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CAPInv. 1623: **mystai**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Ionia
iii. Site	Ephesos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	μύσται (I.Eph(esos) 1506, l. 2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>mystai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	50 (?) - 300 (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>mystai</i>
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Eph(esos) 1506 (50 (?) - 300 (?) AD)
Online Resources	I.Eph(esos) 1506
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedicatory inscription, Greek
i.c. Physical format(s)	Altar
ii. Source(s) provenance	Unclear

VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	The heavily restored inscription mentions several offices, but all of them belong to the civic context (γραμματεὺς τῆς βουλῆς, <i>grammateus tes boules</i> (l. 3), ἀργυροταμία, <i>argyrotamias</i> (l. 7), κήρυξ, <i>keryx</i> (l. 9)).
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X. ACTIVITIES

Deities worshipped	The only deities mentioned in the dedication are the <i>Theoi Sebastoi</i> .
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	There is other evidence for the connection of imperial cult and mysteries in Ephesos, but there is no way to know whether or not this dedication was set up by a member of one of the other known groups of <i>mystai</i> .
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The status of <i>mystai</i> -groups is not quite clear; most of probably served both the private interests of their members and the needs of civic religion.
ii. Historical authenticity	Certain