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CAPInv. 217: **ho thiasos ho ton Sarapiaston**

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ὁ θίασος ὁ τῶν Σαραπιαστῶν (IG XI.4 1226, cr 3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>ho thiasos ho ton Sarapiaston</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	e. ii BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	<i>Sarapiastai</i> : worshippers of Sarapis.
iii. Descriptive terms	θίασος, <i>thiasos</i>	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XI.4 1226, cr 3 (e. ii BC)
Note	RICIS no. 202/135 (Bricault 2013: 289 no. 92a) AGRW 111
Online Resources	IG XI.4 1226 AGRW 111 ID 7474
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Thank-offering in Greek by Kineas son of Agorallos to Sarpapis, Isis and Anubis. Kineas was crowned by three associations, <i>to koinon ton therapeuton</i> (CAP Inv. 215), <i>to koinon ton melanephoron</i> (CAP Inv. 216) and <i>ho thiasos ho ton Sarapiaston</i> .
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble slab broken into two fragments (H. 32 x W. 136 x Th. 18 cm). The slab constitutes the right part of a long pedestal (4.50 m long), originally consisting of four slabs (three preserved). Three wreaths are engraved on each slab. The names of three associations that crowned Kineas are incised within each wreath.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in Sarapieion B.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	Sarapieion B (GD 96) lies in the Inopos river valley, on a terrace west of the Sanctuary of the Oriental Gods. It was probably constructed at the end of the 3rd or the beginning of the 2nd c. BC, as suggested by a dedication that dates to 196 BC (CAP Inv. 222). It seems to have fallen out of use sometime in the period of the Second Athenian Occupation. Sarapieion B may not have operated as a sanctuary of Sarapis but rather as a meeting place of associations centered around the cult of the Egyptian gods, appropriately equipped with dining facilities for banquets.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status	Kineas son of Agorallos was a Delian.
v. Relations	Kineas should probably be identified with the homonymous priest in IG XI.4 1260 (RICIS no. 202/0136); 1258 (RICIS no. 202/0137); IG XI.4 1261 (RICIS no. 202/0138). All inscriptions attesting to Kineas were found in Sarapieion B.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	Thank-offering (<i>charisterion</i> , IG XI.4 1226, l. 1) to Sarapis, Isis and Anubis.
Deities worshipped	Sarapis Isis Anubis
iv. Honours/Other activities	<i>Ho thiasos ton Sarapiaston</i> crowned Kineas. He was also crowned by <i>to koinon ton therapeuton</i> (CAP Inv. 215) and <i>to koinon ton melanephoron</i> (CAP Inv. 216).

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	Sarapieion B has yielded a number of inscriptions attesting to six associations, active within its premises (CAP Inv. 215 ; CAP Inv. 216 ; CAP Inv. 217 ; CAP Inv. 218 ; CAP Inv. 219 ; CAP Inv. 222). All inscriptions date to the first half of the 2nd c. BC. A certain degree of connectivity is to be noted among the various associations on the basis of individuals who were members of more than one association (see esp. CAP Inv. 218).
iii. Bibliography	Bricault, L. (2013), <i>Les cultes isiaques dans le monde gréco-romain. Documents réunis, traduits et commentés</i> . Paris.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The name (*ho thiasos ton Sarapiaston*) points to a private association.