pediment and relief depicting a man, a woman and a child.
ii. Source(s) provenance	The inscription was found at Yakacik (Esri/Söğüt).

## VII. ORGANIZATION

### ii. Leadership

The ἀρχιμύστης Βάκχου Μεγάλου, *archimystes Bakchou Megalou* (I.Iznik 1324, ll. 5-6) was apparently at the head of a group of initiates.

## X. ACTIVITIES

### iii. Worship

The initiates headed by the *archimystes Bakchou Megalou* worshipped Dionysus and performed mysteries (ἀρχιμύστης Βάκχου Μεγάλου, *archimys[ten] Bakchou Megalou*, I.Iznik 1324, ll. 5-6, cf. Jaccottet II, p. 146).

#### Deities worshipped

Dionysos (Bakchos)

## XII. NOTES

### iii. Bibliography

Jaccottet, A.-F. (2003), *Choisir Dionysos. Les associations dionysiaques ou la face cachée du dionysisme II. Les documents*. Zürich.

## XIII. EVALUATION

### i. Private association

Possible

#### Note

The term *archimystes* suggests the existence of a hierarchical organization within a group of initiates but does not necessarily indicate a durable private association.