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CAPInv. 1815: Isiastan eranistan koinon

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Rhodes
iii. Site	City of Rhodes

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Ἰσιαστᾶν ἐρανιστᾶν κοινὸν (IG XII.1 157, ll. 3-4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	*Isiastan eranistan koinon*

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	i BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i. Name in other forms	Ἰσιασταί, *Isiastai* (IG XII. 165, see G. Pugliese Carratelli, 'Per la storia delle associazioni in Rodi antica', *ASAA* n.s. 1-2 (1939-40) 182).
ii. Name elements	Theophoric: From the (originally Egyptian) goddess Isis. Her *hieron* in the city of Rhodes is attested by Appian, *Mithr.* 27 (in the context of 88 BC). See D. Morelli, *I culti in Rodi*. SCO 8 (Pisa, 1959) 58, 155-56. Other: *eranistai*, which is also a generic term (see below), need not be a standard element in the name of the association.
iii. Descriptive terms	*eranistai*, *koinon*
Note	*eranistai* (and *eranos*) is a generic description commonly met with Rhodian associations: G. Pugliese Carratelli, 'Per la storia delle associazioni in Rodi antica', *ASAA* n.s. 1-2 (1939-40) 147-200.

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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII.1 157, ll. 3-4. IG XII.1 165 (undated)
Note	IG XII.1 165 (Ἰσιαστᾶν, *Isiastan*, without the elements *eranistan* and *koinon*) almost certainly concerns the same association, cf. G. Pugliese Carratelli, op.cit. 182.
Online Resources	IG XII 1. 157 IG XII 1.165
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedicatory-honorary. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Round altar of white marble.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Discovered in a hypogeum outside the city of Rhodes. See also P.M. Fraser, *Rhodian Funerary Monuments* (Oxford, 1977), p 3.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	Philokrates from Ilion, the person to whom this altar belonged, was almost certainly a member of the association. Likewise Dexagoras, who proposed the honorary degree for Philokrates, was a member of the association.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status	Philokrates of Ilion, the person to whom this altar belonged, was a foreigner in possession of *epidamia* in Rhodes. In the same inscription, Philokrates is honoured by three other associations (see below). Very probably, he was the founder of one of these, the *Matioi ktoinetai eranistai Philokrateioi* (Ματίοι κτοινέται ἐρανισταὶ Φιλοκράτειοι). See V. Gabrielsen, *The Naval Aristocracy of Hellenistic Rhodes*, (Aarhus, 1997) 152-53. Attempts to establish the identity of Philokrates (see Hiller von Gaertringen's note to IG XII.1 157) have been challenged: V. Gabrielsen, 'The Status of *Rhodioi* in Hellenistic Rhodes', *C&M* 43 (1992) 48 n.9. The proposer of the honorary decree for Philokrates is called Dexagoras, who may well be a Rhodian citizen: for the name, see *LGPN* I, s.v.

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The inscription makes reference to the decree, according to which Philokrates was honoured by the *Isiastan eranistan koinon*. The association had honoured Philokrates from Ilion, who was in possession of *epidamia* in Rhodes, with a gold wreath. The association is recorded with other private bodies that had honoured Philokrates: the *Hermaistai Thesmophoriastai* (ὑπὸ Ἑρμαϊστᾶν Θεσμοφοριαστᾶν), the *synthytai Rhodiastai epidamiastai* (ὑπὸ συνθυτᾶν Ῥοδιαστᾶν ἐπιδαμιαστᾶν) and the *Matioi ktoinetai eranistai Philokrateioi* (ὑπὸ Ματίων κτοινετᾶν ἐρανιστᾶν Φιλοκρατείων). He was also honoured by the citizens of Kamiros (ὑπὸ Καμιρέων).

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XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The association, which was probably based in the city of Rhodos, is seen to honour an individual together with the citizens of Kamiros.
ii. Interaction abroad	Any connection between the association and the city of Ilion, the place of origin of Philokrates, must be indirect and conjectural.

XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance	B 268
iii. Bibliography	V. Gabrielsen, 'The Status of *Rhodioi* in Hellenistic Rhodes', *C&M* 43 (1992) 43-69. V. Gabrielsen, *The Naval Aristocracy of Hellenistic Rhodes* (Aarhus, 1997). P. Fraser, *Rhodian Funerary Monuments* (Oxford, 1977). D. Morelli, *I culti in Rodi*. SCO 8 (Pisa, 1959). G. Pugliese Carratelli, 'Per la storia delle associazioni in Rodi antica', *ASAA* n.s. 1-2 (1939-40) 147-200.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	In addition to the theophoric element in the name of this association, the descriptive term *eranistai* confirms that it was a private body.

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