

Author: JAN-MATHIEU CARBON

CAPInv. 1942: **thiasos Aliastan ton syn Python<i>**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Kos
iii. Site	Kos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	θίασος Ἀλιαστᾶν τῶν σὺν Πυθίων<ι> (IG XII.4 2777, lines 2-4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>thiasos Aliastan ton syn Python<i></i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	200 (?) - 1 (?) BC
------------	--------------------

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	θίασος, <i>thiasos</i> The term both refers specifically to a cultic group and, more widely, to a collectivity.
	Personal:	σὺν Πυθίων<ι>, <i>sym Python<i></i> The name is Python.
	Theophoric:	Ἀλιασταί, <i>Aliastai</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	θίασος, <i>thiasos</i> The term both refers specifically to a cultic group and, more widely, to a collectivity.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII.4 2777, on the basis of the copy of Herzog.
--------------	--

i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Boundary stone of a burial plot. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Boundary stone of the type called <i>Travertin</i> .
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in 1900 during canal work near the theatre.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The point of reference of the boundary stone (ὄρος) is presumably to a burial plot, usually specified in this type of boundary.
-------------------------------------	---

VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	Pythion. This individual, mentioned in the name of the association, is either its founder or its leader.
Gender	Male
ii. Leadership	See above.

X. ACTIVITIES

Deities worshipped	Helios. The theophoric or cultic element Ἀλιασταί, <i>Aliastai</i> , implies the celebration of the god Helios.
--------------------	--

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	Little is known about this association and its context. But simply on the basis of its name and by comparison with other highly similar boundary stones of the burial plots of associations near the city of Kos (more than 50 in number, cf. e.g. CAPI no. 1826), we can be confident that it constituted a private association.