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CAPInv. 676: **he hetaireia**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Syria
iii. Site	Dura Europos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ἡ ἑταιρεία (Dura-Europos V 418, l. 3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>he hetaireia</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	54 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

iii. Descriptive terms	ἐταιρεία, <i>hetaireia</i>
Note	<i>hetaireia</i> : Dura-Europos V, no. 418, l. 3

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Dura-Europos V 418 (AD 54)
Online Resources	AGRW ID 23496
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Building inscription in Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Slab of gypsum
ii. Source(s) provenance	Temple of Aphlad

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	Low benches around the room may have been used for the meetings of this association (cf. Rostovtzeff 1934: 115).
ii. References to buildings/objects	ἀνδρών, <i>andron</i> (l. 4). The term originally means "men's chamber"; "at Dura it is clearly a sanctuary but one probably reserved for men" (Rostovtzeff 1934: 115).

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	11
ii. Gender	Men
Note	The names recorded are male names.
v. Relations	The 11 subscribers belong to 6 different families.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The "undersigned members of the <i>hetaireia</i> " dedicate the <i>andron</i> to Aphlad, for the welfare of the <i>strategos</i> Seleukos, of themselves and their families.
Deities worshipped	Aphlad

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The document is dated to the 20th of Gorpaios, as is the case - 17 years earlier - with the building inscription of the <i>synetairoi</i> from the temple of Atargatis (CAPInv. 675). The documents are also linked by the use of the formal word "undersigned": οἱ ὑπογεγραμμένοι συνέταιροι, <i>hoi hypogegrammenoi synetairoi</i> (YCIS 14 (1955): 129-31, no. 2, ll. 3-4); οἱ ὑπογεγραμμένοι ἀπὸ τῆς ἑταιρείας, <i>hoi hypogegrammenoi apo tes hetaireias</i> (Dura-Europos V, no. 418, ll. 2-3). These similarities do not mean that the two groups are identical, but rather suggest a common environment for cultic associations at Dura. Unfortunately, the details escape us.
iii. Bibliography	Milik, J.T. (1972), <i>Dédicaces faites par des dieux (Palmyre, Hatra, Tyr) et des thiasés sémitiques à l'époque romaine</i> . Paris: 136-7. Rostovtzeff, M.I. (1934), <i>The Excavations at Dura-Europos. Preliminary Report of Fifth Season of Work, October 1931-March 1932</i> . New Haven.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	This was probably a private association like the <i>synetairoi</i> discussed in CAPInv. 675 .