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CAPInv. 1050: **oikos naukleron**

## I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Ionia
iii. Site	Miletus

## II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἶκος ναυκλήρων (Ehrhardt and Günther 2013: 200 l. 10)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>oikos naukleron</i>

## III. DATE

i. Date(s)	131 AD
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	ναύκληροι, <i>naukleroi</i> , ("shipowner", Vélissaropoulos 1980 pp. 52-56)
iii. Descriptive terms	οἶκος, <i>oikos</i>	

## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Ehrhardt and Günther 2013
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Letter of the emperor Hadrian to the city of Miletus allowing the constitution of an association of <i>naukleroi</i> .
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble block

**ii. Source(s) provenance**

Miletus, in the rubble of a gate near the presumed eastern harbor.

## VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

**ii. References to buildings/objects**

The text mentions an οἶκος ναυκλήρων, *oikos naukleron*, but this seems to be the designation of the association itself and not of a building.

## VII. ORGANIZATION

**vi. Laws and rules**

In his letter, Hadrian confirmed "the law" (τὸν νόμον, *ton nomon*) according to which they (sc. the *naukleroí*) asked to constitute (their association).

According to the editors, this means that the emperor confirmed the statutes of the association.

## X. ACTIVITIES

**iv. Honours/Other activities**

Via the city, the *naukleroi* addressed the emperor with a petition of their own that asked for the creation of the association. Some preliminary organizational structure which made the composition of the petition possible, must have existed even before the official recognition of the association.

## XII. NOTES

**i. Comments**

For an *oikos naukleron* in Tomis cf. [CAPInv. 1199](#).  
A *naclerus de oeco poreuticor(um)* is commemorated in an inscription from Ashkelon (W. Eck, CIIP 2342).

**iii. Bibliography**

Ehrhardt, N. and Günther, W. (2013), 'Hadrian, Milet und die Korporation der milesischen Schiffseigner. Zu einem neu gefundenen kaiserlichen Schreiben', *Chiron* 33, 2013: 199-220.  
Vélissaropoulos, J. 1980, *Les Naclères Grecs; Recherches sur les institutions maritimes en Grèce et dans l'Orient hellénisé*, Genève.

## XIII. EVALUATION

**i. Private association**

Certain

**Note**

The terminology (*oikos*) and the professional character suggests a private association.