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CAPInv. 800: **U-MAC-014**

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

i. Association with unknown name	U-MAC-014		

i. Date(s)	f. iv AD

i.	Source(s)	IG X.2.1 Suppl. 1516 (f. iv AD)	
	Note	Other editions: AE 2006, 1290	
	Online Resources	<u>IG X.2.1 Suppl. 1516</u> and <u>TM 190568</u>	
i.a.	Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)	
i.b.	Document(s) typology & language/script	Latin funerary inscription	
i.c.	Physical format(s)	Plaque.	
ii.	Source(s) provenance	Western cemetery of Thessalonike.	

iii. Members	Members of the guild are called <i>collegiati</i> .
iv. Officials	The deceased <i>bestiarius</i> was the association's <i>vixillarius</i> , 'standard-bearer'.

IX MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status

Maximinus, the deceased, makes clear in his epitaph that he was a *cives*, a free Roman citizen.

XI. INTERACTION

ii. Interaction abroad

It is unclear whether this particular *ludus* was established at Sirmium, the homeland of the deceased, Thessaloniki, or elsewhere. It may have gathered members employed in wild-beast games all over the Balkans.

XII NOTES

i. Comments

Collegium is not explicitly attested, but the text's formula (collegiatus [lud]i centin<a>ri) makes collegium ludi centinari a very probable name of the association.

Whether we understand the term *centenarius* as meaning *centurio* or as an adjective denoting the years the school was in operation (see Nigdelis 2006: 243), it is clear that the term is part of the school's name, and hence of the name of the association.

Alternatively, one could assume that the descriptive term for this guild of *bestiarii* and, presumably, gladiators was the *ludus* itself, the common term used for gladiatorial schools (private, imperial, or civic).

This is the last mention of wild-beast games in Macedonia (Nigdelis 2006: 248), the last mention of an association in Macedonia (Nigdelis 2010: 19 n. 40), and the only source in Latin for a certain private association from Macedonia.

ii. Poland concordance

iii. Bibliography

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XIII FVALUATION

i. Private association

Probable

Note

The school's international character, which seems to preclude that we are dealing with a civic school, and the absence of any elements allowing us to suppose that it was an imperial school, make it rather probable that we are dealing here with a private gladiatorial school.

