

CAPInv. 478: **hoi synetheis hoi peri Posidonin ton archisynagogon**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Macedonia
ii. Region	Bottia
iii. Site	Beroia

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ συνήθεις οἱ περὶ Ποσιδόνιν τὸν ἀρχισυνάγωγον (I.Beroia 371)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi synetheis hoi peri Posidonin ton archisynagogon</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	s. ii - f. iii AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Personal:	<i>hoi peri Posidonin ton archisynagogon</i>
	Other:	<i>synetheis</i> , common collective

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Beroia 371 (ii/iii AD)
Note	See also: SEG 27 267
Online Resources	I.Beroia 371 and AGRW ID 15411
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek funerary inscription.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Stele with reliefs portraying the deceased and his widow in two zones.

ii. Source(s) provenance

The stele was discovered in second use in a northwestern cemetery of Beroia.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership

Posidonis the ἀρχισυνάγωγος, *archisynagogos*, is the leader of the association.

iii. Members

The common collective term οἱ συνήθεις, *hoi synetheis*, is used.

ix. Privileges

As so often in the context of associations, the members seem to receive at least part of the cost for their funerary monument.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments

The nature of the association is unclear. Συνήθεις, *synetheis* is a term used for the devotees of Zeus *Hypsistos* at nearby Edessa ([CAPInv. 473](#)); the term ἀρχισυνάγωγος, *archisynagogos*, often qualifies the leaders of associations of Zeus *Hypsistos*; finally, the phrase οἱ περὶ τὸν, *hoi peri ton*, “those around X” is used in the terminology of the association of Zeus *Hypsistos* at Beroia itself (I.Beroia 28, see [CAPInv. 477](#)). It seems therefore highly probable that the reference here is to the cult association of Zeus *Hypsistos*.

Nevertheless, the use of the term συνήθεια, *synetheia* in Beroia itself for a professional association (see I.Beroia 372: [CAPInv. 479](#)) and the use of the term *archisynagogos* for cultic associations for other gods in other parts of Macedonia warrant caution. Neither the connection to Zeus *Hypsistos*, nor even the religious nature of the association should be taken for granted.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

Although the nature of this association is far from clear (see XII.i: Comments, above), the fact that it was an association is certain.