

Author: ANDREAS VICTOR WALSER

## CAPInv. 225: *systema kepouron*

### I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Eastern Asia Minor
ii. Region	Galatia
iii. Site	Pessinous

### II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	σύστημα κηπουρῶν (I.Pessinous 22 l. 6-7)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>systema kepouron</i>

### III. DATE

i. Date(s)	Imp.
------------	------

### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	κηπουροί, <i>kepouroi</i> , ("gardeners", here probably "market-gardeners")
iii. Descriptive terms	σύστημα, <i>systema</i>	

### V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Pessinous 22
Note	Ascough et al. 2012: no. 217; a full list of earlier edition is provided in I.Pessinous 22.
Online Resources	<a href="#">I.Pessinous 22</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedicatory inscription in Greek

i.c. Physical format(s)	Small "Votive tablet" (Hamilton), unknown dimensions
ii. Source(s) provenance	Ballihisar/Pessinous (now lost)

## VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The inscription mentions a <i>tameion</i> (below), but that was most probably not a specific building.
-------------------------------------	--

## VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	cf. VII.v.
v. Other staff	ἐπιμελούμενοι, <i>epimeloumenoi</i> (I.Pessinous 22 l. 5-6): The two dedicators identify themselves as <i>epimeloumenoi</i> of the association. The designations suggest that they are specifically appointed for this task rather than regular officials.

## VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	ταμείον, <i>tameion</i>
-------------------	-------------------------

## X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	<p>Two appointees of the association make a dedication to Demeter 'from the treasury' (l. 8-9: ἐκ τοῦ τ[α]μ[ε]ί[ου], <i>ek tou tameiou</i>), i.e. the unknown dedication was either payed for with funds from the association's treasury or was an object kept in it.</p> <p>Van Nijf 1997, 109 suggests that a statue of Demeter, paid from the club's treasury, was set up in the clubhouse of the association, primarily for decorative reasons. The inscription, however, was not written on a statue base, as one would expect in this case, and does not mention a statue either. The verb καθιερώω, <i>kathieroo</i> (l. 7-8), 'to consecrate, set up as sacred', makes clear that the dedication had primarily cultic purposes.</p> <p>Cf. also Dittmann-Schöne 2001, 233.</p>
Deities worshipped	Demeter Karpophoros

## XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance	Poland Z 75
iii. Bibliography	<p>Ascough, S., Harland, Ph.A., and Kloppenborg, J.S. (2012), <i>Associations in the Greco-Roman World. A Sourcebook</i>. Waco.</p> <p>Dittmann-Schöne, I. (2001), <i>Die Berufsvereine in den Städten des kaiserzeitlichen Kleinasien</i>. Regensburg.</p> <p>Van Nijf, O. (1997), <i>The civic world of professional associations in the Roman East</i>. Amsterdam.</p> <p>Fur further literature cf. J. Strubbe, <i>ad</i> I.Pessinous 22.</p>

### XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
ii. Historical authenticity	Even if the relevant inscription is lost the authenticity is indisputable.