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I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Aiolis
iii. Site	Kyme

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-WAM-015
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	a. 213 AD
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Kyme 40 (after 213 AD)
Note	Jaccottet 2003, vol. 2: no. 105
Online Resources	I.Kyme 40
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedicatory inscription in Greek. Aurelios Zosimos, <i>chalkeus</i> (black-smith) and Aurelios Herodes, <i>archimystes</i> made a dedication amounting to 600 denarii.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Stele. H. 45 cm
ii. Source(s) provenance	Kyme

VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials

ἀρχιμύστης, *archimystes* (l. 4)

Archimystes was at the head of a group of initiates; it is uncertain, however, whether this office pertains to a public or private mystery cult. A public cult of Dionysos is attested in Kyme already in the Hellenistic period (I.Kyme 2; 13; 89; SEG 32: 1243).

XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance

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iii. Bibliography

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Possible

Note

The presence of an *archimystes* alone, though indicative of a group of initiates with an internal organisation, seems insufficient for a secure identification of a private association, especially if we take into account the relatively late date of the inscription (after 213 AD) and the nature of the dedication (joint dedication by a *chalkeus* and an *archimystes*).