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CAPInv. 765: Isthmike s[ynodos - - -]

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Peloponnese with Adjacent Islands
ii. Region	Korinthia
iii. Site	Corinth

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Ἰσθμικὴ σ[ύνοδος ---] (SEG 45: 234, l. 4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Isthmike s[ynodos - - -]</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	98 / 99 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Geographical:	<i>Isthmike</i> (of Isthmos)
iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>	
Note	<i>synodos</i> : SEG 45: 234, l. 4	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 45: 234 (AD 98/9)
Note	See also: <i>BE</i> 1976: no. 249
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Letter in Greek by the Emperor Trajan to a <i>synodos</i> .

i.c. Physical format(s)	Fragment of a stele of white marble which preserves the bottom of the stele.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Corinth, "in a level of destruction debris overlying an ancient quarry directly opposite Hill House on the south side of the road running west from the site of Ancient Corinth" (Geagan 1975: 396).

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	"The debris in which the stone was found possibly represents a building which housed the headquarters of the <i>technitai</i> at Corinth" (Geagan 1975: 400).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

v. Other staff	[- -] <i>ouios Philadelphos</i> (l. 11) served apparently as an ambassador of the <i>synodos</i> to the emperor (in l. 11 <i>πρεσβευτής</i> , <i>presbeutes</i> is restored), since in l. 12 the <i>ἐφόδιον</i> , <i>ephodion</i> , (<i>viaticum</i>) is mentioned.
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XI. INTERACTION

ii. Interaction abroad	The imperial letter shows the impact of the <i>synodos</i> .
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	Geagan 1975: 396-401, restores ll. 4-5 of the inscription as [τ]ῆι ἰσθμικῇ σ[υνόδοι τῶν περὶ τὸν Διόνυσον τεχνειτῶν], [<i>t]ei isthmikei s[ynodoi ton peri ton Dionyson techniton</i>]. Oliver 1989: 139-40, no. 47, offers a different text [τ]ῆι ἰσθμικῇ σ[υνόδοι τῶν περὶ τὸν Ἡρακλέα ἀθλητῶν], [<i>t]ei isthmikei s[ynodoi ton peri ton Heraklea athleton</i>]. Robert in <i>BE</i> 1976: no. 249, mentions coins of Tralles dated to the age of Septimius Severus, where two female figures are depicted and accompanied by the legends σύνδοος Ὀλυμπική, σύνδοος Πυθική (<i>synodos Olympike</i> , <i>synodos Pythike</i>) (see Robert 1969: 652-3), which are interpreted as personifications of the assemblies of competitors who arrived in order to participate respectively in the Olympia and Pythia which were organized in Tralles.
iii. Bibliography	Geagan, D.J. (1975), 'A letter of Trajan to a synod at Isthmia', <i>Hesperia</i> 44: 396-401. Oliver, J.H. (1989), <i>Greek constitutions of early Roman Emperors from inscriptions and papyri</i> . Philadelphia: 139-40, no. 47. Robert, L. (1969), <i>Opera Minora Selecta</i> . Vol. I. Amsterdam: 652-3.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The well-known character of the athletic <i>synodoi</i> makes it certain that we are dealing with a private association.