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CAPInv. 623: [to] symposion [ton] ou(a)nnon (ie. vannon)

## I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | The Near East and Beyond |
| ii. Region           | Syria                    |
| iii. Site            | Palmyra                  |

## II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | [τὸ] συμπόσιον [τῶν] ου(α)ννων (IGLS XVII.1 55, ll. 4-5) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated)   | [to] symposion [ton] ou(a)nnon (ie. vannon)              |

## III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | 257 / 258 AD |
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| ii. Name elements      | Professional:                           | It is unclear what <i>vannoi</i> means, but the analogy to other <i>symposia</i> suggests that it designates a profession. |
| iii. Descriptive terms | συμπόσιον, <i>symposion</i>             |                                                                                                                            |
| Note                   | <i>symposion</i> : IGLS XVII.1 55, l. 4 |                                                                                                                            |

## V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s)                                | IGLS XVII.1 55 (AD 257/8)     |
| Online Resources                            | <a href="#">AGRW ID 10298</a> |
| i.a. Source type(s)                         | Epigraphic source(s)          |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Greek dedicatory inscription  |

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| i.c. Physical format(s)  | Base of hard limestone     |
| ii. Source(s) provenance | Great colonnade at Palmyra |

## X. ACTIVITIES

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| iv. Honours/Other activities | The association honours Odainath, the Palmyrene dynast (and Roman consul). |
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## XII. NOTES

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| i. Comments       | <p>Much speculation about the term <i>vannoi</i> has not led to an acceptable result. For suggestions made, see Yon 2012: 66 and Kaizer 2002: 153-4.</p> <p>The term <i>symposion</i> is frequent at Palmyra. It designates associations (the Aramaic equivalent being <i>mrz</i> ), but also banqueting halls.</p> |
| iii. Bibliography | <p>Kaizer, T. (2002), 'The Symposium of the Konetoi in an Inscription set up in Honour of Odaenathus at Palmyra', <i>Studi epigrafici e linguistici sul vicino oriente antico</i> 19: 149-56.</p> <p>Yon, J.-B. (2012), <i>Inscriptions grecques et latines de la Syrie XVII.1: Palmyre</i>. Beyrouth.</p>          |

## XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. Private association | Probable                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Note                   | Professional associations in the 2nd/3rd century AD were often very close to the official civic institutions, but they probably remained essentially private associations. |