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CAPInv. 1242: **ho thiasos**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Eastern Asia Minor
ii. Region	Cilicia
iii. Site	Diokaisareia (?)

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ὁ θίασος (Şahin 2007: 35, l. 2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>ho thiasos</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	Imp.
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

iii. Descriptive terms	θίασος, <i>thiasos</i>
Note	<i>thiasos</i> : Şahin 2007: 35, l. 2. The editor interprets the <i>thiasos</i> as a Dionysiac association, but the term was also used for other cult groups.

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Şahin 2007: 35 (imp.)
Note	See also: AE 2007: no. 1592 BE 2008: no. 527 SEG 57: 527 EBGR 2007: 319 no. 125
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication to Zeus Epikarpios in Greek and the <i>thiasos</i> by Sextus Firmius Fronto, δημιουργός (<i>demiourgos</i>) and συναγωγέας (<i>synagogeus</i>).
i.c. Physical format(s)	Round altar of gray limestone (H 1.10 m, D 0.63 m) with the relief of an eagle, who carries a garland; to the right and left of the eagle a bunch of grapes. The inscription is above the relief.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in the village of Gedikpınarı, ca. 20 km northwest of Silifke/Seleukeia and 11 km southwest of Uzuncaburç/Diokaisareia. The village lies perhaps in the territory of ancient Diokaisareia.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	Sextus Firmius Fronto, who dedicates the altar, is συναγωγέας (<i>synagogeus</i>), probably the leader of the <i>thiasos</i> .
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The συναγωγέας (<i>synagogeus</i>), probably the leader of the <i>thiasos</i> , dedicates an altar to Zeus Epikarpios and the <i>thiasos</i> . The <i>thiasos</i> may have participated in the worship of this deity. For the cult of Zeus Epikarpios, a god of fertility, cf. Şahin 2007: 35-37.
Deities worshipped	Zeus Epikarpios

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Şahin, H. (2007), 'Eine neue Weihinschrift für Zeus Epikarpios aus dem mittleren rauhen Kilikien', <i>EA</i> 40: 35-40.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	The <i>thiasos</i> may be a formally organized and durable association with a chairman (<i>synagogeus</i>) and not an <i>ad hoc</i> group of worshippers.
ii. Historical authenticity	Certain