

CAPInv. 185: hoi <s>y<n>a<g>omenoi [eis] ton metroi<ak>on th<ia>son

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Bithynia
iii. Site	Kios

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ <σ>υ<ν>α<γ>όμενοι [εἰς] τὸν μητρο<ακ>ὸν θ<ία>σον (I.Kios 20, ll. 1-2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	hoi <s>y<n>a<g>omenoi [eis] ton metroi<ak>on th<ia>son

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	<i>metroiakos</i> (l. 2) refers to Meter/Kybele. See Ziebarth 1896: 49; Schwertheim 1978: 799.
	Other:	<i>synagomenoi</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	θίασος, <i>thiasos</i>	
Note	<i>thiasos</i> : I.Kios 20, ll. 2, 6 In addition to the full name appearing in the nominative case, the association is also referred to as simply θίασος (<i>thiasos</i>) in I.Kios 20, l. 6. Cf. Poland 1909: 23 and 25.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Kios 20 (m. i-iii AD)
Note	See also: CIG 3727

Online Resources	I.Kios 20 AGRW ID# 13275
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorary inscription in Greek set up by the association for Markos Kaikilios Tyraki[os?].
i.c. Physical format(s)	Perhaps a basis, according to Ziebarth (1896: 49).
ii. Source(s) provenance	The inscription was found in Gemlik (Kios) but is now lost.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	<ἐλ>α<ία>, <ελ>α<ίαι>, olive-crown (l. 3)
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X. ACTIVITIES

ii. Meetings and events	The name of the association as presented in the honorary inscription for Markos Kaikilios Tyraki[os?] suggests that meetings and cultic ceremonies for Meter/Kybele were at the core of this <i>thiasos</i> ' activities. Cf. Schwertheim 1978: 799.
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association honours a certain Markos Kaikilios Tyraki[os?] with an olive crown. The honorand seems to have provided various services and benefactions to the association, as the formula εὐχάριστον γένόμενον [κα]τὰ πάντα τῷ θιάσῳ (<i>euchariston genomenon [ka]ta panta toi thiasoi</i> , ll. 5-6) demonstrates. Nothing further on this person is known. Cf. Fernoux 2004: 313.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The fact that the honouring party is self-defined as 'those gathering in the <i>metroakos thiasos</i>' points towards the existence of a common building or meeting-hall owned by the association. The term <i>hoi synagomenoi eis ton metroiakon thiason</i> may not have been the official name of the association. Θιάσος Μητρός (<i>Thiasos Metros</i>) or μητροακὸς θιάσος (<i>metroiakos thiasos</i>) were perhaps the official terms used. If that was the case, the choice of the term <i>hoi synagomenoi eis ton metroakon thiason</i> to denote the honouring party in this inscription may have had to do with the fact that persons who were not full members but were somehow entitled to use the <i>thiasos</i>' infrastructure (offering sacrifices?) cooperated with the association in awarding of honours. Of course this is no more than a working hypothesis. The cost of the honours awarded to Markos Kaikilios Tyraki[os?] may have been covered either from <i>ad hoc</i> contributions of the members or from money drawn from a common treasury.
ii. Poland concordance	Poland B 415 (I.Kios 20)
iii. Bibliography	Fernoux, H.-L. (2004), <i>Notables et elites des cités de Bithynie aux époques hellénistique et romaine (IIIe siècle av. J.-C. – IIIe siècle ap. J.-C.). Essai d'histoire sociale</i>. Lyon. Foucart, P. (1873), <i>Des associations religieuses chez les Grecs. Thiasos, éranes, orgéons</i>. Paris. Poland, F. (1909), <i>Geschichte des griechischen Vereinswesens</i>. Leipzig. Schwertheim, E. (1978), 'Denkmäler zur Meterverehrung in Bithynien und Mysien', in S. Şahin, E. Schwertheim and J. Wagner (eds.), <i>Studien zur Religion und Kultur Kleinasien. Festschrift für Friedrich Karl Dörner zum 65. Geburtstag am 28. Februar 1976</i>. 2 vols. Leiden: 791-837. Ziebarth, E. (1896), <i>Das griechische Vereinswesen</i>. Leipzig.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The name of the honouring body in ll. 1-2 and the use of the term *thiasos* demonstrate that it was a private association.