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CAPInv. 708: **thiasus Maenad(um) regianarum**

## I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Macedonia
ii. Region	Edonis
iii. Site	Philippi

## II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	thiasus Maenad(um) regianarum ( <i>An.Ép.</i> 1939: no. 192, ll. 2-3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>thiasus Maenad(um) regianarum</i>

## III. DATE

i. Date(s)	i - ii AD
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>Maenades</i>
	Other:	<i>regianae</i> : The meaning is not clear. Jaccottet II no. 25 translates as 'royal' and sees a reference to literary tradition (Greek tragedy) and the daughters of Cadmus; GRA I 71 tentatively suggests the translation 'distinguished'; Philhofer 2000: 103, no. 340/L589 omits the term in his translation but wonders if it occurs here in order to differentiate from some other <i>thiasus</i> of Maenads.
iii. Descriptive terms	thiasus, <i>thiasus</i>	
Note	<i>thiasus</i> : <i>An.Ép.</i> 1939: no. 192, l. 2	

## V. SOURCES

<b>i. Source(s)</b>	<i>An.Ép.</i> 1939: no. 192 (i - ii AD)
<b>Note</b>	See also: Jaccottet II no. 25; GRA I 71
<b>Online Resources</b>	<a href="#">An.Ép. 1939: no. 192</a> and <a href="#">AGRW ID 2251</a>
<b>i.a. Source type(s)</b>	Epigraphic source(s)
<b>i.b. Document(s) typology &amp; language/script</b>	Dedication to Liber, Libera and Hercules in Latin
<b>i.c. Physical format(s)</b>	Stele
<b>ii. Source(s) provenance</b>	Philippi, found in a small building unearthed below the NW corner of the Roman baths. In <i>BCH</i> 103 (1979): 624 reported as lost during World War II; present whereabouts unknown.

## VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

<b>i. Archaeological remains</b>	Inscriptions referring to Liber, Libera and Hercules and found in this same area (for a list of which, see Pilhofer 2009: no. 338/L333) suggest that the structure below the Roman baths may have been a small sanctuary devoted to this cult. The baths were built in the middle of the 3rd cent. AD, thus offering a <i>terminus ante quem</i> for the construction and use of the building below.
<b>ii. References to buildings/objects</b>	As indicated by the text, the <i>thiasus</i> provided for the supply of water (ll. 3-4: <i>aq[ua]m induxit, aq[ua]m induxit</i> ) to the cult place where the inscription was found, see GRA I 71.

## VII. ORGANIZATION

<b>iii. Members</b>	The members are referred to as <i>Maenades regianae</i> ( <i>An.Ép.</i> 1939: no. 192, ll. 2-3).
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## IX. MEMBERSHIP

<b>ii. Gender</b>	Women
<b>Note</b>	As indicated by the reference to Maenads, the members were women.

## X. ACTIVITIES

<b>iii. Worship</b>	The term <i>Maenades</i> indicate orgiastic rites and suggests worship of Dionysus by the group.
<b>Deities worshipped</b>	Dionysos

## XII. NOTES

i. Comments	<p><i>Thiasus Maenad(arum) regianar(um)</i>, on the stone, according to Collart 1937: 368, no. 1, followed by Jaccottet II no. 25. <i>Thiasus Maenad(um) regianar(um)</i>, according to Nigdelis, followed by Pilhofer 2000: 103, no. 340/L589 and GRA I 71.</p> <p>For Jaccottet II no. 25 the use of the term <i>Maenadarum</i> instead of <i>Baccharum</i> and the epithet <i>regianarum</i>, understood as a reference to the daughters of Cadmus, indicate 'a poetic rather than a ritual language'.</p> <p>The date is tentatively suggested by Jaccottet II no. 25.</p>
iii. Bibliography	<p>Collart, P. (1937), <i>Philippes, ville de Macédoine depuis ses origines jusqu'à la fin de l'époque romaine</i>. Paris.</p> <p>Jaccottet, A.-Fr. (2003), <i>Choisir Dionysos: Les associations dionysiaques ou la face cachée du dionysisme</i>. 2 vols. Zürich.</p> <p>Pilhofer, P. (2000), <i>Philippi, Band II: Katalog der Inschriften von Philippi</i>. Tübingen: 103, no. 340/L589.</p> <p>Pilhofer, P. (2009), <i>Philippi, Band II. Katalog der Inschriften von Philippi. 2., überarbeitete und ergänzte Auflage</i>. Tübingen: 404-5, no. 338/L333.</p>

## XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology employed points to a private association.