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CAPInv. 1785: **hie]ros doumos**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Inland Thrace
iii. Site	Serdica

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ἱε]ρὸς δοῦμος (IGBulg IV 1925b, col. d, l. 20)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hie]ros doumos</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii - iii AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Other: ἱερός, <i>hieros</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	δοῦμος, <i>doumos</i>
Note	<i>doumos</i> : IGBulg IV 1925b, col. d, l. 20

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IGBulg IV 1925b (ii - iii AD)
Online Resources	IGBulg IV 1925b
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication with catalogue of names engraved in three columns.

i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble plaque, only partially preserved.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found at Veslets str. no. 47, at the city-center of Sofia.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The term <i>doumos</i> may refer to a clubhouse.
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	Collectively designated as μύστριαι, <i>mystriai</i> (col. d, l. 21).
iv. Officials	μήτηρ δένδροφόρ(ων), <i>meter dendrophor(on)</i> (col. c, l. 3).
v. Other staff	The expression μεμύιασα στολίδος, <i>memyiasa stolidos</i> occurs at the end of the text (col. d, l. 18), possibly accompanying the name of the dedicand. Mihailov suggests for στολίζ, <i>stolis</i> , 'vestis in mystarum usu fuisse videtur'.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Women
Note	Only female names included in the list.
iv. Status	Personal names indicating an eastern origin (e.g. Mithridates, Pontiake) and the total absence of names of Thracian origin are signs of the members' possible eastern origin.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	An earlier Latin inscription - a dedication to Cybele and Attis in honor of Hadrian - occurs on the front side of the stone. For the term <i>hieros doumos</i> and its attestations mainly in regions of Asia Minor, see the relevant comments at CAPInv. 306
iii. Bibliography	Slavova, M. (2002), 'Mystery Clubs in Bulgarian Lands in Antiquity', <i>OAth</i> 27: 137-49. Tacheva-Hitova, M. (1983), <i>Eastern Cults in Moesia Inferior and Thracia (5th Century B.C. – 4th Century A.D.)</i> . Leiden: 116-8, no. 101.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	That this was a private association devoted to the cult of Cybele is indicated by the descriptive term <i>doumos</i> and the presence of a <i>meter dendrophorou</i> .