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CAPInv. 1487: Soanteion ho thiasos tes Artemidos

i.	Geographical area	Cyprus
ii.	Region	Cyprus
iii.	Site	Larnaka (ancient Kition)

i. Full name (original language)	Σοαντείων ὁ θίασος τῆς Ἀρτέμιδος (Ι.Κition 2019, II. 2-3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	Soanteion ho thiasos tes Artemidos

i. Date(s)	e. ii (?) BC	

ii.	Name elements	Ethnic:	Soanteioi may mean the inhabitants of a place called Soanta, which could be identified with the village of Sinda in the Mesaoria (SEG 39: 1526; see also Hermary 2004: 55, n. 54). Cf. Nikolaou 1989: 142-3, no. 3.
		Theophoric:	Artemis
iii.	Descriptive terms Note	θίασος, <i>thiasos thiasos</i> : I.Kition 2019, l. 2	

i. Source(s)	I.Kition 2019 (e. ii (?) BC)	

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	Online Resources	I.Kition 2019 and AGRW 20450
i.a.	Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek honorific inscription set up by the association on behalf of Timokrates, son of Stasioikos, and his family members.
i.c.	Physical format(s)	A plaque of black marble
ii.	Source(s) provenance	Originally found in 1865, then lost, and discovered reused in the house of Mrs Pieridou in Larnaka (ancient Kition); now in the Larnaka District Museum.

iv. Status	The members of the association may have been the military settlers and their descendants. See Mitford 1961: 141-2, no. 39; Nikolaou 1989: 142-3, no. 3; Hermary 2004: 54-5.

iv. Honours/Other activities	I.Kition 2019 testifies to an honorific inscription in which the association honoured Timokrates, son of Stasioikos, perhaps a member of the association.

ii.	Poland concordance	Poland B 299
iii.	Bibliography	Hermary, A. (2004), 'Autour de Golgoi: Les cités de la Mesaoria à l'époque hellénistique et sous l'Empire', <i>CCEC</i> 34: 47-68. Mitford, T.B. (1961), 'Further Contributions to the Epigraphy of Cyprus', <i>AJA</i> 65: 93-151. Nikolaou, I. (1989), 'Inscriptiones Cypriae Alphabeticae XXVIII, 1988', <i>RDAC</i> 1989: 141-50.

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology employed (<i>thiasos</i>) and the character of the document point to the fact that this was a private association.

