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CAPInv. 1211: **philoi**

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	φίλοι (I.Smyrna 720, l. 1)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>philoi</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	1 - 300 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Other:	Social relations: <i>philoi</i>
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Smyrna 720 (1 - 300 AD)
Online Resources	I.Smyrna 720
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	List of names, greek
i.c. Physical format(s)	Unknown
ii. Source(s) provenance	Smyrna

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	13
ii. Gender	Men Women
Note	One woman (Artemisia (l. 7)) is mentioned.

XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance	Poland B 351
iii. Bibliography	Poland, F. (1909), <i>Geschichte des griechischen Vereinswesens</i> . Leipzig: 53-4. Ziebarth, E. (1914), <i>Aus dem griechischen Schulwesen. Eudemos von Milet und Verwandtes</i> . Leipzig, Berlin: 97-8.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The inscription appears as a list of “friends”, but <i>philoí</i> is written four times, and is also the last word (assuming that the inscription is complete). Cf., e.g., I.Iasos 625. Ziebarth 1914: 97-8 argues that this was an association with no other purpose than celebrating the members’ friendship, but the structure of the text suggests that things are more complicated. Poland 1909: 54 takes the repeated “ <i>philoí</i> ” as divisions of small groups of friends tied to the gymnasium; however, the presence of a woman seems to rule out the idea that these are <i>neoi</i> or ephebes.
ii. Historical authenticity	Certain