

CAPInv. 843: Diktynnaistai

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Caria
iii. Site	Mylasa

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Δικτυνναῖσταί (<i>I.Mylasa</i> 179, line 4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Diktynnaistai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	100 (?) BC - 100 (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	Δικτυνναῖσταί, <i>Diktynnaistai</i> Name formed from the Cretan goddess Diktynna, see below X.iii.
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	<i>I.Mylasa</i> 179 (ca. 100 BC - 100 AD?)
Online Resources	PHI: Mylasa 121 Harland, AGRW 10590
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Fragment of an honorific decree (cf. [—] ἀγαθὸς [—], line 5), headed by a date with the eponymous <i>stephanephoros</i> of Mylasa (line 1), thus probably a decree emanating from a civic subdivision (tribe, <i>syngeneia</i> , etc.).

i.c. Physical format(s)	Stele. The present text is inscribed below an earlier or later inscription, <i>I.Mylasa</i> 418 (Roman imperial period).
ii. Source(s) provenance	Milas.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	There is a tentative reference to a sum of money ([—] δραχμὰς [—], line 6), perhaps indicating monetary benefactions made by the honorand in favour of the association or another body.
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X. ACTIVITIES

Deities worshipped	The group explicitly worships the Cretan goddess Diktynna. On this goddess, see still Willetts 1962: 179-93, etc.
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XI. INTERACTION

ii. Interaction abroad	Mythical and historical links of kinship between Crete and Caria ran deep and the cults of deities from Crete are well attested in Caria (see lastly Mastrocinque 2002, focussing on the Hellenistic and Seleucid context; a systematic study remains to be made). A priest of Zeus Kretagenes and the Kouretes is known at <i>I.Mylasa</i> 102, 107 and 806. For e.g. also a priest of Zeus Kretagenes and Diktynna at Amyzon, cf. <i>I.Amyzon</i> 14, line 3.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	It is unclear whether the honorand of the fragmentary decree, one Hegemonios(?) the son of Sotades ([—] Ἡγεμονεΐους τοῦ Σωτάδου, line 2), was a member of the association of the <i>Diktynnaistai</i> , though it may be assumed with some probability.
iii. Bibliography	Mastrocinque, A. (2002), 'Zeus Kretagenes seleucidico. Da Seleucia a Praeneste (e in Giudea)', <i>Klio</i> 84: 355-72. Willetts, R.F. (1962), <i>Cretan Cults and Festivals</i> , London.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	Though attested in an extremely fragmentary and likely civic context, it seems probable that, given its name, the association of the <i>Diktynnaistai</i> was a private cultic association.