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CAPInv. 1889: **ho sympas xystos**

## I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Ionia
iii. Site	Ephesos

## II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ὁ σύμπας ξυστός (I.Eph(esos) 1104, l. 4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>ho sympas xystos</i>

## III. DATE

i. Date(s)	96 AD - 300 (?)
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>xystos</i> designates the athletic community.
	Other:	<i>sympas</i>

## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Eph(esos) 1089B (96 AD - 300 (?)) I.Eph(esos) 1104 (96 AD - 300 (?)) I.Eph(esos) 1124 (96 AD - 300 (?)) I.Eph(esos) 1125 (96 AD - 300 (?)) I.Eph(esos) 1155 (96 AD - 300 (?))
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedications and honorific decrees, Greek

ii. Source(s) provenance	Ephesos
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## VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	<p>ἀρχιερεύς, <i>archiereus</i> (I.Eph(esos) 1089B, l. 4; I.Eph(esos) 1104, l. 3; I.Eph(esos) 1124, ll. 10-11; I.Eph(esos) 1125, l. 3; I.Eph(esos) 1155, l. 6)  χυστάρχης, <i>xystarches</i> (I.Eph(esos) 1124, l. 12; I.Eph(esos) 1125, l. 4; I.Eph(esos) 1155, l. 5)</p> <p>All five inscriptions mention both offices (the fragment I.Eph(esos) 1089B may certainly be restored in that fashion), always held by the same person, often with the addition that they were held for life (διὰ βίου, <i>dia biou</i>). At Ephesos, the <i>xystos</i> is attested only as a part of the personal titlature of athletes, much like an honorific title.</p>
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## XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Remijsen, S. (2015), <i>The End of Greek Athletics in Late Antiquity</i> . Cambridge.
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## XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Discarded
Note	Given that at Ephesos the <i>xystos</i> never acts, but only appears as part of the honorific titlature of athletes, it seems to designate the whole athletic community (Remijsen 2015: 236-7). The offices in question may have been of some important in the <i>synodos</i> (the actual association of athletes), but they appear to be mere honorific titles.
ii. Historical authenticity	Certain