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## CAPInv. 1917: Dion[y]sobolitai

### I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Propontic Thrace
iii. Site	Byzantion

### II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Διον[υ]σοβολιταί (I.Byzantion 38, l. 2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Dion[y]sobolitai</i>

### III. DATE

i. Date(s)	118 - 138 AD
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### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	<i>Dionysobolitai</i> : derived from Dionysus <i>Parabolos</i> , a local epithet for Dionysus worshiped along the Bosphorus strait.
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### V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Byzantion 38 (AD 118 - 138)
Online Resources	<a href="#">I.Byzantion 38</a> and <a href="#">AGRW ID 13966</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Record of a dedication made by a group of Διονυσοβολιταί, <i>Dionysobolitai</i> .
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble stele with relief depicting Dionysos

## IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Women
Note	One woman is mentioned, Volusia Claudiane (I.Byzantion 38, l. 2).

## XII. NOTES

i. Comments	There are good reasons to believe that this stele relates to <i>hoi thiasitai Dionysiou Parabolou</i> of I.Byzantion 37, an association of worshipers of Dionysos <i>Parabolos</i> ( <a href="#">CAPInv. 316</a> ). Both documents date according to the first and second eponymous archonships of the emperor Hadrian (see Łajtar pp. 71-2, 74), suggesting that the association honoured the emperor's consecutive terms in office. Łajtar notes that the reliefs on both inscriptions are also similar (p. 74). Finally, the rarity of the <i>Parabolos</i> epithet speaks to the identification of both stelai: the epithet is connected with a spot along the Bosphorus mentioned by Dionysius of Byzantium (Dion. Byz. 50), but is otherwise unattested. The outstanding issue which prohibits a certain identification is the variant usage of <i>thiasitai</i> and <i>Dionysobolitai</i> on the two inscriptions. Cf. Łajtar's comments, I.Byzantion, pp. 71-4 (esp. 74).
iii. Bibliography	Łajtar, A. (2000) I.Byzantion, pp. 73-4. Robert, L. (1974), <i>Opera Minora Selecta</i> . Vol. 4. Amsterdam: 200. Robert, L. (1978), 'Documents d'Asie Mineure', <i>BCH</i> 102.1: 395-543, esp. 523-31. Robert, L. (1990), <i>Opera Minora Selecta</i> . Vol. 7. Amsterdam: 646.

## XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	Identification as a private association is probable, if we can assume that this inscription relates to the same group as the association <a href="#">CAPInv. 316</a> .