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CAPInv. 1596: hoi phyratai

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Ionia
iii. Site	Ephesos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ φυραταί (I.Eph(esos) 553, ll. 1-2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi phyratai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	350 (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>phyratai</i>
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Eph(esos) 553 (350 (?) AD)
Online Resources	I.Eph(esos) 553
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Topos-inscription, Greek
i.c. Physical format(s)	Inscribed base of a column
ii. Source(s) provenance	Atrium Thermarum Constantianarum

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	Places were reserved for the <i>phyratai</i> ("bread kneaders"). As part of the baker's professions, they may have been among the official <i>corpora</i> in the service of the <i>annona</i> .
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	Professional associations in the 2nd/3rd century were often very close to the official civic institutions, but they probably remained essentially private associations. But if this inscription really dates from late antiquity, the development towards obligatory membership would already have taken place.
ii. Historical authenticity	Certain