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CAPInv. 1508: **thiasos tes aposkeues**

I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Cyprus |
| ii. Region | Cyprus |
| iii. Site | Voni, near ancient Kythroi |

II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | θίασος τῆς ἀποσκευῆς (Ohnefalsch-Richter 1884: 137-8, no. 8, ll. 1-2) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated) | <i>thiasos tes aposkeues</i> |

III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | l. iii (?) BC |
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| ii. Name elements | Status-related: | <i>aposkeue</i> means 'all persons dependant on the soldiers stationed in a place, both families and servants' (SEG 54: 1531). See also Hermary 2004: 54. |
| iii. Descriptive terms | θίασος, <i>thiasos</i> | |
| Note | <i>thiasos</i> : Ohnefalsch-Richter 1884: 137-8, no. 8, ll. 1, 4-5, 6 | |

V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s) | Ohnefalsch-Richter 1884: 137-8, no. 8 (l. iii (?) BC) |
| Note | More recent references to this inscription are Mitford 1961: 142 and Hermary 2004: 54-5. |
| i.a. Source type(s) | Epigraphic source(s) |

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| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Greek dedication. The inscription demonstrates that three (probably) different <i>thiasoi</i> successively conducted animal sacrifice to Apollon. |
| i.c. Physical format(s) | A triangular stone block |
| ii. Source(s) provenance | The sanctuary of Apollon in Voni, near ancient Kythroi. |

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

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| i. Archaeological remains | The inscription was found at the sanctuary of Apollon in Voni, to the south of ancient Kythroi. For the votive sculptures and inscriptions found there, see Ohnefalsch-Richter 1884. |
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

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| iv. Status | <i>aposkeue</i> means 'all persons dependant on the soldiers stationed in a place, both families and servants' (SEG 54: 1531). This implies that the association consisted of Ptolemaic military settlers, their family members and the descendants of them. For Ptolemaic military settlements in the Mesaoria, see Hermary 2004: 54-5. |
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X. ACTIVITIES

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| iii. Worship | The association conducted animal sacrifice (<i>ethysen to hieroon</i> , l. 3) to Apollo in the month of Gorpiaios, in the third regnal year of a Ptolemaic ruler. |
| Deities worshipped | Apollo |

XII. NOTES

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| ii. Poland concordance | Poland B 301 |
| iii. Bibliography | Hermay, 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. Ohnefalsch-Richter, M. (1884), 'Mittheilungen aus Cypern: III. Heiligthum des Apollon bei Voni', <i>MDAI(A)</i> 9: 127-39. |

XIII. EVALUATION

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| 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. |