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# CAPInv. 718: **he speira**

## I. LOCATION

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| i. | **Geographical area** | Thrace |
| ii. | **Region** | Propontic Thrace |
| iii. | **Site** | Perinthos |

## II. NAME

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| i. | **Full name (original language)** | ἡ σπεῖρα (I.Perinthos 280, l. 2) |
| ii. | **Full name (transliterated)** | *he speira* |

## III. DATE

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| i. | **Date(s)** | i - iii AD |

## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| iii. | **Descriptive terms** | σπεῖρα, *speira* |
| | **Note** | *speira*: I.Perinthos 280, l. 2 |

## V. SOURCES

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| i. | **Source(s)** | I.Perinthos 280 (i - iii AD)<br>I.Perinthos 313 (after 212 AD) |
| | **Note** | IPerinthos 313 = SEG 48: 923 |
| | **Online Resources** | I.Perinthos 280<br>I.Perinthos 313 and AGRW ID 14184 |
| i.a. | **Source type(s)** | Epigraphic source(s) |
| i.b. | **Document(s) typology & language/script** | (Both texts are in Greek)<br>I.Perinthos 280: Dedication<br>I.Perinthos 313: Dedication? |

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| **i.c. Physical format(s)** | I.Perinthos 280: Two fragments from the rim of a large marble wine vessel. Relief decoration, depicting Pan and Dionysos.<br><br>I.Perinthos 313: Marble base with cyma. |
| **ii. Source(s) provenance** | I.Perinthos 280: Found at a distance of appr. 2 km SE of the village of Yeniçiftlik, by the Kokonartepe tumulus.<br><br>I.Perinthos 313: Found betwen Bağlar Deresi and Yeniçiftlik, at a distance of appr. 5 km NW of Perinthos, see I.Perinth, pl. V. |

## VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

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| **i. Archaeological remains** | I.Perinthos 280 has been found at a small distance from the Kokonartepe tumulus.<br><br>The site, where I.Perinthos 313 has been found, could have been a vicus of Perinthos' territory as indicated by the presence of inscriptions (see I.Perinthos 278-285) and sarcophagi, see I.Perinthos, p. 67. |

## VII. ORGANIZATION

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| **iv. Officials** | σπείραρχος, *speirarchos* (I.Perinthos 313, l. 7) |

## IX. MEMBERSHIP

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| **ii. Gender** | Men |
| **Note** | On the evidence of the two known cases. |
| **iv. Status** | The dedicant of I.Perinthos 280 bore a name (or a *cognomen*) of Greek origin.<br><br>The deceased of I.Perinthos 313 was a Roman citizen, owing his citizenship to the *Constitutio Antoniniana*, as indicated by the *nomen* Aurelius. |

## X. ACTIVITIES

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| **ii. Meetings and events** | The wine vessel (I.Perinthos 280) points to symposia. |
| **iii. Worship** | The group likely worshiped Dionysos, on the evidence of the term σπεῖρα, *speira*, and of the relief decoration on I.Perinthos 280. |
| **Deities worshipped** | Dionysus (?) |

## XII. NOTES

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| i. **Comments** | A date during the i-ii cent. AD is suggested for I.Perinthos 280 on the evidence of letter forms; but I.Perinthos 313 is securely dated after 212 AD, due to the presence of the *nomen* Aurelius.<br>There are four inscriptions at Perinthos and its territory mentioning a σπεῖρα, *speira*, or a σπείραρχος, *speirarchos*: CAPInv. 710 (for the σπεῖρα, *speira*, of σπαργανιῶται, *sparganiotai*), CAPInv. 720 (sibylline oracle with mention of a σπείραρχος, *speirarchos*) and the two presented here. Due to inadequate information regarding their finding place, only the last two can be tentatively associated. |

## XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. **Private association** | Certain |
| **Note** | The term σπεῖρα, *speira*, points to an association devoted to the cult of Dionysos. |


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