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## CAPInv. 1402: **ho thiasos ho pro poleos**

### I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Western Asia Minor       |
| ii. Region           | Ionia                    |
| iii. Site            | Magnesia on the Maeander |

### II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | ὁ θίασος ὁ πρὸ πόλεως (I.Magnesia 215 l. 35) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated)   | <i>ho thiasos ho pro poleos</i>              |

### III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | Hell. (?) - f. ii |
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### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| ii. Name elements      | Topographical:         | πρὸ πόλεως, <i>pro poleos</i> , "before the city" is here best interpreted as a topographical indication. |
| iii. Descriptive terms | θίασος, <i>thiasos</i> |                                                                                                           |

### V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s)        | I.Magnesia 215                                           |
| Note                | Jaccottet 2003 no. 146 (with a list of earlier editions) |
| Online Resources    | <a href="#">I.Magnesia 215</a>                           |
| i.a. Source type(s) | Epigraphic source(s)                                     |

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| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Oracle from Delphi, ostensibly from the Hellenistic period, inscribed as a dedication to Dionysos in the Hadrianic period.<br>Greek. |
| i.c. Physical format(s)                     | Slab of marble and base, in which the <i>stèle</i> was inserted.                                                                     |
| ii. Source(s) provenance                    | Magnesia, near the so-called 'Roman gymnasium'                                                                                       |

## VII. ORGANIZATION

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| i. Founder(s) | Βαυβώ, Baubo, a μαινάς ἐκ Θηβῶν, <i>mainas ek Thebon</i> , "a Maenad from Thebes" |
| iii. Members  | μύσται, <i>mystai</i>                                                             |

## IX. MEMBERSHIP

|            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| ii. Gender | Men<br>Women     |
| iii. Age   | Adults<br>Elders |

## X. ACTIVITIES

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| iii. Worship       | The <i>thiasos</i> was obviously a religious association but no specific cultic activities are recorded. The inscription mentions <i>orgia</i> , "rites" and <i>nomima</i> , "(cultic) customs". |
| Deities worshipped | Dionysos Bacchos                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## XI. INTERACTION

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| i. Local interaction | The <i>thiasos</i> "before the polis" is one of three Dionysiac societies in Magnesia introduced in consequence of an oracle (cf. XII.i). See also <a href="#">CAPInv. 1402</a> , <a href="#">CAPInv. 1403</a> . |
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## XII. NOTES

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| i. Comments | For all details cf. also <a href="#">CAPInv. 1401</a> , <a href="#">CAPInv. 1403</a> . |
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### XIII. EVALUATION

#### i. Private association

Certain

##### Note

The terminology (thiasos) and the religious character suggests a private association.