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CAPInv. 1994: [hymnodoi] neoterai hoi peri [ton megan the]on Dionyson

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Euxine Coast
iii. Site	Istros

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	[ὕμνοδοι] νεώτεροι οἱ περὶ [τὸν μέγαν θε]ὸν Διόνυσον (Avram 2018, ll. 7-9)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	[hymnodoi] neoterai hoi peri [ton megan the]on Dionyson

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	215 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	περὶ [τὸν μέγαν θε]ὸν Διόνυσον, peri [ton megan the]on Dionyson, Dionysus
	Other:	[ὕμνοδοι], [hymnodoi] νεώτεροι, neoterai (age group)

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Avram 2018 (c. AD 215)
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication of the winners in a musical contest for Emperor Caracalla, his mother Iulia Domna and the governor of Lower Moesia C. Iulius Quintillianus.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Fragmentary marble stele.

ii. Source(s) provenance

Found by chance in 2017 in the village of Istria. Now in the local museum in Istros.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership

προστ[ατούντες, *prostatountes* (l. 12): Hekataios Euxenidou *pontarches*, and at least another one.

Eponymous office

προστ[ατούντων δὲ] | Ἑκαταίου Εὐξενίδου πον(τάρχου), [- - Ρο]γᾶτον [- - -, *prostatounton de Hekataiou Euxinidou pontarchou* [-- *Rho*]gatou [- - - (ll. 12–14)

iii. Members

Unknown number of winners at an *agon*.

iv. Officials

One ἀγωνοθέτης, *agonothet[es]* [- -] Artemidorou (ll. 11–12)

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender

Men

iii. Age

Adults

iv. Status

We note the membership of a pontarch.

X. ACTIVITIES

ii. Meetings and events

Annual (?) sacred musical contests: only that for chorus ([ἀγῶνα] χορῶν, [*agona*] *choron*, ll. 9–10) and the ‘overall contest’ (κατὰ π[άντων], *kata p[anton]*, l. 10) are explicitly attested (the ‘overall contest’ is attested for the first time in the Black Sea area).

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction

We note the membership of a pontarch, mentioned among one of the leaders of the association (see VII.ii).

XII. NOTES

i. Comments

This association is a pendant of that of the *Dionysiai presbyteroi*, also called *hymnodoi presbyteroi* (*hoi peri ton megan theon Dionyson*): see [CAPInv. 1218](#). The two associations were separated by age.

iii. Bibliography

Avram, A. (2018), ‘Zu C. Iulius Quintillianus (PIR2 Q 17)’. *Gephyra* 16 (forthcoming).

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The character of the group as a private association of Dionysian athletes is clear. The group may have had the designation of ἡ σπεῖρα Διονυσιαστῶν νεωτέρων, *he speira Dionysiaston neoteron* by analogy with [CAPInv. 1218](#).