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CAPInv. 793: U-MAC-008

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Macedonia
ii. Region	Mygdonia
iii. Site	Thessalonike

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-MAC-008
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii AD
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	<i>IG</i> X.2.1 1041 (ii AD)
Online Resources	IG X.2.1, 1041
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Ex-voto base.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Thasos.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	If this was indeed an association (see under XIII.i: Evaluation, below), it was led by an ἀρχικερδέμπορος, <i>archikerdemporos</i> (Il. 7-8), Zoilos, who should most probably be identified with the co-owner of the ship Herakles.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status	If this was indeed an association (see under XIII.i: Evaluation, below) it was formed by shipowners and merchants who were involved in long-distance commerce between Macedonia and Asia; Thasos, the find-spot of this dedication, was a well-known stop in that route.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	Poland's (1909: 107) assumption that the (possible) association was called κερδέμποροι, <i>kerdemporoi</i> , is highly speculative.
iii. Bibliography	<p>Nigdelis, P.M. (2006), <i>Επιγραφικά Θεσσαλονίκεια. Συμβολή στην πολιτική και κοινωνική ιστορία της αρχαίας Θεσσαλονίκης</i>, Thessaloniki</p> <p>Pleket, H. (1984), 'Urban Elite and the Economy in the Greek Cities of the Roman Empire', <i>MBAH</i> 3: 3-34.</p> <p>Poland, F. (1909), <i>Geschichte des griechischen Vereinswesens</i>, Leipzig: 109.</p> <p>vom Brocke, C. (2001), <i>Thessaloniki: Stadt des Kassanders und Gemeinde des Paulus</i>, Tübingen: 76-7.</p>

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The majority of scholars, from Poland 1909: 109, 192 onwards (see Nigdelis 2006: 453-4 with earlier literature, to which add vom Brocke 2001: 76-7), posit that this dedication was made by an association of shipowners and merchants. Pleket 1984: 13 n. 47 has reasonable doubts and assumes that Epiktetos and Zoilos were not the shipowners, but commercial representatives of the actual owners. Nigdelis 2006: 452-4 no. T32 rightly observes that the term ἀρχικερδέμπορος, <i>archidemporos</i> , points to an association, led by Zoilos. In fact, the interpretation of this commercial venture as part of the function of a business association is not incompatible with Pleket's interpretation: some form of associative company is possible (or even probable) in this case even if the actual owners were not its members.