

CAPInv. 282: **thiasotai**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Attica with Salamis
ii. Region	Attica
iii. Site	Eleusis

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	θιασῶται (SEG 24: 156, ll. 11, 13-4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>thiasotai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	291 - 288 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>thiasotai</i>
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 24: 156 (291-288 BC)
Note	The decree is written <i>stoichedon</i> . Ed. pr. <i>AD</i> 23 (1968) A, 1-6. Cf. SEG 32: 149 & 348. <i>BE</i> 1970, nos 260-61; 2004, no. 152. <i>IEleusis</i> p. 2.
Online Resources	SEG 24: 156 and AGRW ID 23243
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Fragmentary Greek honorary decree for a certain Paidikos because of his benevolence and generosity towards the group. It is followed by a list of members.

i.c. Physical format(s)	The right part of a marble base, inscribed on the front and the right side, measuring 0,24x0,30m.
ii. Source(s) provenance	It was found west of the <i>propylaia</i> in Eleusis.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	The office of treasurer (τ[αμίας], <i>t[amias]</i>) is restored in l. 1.
v. Other staff	In l. 9 the office of δεκαδάρχαι, <i>dekadarchai</i> is mentioned but it is not clear whether they are officials of the association.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	The restoration in ll. 5-6 ἔρ[ανος?], (<i>er[anos?]</i>) implies that there was a common fund. Probably this fund was deposited as παρακαταθήκη, <i>parakatatheke</i> . The common treasury is described with the term κ[οινόν?] (<i>k[oionon?]</i> , l. 16).
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	The name of at least 23 members survive.
ii. Gender	Men
Note	At least 23 names survive.
iii. Age	Adults
iv. Status	The status of the individuals whose names are preserved cannot be ascertained, see Aranoutoglou 2011.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The honoured individual had performed some ritual duties (τὰ ἱερὰ παραλαβὼν, <i>ta hiera paralabon</i>) including a sacrifice (ἔθυε, <i>ethye</i>), ll. 8-10.
Deities worshipped	Sacrifices were addressed to Ζεὺς Σωτήρ (<i>Zeus Soter</i>) and Ὑγεία (<i>Hygeia</i>), l. 10.
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association decided to honour Paidikos, for his zeal and benevolence, with a praise (ἐπαινέσαι, <i>epainesai</i>), a crown (στέφανος, <i>stephanos</i>) and with a ribbon (ταινιώσαι αὐτόν, <i>tainiosai auton</i>), and to provide him with money for a sacrifice ([καὶ] [δοῦναι αὐτῷ ἐς θυσίαν], <i>[kai] [dounai auto es thysian]</i>), ll. 14-16, 18-19.

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	If <i>dekadarchai</i> in l. 8 are military officials then the inscription provides a very interesting testimony of interaction between an association and the wider society being at war.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The decree passed during the archonship of Aristion.
iii. Bibliography	Arnaoutoglou, I. (2003), <i>Thusias heneka kai sunousias. Private religious associations in Hellenistic Athens</i>. Athens: 69. Arnaoutoglou, I. (2011), ‘‘Ils étaient dans la ville, mais tout à fait en dehors de la cité’. Status and identity in private religious associations in Hellenistic Athens’, in van Nijf, O., and Alston, R. (eds.), <i>Political culture in the Greek city after the classical age</i>. Leuven: 27-48. Mikalson, J. (1998), <i>Religion in Hellenistic Athens</i>. Los Angeles: 149-50. Osborne, M. (2009), ‘The archons of Athens 300/299–228/7’, <i>ZPE</i> 171: 85. Robert, L. (1969), ‘Inscriptions d’Athènes et de la Grèce centrale’, <i>An.Ép.</i> 14-23 no. 3. (= <i>OMS</i> 7, 720-29, Amsterdam) Tracy, S. (2003), <i>Athens and Macedon. Attic letter-cutters of 300 to 229 B.C.</i>. Berkeley: 38.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The association displays all the hallmarks of a private association: distinct name, membership, organization, property and durability.