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## CAPInv. 66: Esenchebiake synodos

### I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Arsinoites (00)

### II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Ἑσσηχηβιακὴ σύνοδος (I.Fayoum III 204, l. 3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Esenchebiake synodos</i>

### III. DATE

i. Date(s)	68 BC
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### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	<i>Esenchebis</i> (epithet of Isis)
iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>	
Note	<i>Synodos</i> : I.Fayoum III 204, l. 3	

### V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Fayoum III 204
Note	Other editions: SB I 4211; AGRW 291
Online Resources	<a href="#">I.Fayoum III 204</a> <a href="#">TM 8170</a> <a href="#">AGRW ID 2894</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek <i>topos</i> inscription to Isis Esenchebis on behalf of Ptolemy XII Neo Dionysus.

**i.c. Physical format(s)**

Stele. Above the inscription there is a relief with the goddess Isis and a worshipper.

## VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

**ii. References to buildings/objects**

The association owned a τόπος, *topos* which was situated near the temple (of Isis), delimited north by a *peribolos* (built by the *synagogos*), south by the *dromos* of the temple, west by the *komasterion* and east by the temple itself (ll. 4-5).

## VII. ORGANIZATION

**ii. Leadership**

συναγωγός, *synagogos* (l. 3): the man is called Helenos.

**iii. Members**

The members of the association are called οἱ ἐκ τῆς Ἑσενχηβιακῆς συνόδου, *hoi ek tes Esenchebiakes synodou* (l. 3).

## VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

**ii. Realty**

The association owned a *topos* (l. 4). The enclosing wall (περίβολος, *peribolos*, l. 4), built by the *synagogos* Helenos, may have run around some other properties of the association's or it may have been the temple's. If the latter is the case (as is probable), the president of the *Esenchebiake synodos* had a position of importance within the temple itself too.

## IX. MEMBERSHIP

**ii. Gender**

Men

**Note**

The names are male names.

**vi. Proper names and physical features**

Ἑλενος συναγωγός

## X. ACTIVITIES

**iii. Worship**

The association dedicated the inscription (and the *topos* most probably) to Isis Esenchebis (l. 2).

**Deities worshipped**

Isis Esenchebis

**iv. Honours/Other activities**

The association shows its devotion to the Royal House by setting up the dedication to Isis on behalf of the King (ll. 1-2).

## XI. INTERACTION

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| i. <b>Local interaction</b> | The association (and its members) seems to have operated very closely (and not only geographically) with the local temple of Isis. |
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## XII. NOTES

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| ii. <b>Poland concordance</b> | Poland B * 474 B |
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## XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. <b>Private association</b> | Certain   |
| <b>Note</b>                   | The terminology used ( <i>synodos</i> ), the internal organisation, the officials, and the ownership of a <i>topos</i> (which suggests the dealings in which the group was involved) make it certain that we have here a private association. |