

CAPInv. 714: **syngeneia**

## I. LOCATION

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

## II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	συνγένεια (I. συγγένεια, TAM IV.1 74, ll. 7-8)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>syngeneia</i>

## III. DATE

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

iii. Descriptive terms	συνγένεια, <i>syngeneia</i>
Note	<i>syngeneia</i> : TAM IV.1 74, ll. 7-8

## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	TAM IV.1 74 (ii AD)
Note	See also: Dörner 1941, 65 nr. 39 Schwertheim 1978: 793-794 nr. 2 Ögüt-Polat and Şahin 1985: 111 nr. 17
Online Resources	<a href="#">TAM IV.1 74</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication in Greek offered as a thanksgiving to Theos Preietos, Kybele and Zeus by the members of a <i>syngeneia</i> .

i.c. <b>Physical format(s)</b>	Altar with reliefs on three sides representing Theos Preietos, Kybele and Zeus.
ii. <b>Source(s) provenance</b>	The inscription was found at Deli Mahmudlar and transported to Izmit (Nikomedeia).

## VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. <b>References to buildings/objects</b>	An altar was dedicated by the <i>syngeneia</i> to Theos Preietos, Kybele and Zeus.
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## VII. ORGANIZATION

viii. <b>Obligations</b>	On the possibility of contributions paid by the members of the <i>syngeneia</i> see below under field XII.i: Comments.
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## VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. <b>Realty</b>	The altar dedicated by the <i>syngeneia</i> was probably in its possession.
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## IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. <b>Number</b>	Seven members (all male) of the <i>syngeneia</i> are recorded in the last part of the dedication to Theos Preietos (ll. 4-8): Biantion, Damas, Biantion, Moukianos, Sostratos, Theophilos and Sosipatros.
ii. <b>Gender</b>	Men
<b>Note</b>	All recorded members are male.

## X. ACTIVITIES

iii. <b>Worship</b> <b>Deities worshipped</b>	The members of the <i>syngeneia</i> dedicated an altar as a thanksgiving to Theos Preietos, Kybele and Zeus.  Theos Preietos Kybele Zeus
iv. <b>Honours/Other activities</b>	The members of the <i>syngeneia</i> expressed their gratitude to <i>Theos Preietos</i> possibly for protecting their animals as the formula Θεῶ Πρειέτω εὐχαριστήριον κατ'ἐπιταγὴν ὑπὲρ τῶν ζώων ( <i>Theoi Preietoi eucharisterin kat' epitagen hyper ton zoion</i> , ll. 2-3) seems to imply (cf. Ögüt-Polat and Şahin 1985: 111 on Theos Preietos as God of domestic animals). They also seem to have thanked Kybele (l. 9: Εὐχαριστοῦμεν τῇ [Μητρὶ], <i>Eucharistoumen tei [Metri]</i> ) and possibly Zeus (ll. 10-11 as restored by Ögüt-Polat and Şahin 1985: 111, κατ' ἐπιταγὴν ΤΟΕΙ Διὲ εὐχαριστ[οῦμεν], <i>kat' epitagen TOEI Diei eucharist[oumen]</i> ).

## XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The cost of the altar 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 <i>syngeneia</i> , listed by name in the final part of the inscription.
iii. Bibliography	Dörner, F.K. (1941), <i>Inschriften und Denkmäler aus Bithynien</i> . Berlin. Ögüt-Polat, S. and Şahin, S. (1985), 'Katalog der bithynischen Inschriften im archäologischen Museum von Istanbul', <i>EA</i> 5: 97-121. Poland, F. (1909), <i>Geschichte des griechischen Vereinswesens</i> . Leipzig. Schwertheim, E. (1978), 'Denkmäler zur Meterverehrung in Bithynien und Mysien', in S. Şahin, E. Schwertheim, and J. Wagner (eds.), <i>Studien zur Religion und Kultur Kleinasiens. Festschrift für Friedrich Karl Dörner zum 65. Geburtstag am 28. Februar 1976</i> . 2 vols, Leiden: 791-837.

## XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	On associations defined as <i>syngeneia</i> or with other correlated terms see Poland 1909: 88. Whether the <i>syngeneia</i> of our inscription corresponded to an organized association or was just a group of relatives collaborating on the erection and the dedication of the altar cannot be established with certainty.