

CAPInv. 641: **bennos**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Bithynia
iii. Site	Krateia

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	βέννος
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>bennos</i>

III. DATE

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

iii. Descriptive terms	βέννος, <i>bennos</i>
Note	<i>bennos</i> : SEG 36: 1150 ll. 1-2 <i>Bennos</i> is a term denoting a religious association devoted to the cult of the fertility God Zeus Bennios (see Şahin 1978; Drew-Bear and Naour 1991: 1956-1961 and 1987-1991; Schwabl 1999; Adak, Akyürek Şahin and Güneş 2008: 81-82).

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 36: 1150 (i - iii AD)
Note	The inscription was first mentioned by Şahin 1986: 135 note 37.
Online Resources	AGRW ID# 13282 SEG 36: 1150
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication in Greek of an altar by Apollonios to Zeus Bennios.

i.c. Physical format(s)	Altar
ii. Source(s) provenance	The inscription was found at Gereade (Krateia).

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	βωμός, <i>bomos</i> , l. 2 An altar was dedicated by Apollonios as an expression of gratitude and honour towards the <i>bennos</i> .
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VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	The altar dedicated by Apollonios as an expression of gratitude and honour towards the <i>bennos</i> was apparently in the association's possession.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The dedication of an altar (βωμός, <i>bomos</i> , l. 2) to Zeus Bennios as an expression of gratitude and honour towards the <i>bennos</i> demonstrate that the association was involved in sacrifices.
Deities worshipped	Zeus Bennios

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The association is explicitly stated to have provided certain unspecified benefactions to the dedicator of the altar Apollonios. Since the dedication was addressed to Zeus Bennios <i>epekoos</i> , it could be argued that the association was held to have secured divine assistance for the dedicator's (rural?) affairs. In fact Apollonios may have been a member of the <i>bennos</i> .
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The official name of the individual association which Apollonios thanked, may have been simply <i>bennos</i> , but, since his dedication is not a document issued by the association itself, this is not certain.
iii. Bibliography	Adak, M., Akyürek Şahin, N.E., and Güneş, M.Y. (2008), 'Neue Inschriften im Museum von Bolu (Bithynion/Klaudiupolis)', <i>Gephyra</i> 5: 73-120. Drew-Bear, T. and Naour, C. (1990), 'Divinités de Phrygie', <i>ANRW</i> II.18.3: 1907-2044. Şahin, S. (1978), 'Zeus Bennios' in S. Şahin, E. Schwertheim and J. Wagner (eds.), <i>Studien zur Religion und Kultur Kleinasien. Festschrift für Friedrich Karl Dörner zum 65. Geburtstag am 28. Februar 1976</i> . 2 vols, Leiden: 771-90. Şahin, S. (1986), 'Studien über die Probleme der historischen Geographie des nordwestlichen Kleinasien I: Strabon XII 3,7 p. 543. Der Fluß Gallos, die Stadt Modr<en>e in Phrygia Epiktetos und die Schiffbarkeit des Sangarios', <i>EA</i> 7: 125-52. 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

Certain

Note

The term *bennos* in this inscription denotes a private association considered to have awarded benefactions to an individual.