

CAPInv. 1648: **ho thiasos ton Sarapiaston**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Lycia
iii. Site	Limyra

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ὁ θίασος τῶν Σαραπιαστῶν (<i>SEG</i> 55, 1463bis, lines 2-3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	ho thiasos ton Sarapiaston

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	300 (?) - 100 (?) BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	θίασος, <i>thiasos</i> Σαραπιασταί, <i>Sarapiastai</i> Both elements of the name clearly indicate a cultic group formed in honour of Sarapis.
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	<i>SEG</i> 55, 1463bis (ca. 300 - 100 BC?)
Note	Ed. pr. L. Bricault, <i>RICIS</i> 464, no. 306/0601.
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication. Greek.

i.c. Physical format(s)	Altar of unspecified shape and material.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Unclear.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	Χοιρῖνος, Choirinos (line 1) The principal dedicant of the inscription, with whom the <i>thiasos</i> is associated, may be thought to be its leader or at least one of its members.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The inscription is apparently inscribed on an altar.
Deities worshipped	Σαράπις, Sarapis (line 1) The Egyptian deity Sarapis is the principal god worshipped by the association, as attested by its name. See Bricault for further commentary.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The private and associational character of the group seems assured. For a group with an identical name on Delos, cf. CAP Inv. 217 .