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CAPInv. 503: to bennos Dios Brontotos

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Phrygia
iii. Site	Nakoleia

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	τὸ βέννος Διὸς Βροντῶτος (SEG 40: 1221, ll. 7-8)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>to bennos Dios Brontotos</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	212 - iii AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	<i>Zeus Bronton</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	βέννος, <i>bennos</i>	
Note	<i>bennos</i> : SEG 40: 1221, l. 7	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 40: 1221 (212 - iii AD)
Online Resources	SEG 40: 1221
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorific/dedicatory inscription, greek

i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble altar
ii. Source(s) provenance	Musalar Kōyū

X. ACTIVITIES

Deities worshipped	Zeus <i>Bronton</i>
iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>bennos</i> is "crowned" (ἐστεφάνωσαν, <i>estephanosan</i> , ll. 6-7) by two inhabitants of the village of the <i>Abouadeineitai</i> .

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	That the Phrygian term <i>bennos</i> (attested also in Bithynia) is a term for "cult association" (and not for "chariot" or "festival") has been argued by Drew-Bear and Naour 1990: 1956-61. 1987-91, and accepted by Schwabl 1999. In a number of cases, this is plausible. Yet, in at least one case from Pisidian Antioch, do we find γείνεσθαι βέννος, <i>geinesthai bennos</i> which must mean a festival (cf. SEG 6: 550). In general, βέννος, <i>bennos</i> seems to have both meanings (and both are compatible with the existence of the word βεννάρχης, <i>bennarches</i> ; Drew-Bear and Naour 1990: 1991 see this as evidence for associations, but cf. a word like πανηγυριάρχης, <i>panegyriarches</i> . For the CAPInv., only those inscriptions have been included that mention the term βέννος, <i>bennos</i> (not just Zeus <i>Bennios</i> , a βεννάρχης, <i>bennarches</i> , or the verb βεννεύειν, <i>benneuein</i>).
iii. Bibliography	Drew-Bear, Th., and Naour, Chr. (1990), 'Divinités de Phrygie', <i>ANRW</i> II.18.3: 1907-2044. Schwabl, H. (1999), 'Zum Kult des Zeus in Kleinasien (II). Der phrygische Zeus Bennios und Verwandtes', <i>AAntHung</i> 39: 345-54.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	On the term <i>bennos</i> and its implications for the nature of the group, see comments above.
ii. Historical authenticity	Certain