

CAPInv. 1520: **synodos**

## I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Peloponnese with Adjacent Islands
ii. Region	Eleia
iii. Site	Olympia

## II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	σύνοδος (IvO 55, l. 4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>synodos</i>

## III. DATE

i. Date(s)	98 - 138 AD
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>
Note	<i>synodos</i> : IvO 55, l. 3

## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IvO 55 (98-138 AD)
Online Resources	<a href="#">IvO 55</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorific inscription in Greek for the pankratiast and <i>dia genous</i> xystarches Tiberius Claudius Rufus from Smyrna, who is defined as ἄνδρα πλειστονείκην καὶ ἱερoneύκην ἀπὸ συνόδου, <i>andra pleistoneiken kai hieroneiken apo synodou</i> (ll. 3-4). The monument in his honour was erected by his home-town Smyrna in the sanctuary of Olympia. The statue base which bears the inscription, bears also the inscription <a href="#">IvO 54</a> which is a decree voted by the Eleans in honour of Tiberius Claudius Rufus.

i.c. <b>Physical format(s)</b>	A statue base of dark marble decorated with cymatia at its upper and lower edge.
ii. <b>Source(s) provenance</b>	Olympia, built into the Byzantine north wall.

## VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. <b>Officials</b>	It is not clear, whether the office of <i>ξυσταρχία xystarchia</i> (l. 11) of all athletic contests of Smyrna, which was held by the pankratiast Tib. Claudius Rufus, is to be regarded as an office in the framework of the <i>synodos</i> in question.
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## IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. <b>Gender</b>	Men
<b>Note</b>	The members of the <i>synodos</i> were athletes.

## XI. INTERACTION

i. <b>Local interaction</b>	The fact that the deme of Smyrna honours a pankratiast, member of this athletic synod ( <i>ἄνδρα πλειστονείκην καὶ ἱερονείκην ἀπὸ συνόδου, andra pleistoneiken kai hieroneiken apo synodou</i> : ll. 3-4), shows the impact on a local level.
ii. <b>Interaction abroad</b>	The deme of Smyrna honours the pankratiast Tib. Claudius Rufus, <i>ἄνδρα πλειστονείκην καὶ ἱερονείκην ἀπὸ συνόδου, andra pleistoneiken kai hieroneiken apo synodou</i> (ll. 3-4), in Olympia. In his honorary inscription it is mentioned that the individual was already honoured by the Eleans.

## XII. NOTES

i. <b>Comments</b>	<p>It is not certain, whether the <i>synodos</i> of IvO 55 is to be identified with the world wide <i>synodos</i> of athletes and <i>hieronikai</i> (see <a href="#">CAPInv. 1477</a> and <a href="#">CAPInv. 1478</a>)</p> <p>Poland, 150 wonders, whether this inscription (H 10) refers to the "Reichssynode der Athleten".</p> <p>The athlete Tib. Claudius Rufus, honoured in Olympia by the deme of Smyrna, is defined as <i>ἄνδρα πλειστονείκην καὶ ἱερονείκην ἀπὸ συνόδου, andra pleistoneiken kai hieroneiken apo synodou</i> (ll. 3-4). It is unknown, which synod is to be understood, as Rufus is further mentioned as <i>τυχόντα τῆς διὰ γένους ξυσταρχίας πάντων τῶν ἀγομένων ἀγώνων ἐν Ζμύρνῃ, tychonta tes dia genous xystarchias panton ton agomenon agonon en Zmyrnei</i>, which implies that he was the head of the <i>xystos</i> in Smyrna.</p>
ii. <b>Poland concordance</b>	Poland H*10

## XIII. EVALUATION

i. <b>Private association</b>	Probable
<b>Note</b>	The term <i>synodos</i> shows that we are dealing with an association. It is however not clear, whether it was a private association and whether it is to be identified with the group defined as <i>hoi apo tes oikoumenes hieronikai</i> or <i>hoi apo tes oikoumenes hieronikai kai athletai</i> .