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CAPInv. 1792: Pinareon to politeuma

I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | The Near East and Beyond |
| ii. Region | Phoenicia |
| iii. Site | Sidon |

II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | Πιναρέων τὸ πολίτευμα (<i>RBi</i> 13: 551-2, no. 3, l. 1) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated) | <i>Pinareon to politeuma</i> |

III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | 250 (?) - 200 (?) BC |
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| ii. Name elements | Ethnic: | <i>Pinareis</i> |
| iii. Descriptive terms | πολίτευμα, <i>politeuma</i> | |
| Note | <i>politeuma</i> : <i>RBi</i> 13: 551-2, no. 3, l. 1 | |

V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s) | <i>RBi</i> 13: 551-2, no. 3 (250 (?) - 200 (?) BC) |
| Note | See also: AGRW 274 |
| Online Resources | AGRW ID# 1893 |
| i.a. Source type(s) | Epigraphic source(s) |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Commemorative inscription in Greek |

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| i.c. Physical format(s) | Grave stele depicting a soldier |
| ii. Source(s) provenance | Sidon |

XII. NOTES

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| iii. Bibliography | <p>Honigman, S. (2003), 'Politeumata and Ethnicity in Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt', <i>AncSoc</i> 33: 61-102.</p> <p>Huß, W. (2011), <i>Die Verwaltung des ptolemäischen Reiches</i>. Munich.</p> <p>Sänger, P. (2014), 'The Politeuma in the Hellenistic World (Third to First Century B.C.): A Form of Organisation to Integrate Minorities', in J. Dahlvik, Chr. Reinprecht and W. Sievers (eds.), <i>Migration und Integration – wissenschaftliche Perspektiven aus Österreich. Jahrbuch 2/2013</i>, Göttingen: 51-68.</p> |
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XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. Private association | Possible |
| Note | <p>The debate on the nature of ethnic <i>politeumata</i> has been long and inconclusive. It seems clear that they united Ptolemaic mercenaries from a given area, and that they had a certain judicial autonomy (Honigman 2003: 64-6; Sängner 2014: 59-60). According to Sängner 2014, this means that they could not have been private associations, but had "a public and institutional character" (62). It is nevertheless possible that the impulse to form a group was a private one, and we should remember that internal jurisdiction was characteristic of all ancient private associations.</p> <p>One important aspect of this debate is the old question whether or not privileges similar to citizenship were accorded to members of <i>politeumata</i> (on the debate, cf. Honigman 2003: 61-2). See also CAPInv. 1789.</p> |