

CAPInv. 321: **eranistai**

## I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Attica with Salamis |
| ii. Region           | Attica              |
| iii. Site            | Athens              |

## II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | ἐρανισταί (SEG 54: 235, l. 3) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated)   | <i>eranistai</i>              |

## III. DATE

|            |         |
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| i. Date(s) | s. i AD |
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## V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s)                                | SEG 54: 235 (second half I AD)                                                                                                                                                           |
| Note                                        | See also: <i>BE</i> 2007: no. 290<br>Ed. pr.: Themis 2004: 255<br>Other publication: GRA I 47<br>AGRW                                                                                    |
| Online Resources                            | <a href="#">AGRW ID 3955</a>                                                                                                                                                             |
| i.a. Source type(s)                         | Epigraphic source(s)                                                                                                                                                                     |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Greek catalogue of <i>eranistai</i> with their officials.                                                                                                                                |
| i.c. Physical format(s)                     | Pedimental marble stele measuring 0.845x0.47m. with its left <i>akroterion</i> missing and a small shield in relief in the <i>tympanon</i> .                                             |
| ii. Source(s) provenance                    | It was found in the place called Ano Limni Zophra lying between Ano Liossia, Kamatero and Menidi in the area of ancient demes of Acharnai and Cholargos, now in the Piraeus Museum 3508. |

## VII. ORGANIZATION

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| ii. Leadership | The term chief- <i>eranistria</i> (ἀρχερανίστρια, <i>archeranistria</i> , l. 5) occurs for the first time in Attica. It suggests a leading position in the group.                                                                                                                           |
| iv. Officials  | Treasurer (ταμίας, <i>tamias</i> , l. 3)<br>Secretary (γραμματεὺς, <i>grammateus</i> , l. 4)<br>κοσμητής ( <i>kosmetes</i> , l. 2)<br>Priest (ἱερεὺς, <i>hiereus</i> , l. 7)<br>ἱεροποιός ( <i>hieropoios</i> , l. 2)<br>Note that the treasurer and the secretary serve for a second time. |

## IX. MEMBERSHIP

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| i. Number  | The names of 124 members are attested. |
| ii. Gender | Men<br>Women                           |
| Note       | Men: 83<br>Women: 41                   |
| iii. Age   | Adults                                 |
| iv. Status | Citizen: 3<br>Unidentified: 127        |

## X. ACTIVITIES

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| iii. Worship       | The mention of a <i>hierus</i> of Heracles (l. 7) may suggest worship by the group. |
| Deities worshipped | Ἡρακλῆς, <i>Herakles</i> (?)                                                        |

## XII. NOTES

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| i. Comments       | The inscription is dated in the archonship of Leukios jr of Rhamnous.<br>The names are written by three different hands, a) ll. 1-104; b) ll. 105-117 and c) ll. 118-135, at different times. This suggests that the group may have been active for more than a century.                                                                                                                                             |
| iii. Bibliography | Arnaoutoglou, I. (1994), 'Archeranistes and its meaning in inscriptions', <i>ZPE</i> 104: 107-10.<br>Themos, A. (2004), 'Katalogos eraniston', in A. Matthaiou and G. Malouchou (eds.), <i>Attikai Epigraphai (Praktika symposiou eis mnemen Adolf Wilhelm (1864-1950))</i> , Athens: 253-69.<br>Ismard, P. (2010), <i>La cité des réseaux. Athènes et ses associations VIe – Ier siècle av. J.-C.</i> Paris: 350-3. |

## XIII. EVALUATION

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