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CAPInv. 1322: (hoi) peri hiera Xenon (sic) Eros thieseitai [l. thiasitai]

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Black Sea Region
ii. Region	North coast of the Black Sea
iii. Site	Tanais

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	(οἱ) περὶ <ι>ε>ρέα Ξένων (sic) Ἔρωτος ... θιεσεῖται [l. θιασῖται] (CIRB 1259, ll. 7-8)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	(hoi) peri hiera Xenon (sic) Eros thieseitai [l. thiasitai]

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	104 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Personal: (hoi) peri hiera
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	CIRB 1259 (AD 104).
Online Resources	CIRB 1259 and AGRW ID 1839
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication 'celebrating the th[.] (θ[.] on the stone) Day of Tanais'.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble stele broken in two joining parts with relief depicting a horseman to right and, in front of him, an altar and a tree.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Tanais

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	Xenon Erotos ἱερεύς, <i>hiereus</i> (Il. 7-8).
iii. Members	Under the heading τῶν λοιπῶν θεοσειτῶν, (l. θιασιτῶν) <i>ton loipon thiasiton</i> (l. 12, wrongly in gen. instead of the acc.) are engraved the names (with patronymics) of 13 members.
iv. Officials	One συναγωγός, <i>synagogos</i> (Il. 8-9). One φιλάγαθος, <i>philagathos</i> (Il. 9-10). One παρ[α]φιλάγαθος, <i>par[a]philagathos</i> (Il. 10-12).

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	17, 4 officials and 13 members.
ii. Gender	Men
Note	The attested names are male names.
iii. Age	Adults

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	Association celebrating the 'Day of Tanais': ἄ[γ]οντες θ[.] ἡμέραν Τανάϊδος, <i>a[g]ontes th[.] hemeran Tanaidos</i> , i.e. 'celebrating the [...]th Day of Lanais'. See below: XII.i.
Deities worshipped	God Tanais or a river god Tanais

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	There is no consensus concerning the deity worshipped by this association: a river god Tanais, as suggested by the first editor (Knipovich 1949: 118, recently accepted with further arguments in Ivanchik 2008: 64-5 [SEG 58: 785]) or an eponymous city god Tanais (Arsen'eva, Böttger and Vinogradov 1996: 69). An alternative possibility would be to attribute this stele to the well known θίασος, <i>thiasos</i> , of Θεός Ὑψιστος, <i>Theos Hypsistos</i> (CAPInv. 1324), as suggested in Ustinova 1999: 194-5, insofar this cult is attested since the early 1st century AD on the Lower Tanais (Don) by CIRB 1316 and the association has the same staff (ἱερεύς, <i>hiereus</i> , συναγωγός, <i>synagogos</i> , φιλάγαθος, <i>philagathos</i> , and παραφιλάγαθος, <i>paraphilagathos</i>) as the cult association for this god, whose documents are group during he reign of Sauromates II (AD 173/4-210/11) and his successors.
iii. Bibliography	Arsen'eva, T.M., Böttger, B., and Vinogradov, Ju.G. (1996), 'Novye issledovaniya v Tanaise [New Researches in Tanais]', <i>VDI</i> 3: 69. Ivanchik, A.I. (2008), 'Tri nadpisi fiasov ellinisticheskogo vremeni iz Tanaisa (Novye dannye o greko-iranskom zvaimodejstvii v Tanaise dopolemonovoj epokhi) [Three Inscriptions of the Hellenistic Period of Thiasoi from Tanais. New Data on Greek-Iranian Relationship in Tanais before Polemo's Time]', <i>VDI</i> 2: 64-5. Jajlenko, V.P. (2010): <i>Tysjacheletnij Bosporskij Rejkh [A Thousand Year Bosporan Reich (sic)]</i> . Moscow: 331-56. Knipovich, T.N. (1949), <i>Tanais</i> . Moscow, Leningrad: 117-8. Shelov, D.B. (1972), <i>Tanais i Nizhnyi Don v pervye veka nashej ery [Tanais and the Lower Don in the First Centuries AD]</i> . Moscow: 274. Ustinova, Yu. (1999), <i>The Supreme Gods of the Bosporan Kingdom. Celestial Aphrodite and the Most High God</i> . Leiden, Boston, Cologne: 192-5. Zavojkina, N.V. (2012), <i>Bosporskie fiasy: mezhdru polisom i monarkhiey [Bosporan Thiasoi: Between Polis and Monarchy]</i> . Moscow: 102-5.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The terminology suggests a private association.