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CAPInv. 683: **he [ton T]ota[i]aenon geitosyne**

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ἡ [τῶν Τ]οτα[ι]αηνῶν γειτοσύνη (I.Iznik 1202, ll. 5-6)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>he [ton T]ota[i]aenon geitosyne</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	102 - 114 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Ethnic:	<i>Totaiaenos</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	γειτοσύνη, <i>geitosyne</i>	
Note	<i>geitosyne</i> : I.Iznik 1202, ll. 5-6	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Iznik 1202 (102 - 114 AD)
Note	See also Mendel 1900: 402-403 nr. 78 IGR III 50 and 409 Fernoux 2004: 345-346 no. 8
Online Resources	I.Iznik 1202
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorary inscription in Greek set up by the <i>ton Totaiaenon geitosyne</i> for its benefactor Demosthenes son of Lucius.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Base.
ii. Source(s) provenance	The inscription was found built into a well at Gölpazari in the vicinity of Iznik.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	See below under field XIII.i: Comments.
v. Other staff	See below under field XIII.i: Comments.
viii. Obligations	On the possibility of contributions imposed on the members, see below under field XIII.i: Comments.

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	<i>He ton Totaiaenon geitosyne</i> honoured its benefactor and <i>ekdikos</i> Demosthenes son of Lucius. The nature of his benefactions is not further specified but the term <i>ekdikos</i> indicates legal representation and advocacy, concerning either the <i>geitosyne</i> itself or a city to which the <i>geitosyne</i> was attached (see below under field XIII.i: Comments).
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	<p>The inscription is dated by reference to a year (the number is not preserved on the stone) of Trajan's principate. The title <i>Dakikos</i> indicates 102 AD as <i>terminus post quem</i> and the absence of the title <i>Optimus</i> indicates 114 AD as <i>terminus ante quem</i>. (See Mendel 1900: 403; Şahin in I.Iznik 1202, p. 277a).</p> <p>Demosthenes was honoured as <i>ἐκδικος</i> <i>ekdikos</i>, i.e. a legal representative. Whether this was a regular office of the community or an <i>ad hoc</i> post cannot be established with certainty (on this topic see Dmitriev 2005: 213-6 with further bibliography). The editors of SEG 31: 1069, p. 286 suggested that Demosthenes' <i>ekdikeia</i> was a civic function and not a legal advocacy of the <i>Totaiaenon geitosyne</i>. But this is not entirely certain.</p> <p>The cost of the honours awarded to Demosthenes may indicate the existence of a common treasury of the group, but there is no clear proof for that. The cost may have been covered from <i>ad hoc</i> contributions paid by the members of the group.</p>
iii. Bibliography	<p>Dmitriev, S. (2005), <i>City Government in Hellenistic and Roman Asia Minor</i>. Oxford.</p> <p>Fernoux, H.-L. (2004), <i>Notables et elites des cités de Bithynie aux époques hellénistique et romaine (IIIe siècle av. J.-C. – IIIe siècle ap. J.-C.). Essai d'histoire sociale</i>. Lyon.</p> <p>Mendel, G. (1900), 'Inscriptions de Bithynie', <i>BCH</i> 24: 361-426.</p> <p>Poland, F. (1909), <i>Geschichte des griechischen Vereinswesens</i>. Leipzig.</p> <p>Pont, A.-V. (2013), 'Les groupes de voisinage dans les villes d'Asie Mineure occidentale à l'époque impériale' in P. Fröhlich and P. Hamon (eds.), <i>Groupes et associations dans les cités grecques (IIIe siècle av. J.-C. – IIe siècle apr. J.-C.)</i>, Genève: 129-56.</p> <p>Van Nijf, O. (1997), <i>The Civic World of Professional Associations in the Roman East</i>. Amsterdam.</p>

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Discarded
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Note

The term *geitosyne* may denote a neighborhood association (Poland 1909: 85; cf. Van Nijf 1997: 181-2 with further bibliography). However, Pont (2013: 133) has argued that *he ton Totaiaenon geitosyne* in our inscription refers to the community of the rural settlement Totaion. The provenance of the inscription speaks in favor of this thesis (cf. also Fernoux 2004: 345-346 and 349).