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CAPInv. 1664: hoi Eroles

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Lydia
iii. Site	Arabli-Dedeli (territorium of Philadelpheia)

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ Ἔρωτες (TAM V.3 1656, l. 5)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi Eroles</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	176 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	The name identifies the members of the association as worshippers of the god Eros.
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	TAM V.3 1656 (176 AD)
Note	See also: Keil and Premerstein 1911: 21f., no. 19 IGR IV 1618
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication of a <i>naiskos</i> on behalf of the emperor Comodus (l. 3) by the association of the <i>Eroles</i> . Greek.

i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble pediment that was part of a <i>naiskos</i> , with <i>acroteria</i> (only the two in the sides are preserved). In <i>tympanon</i> , bust of a young man and a grapevine-decoration.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in Dedeli, east from Yesilova.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	21 members of the association appear as dedicants of the <i>naiskos</i> .
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VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	The association has its own funds, and from them they have built the <i>naiskos</i> .
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	21 members attested.
ii. Gender	Men
Note	All dedicants attested as members of the association are male.
v. Relations	A smith is attested as worksupervisor, together with one of the association's members.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The name of the association leads us to think that they are worshippers of Eros.
Deities worshipped	Eros
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association honours the emperor Commodus.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	On the association's name, with parallels for the word-formation cf. Keil and Premierstein and Petzl in TAM; for the date, Keil and Premierstein; for the member's names, Petzl in TAM.
iii. Bibliography	Keil, J., and von Premierstein, A. (1911), <i>Bericht über eine zweite Reise in Lydien ausgeführt 1908</i> , (Denkschriften Akad. Wien Band 54.2). Vienna: 21f., no. 19.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Probable

Note

Most cult-associations, especially not belonging to an official cult, are private associations.