

CAPInv. 228: **koinon ton orgeonon**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Attica with Salamis
ii. Region	Attica
iii. Site	Athens, Peiraeus

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	κοινὸν τῶν ὀργεόνων (<i>MDAI(A)</i> 66: 228.4, l. 5; IG II ² 1337, l. 11)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>koinon ton orgeonon</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	138 - 94 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>orgeones</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>	
Note	<i>koinon</i> : <i>MDAI(A)</i> 66: 228.4, l. 5; IG II ² 1337, l. 11	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	<i>MDAI(A)</i> 66 228 no. 4 (138/7 BC) IG II ² 1337 (95/4 BC)
Note	IG II ² 1337 Ed. pr. Rangabes, K. (1855), <i>Antiquites Helleniques</i> . Athenes, II, 429 no. 809 Other publications: Lueders no. 20; Foucart no. 10; Michel no. 1561; GRA I 44. <i>MDAI(A)</i> 66 (1941) 228 no. 4 Other publications: GRA I 39. Cf. SEG 16: 111. <i>BE</i> 1942, no. 329; <i>BE</i> 1948, no. 50; <i>BE</i> 1950, no. 71.

Online Resources		MDAI(A) 66 (1941) 228 no. 4. and AGRW ID 3940 IG II² 1337 and AGRW ID 3949
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)	
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	MDAI(A): Greek honorary decree for the steward Serapion, son of Poseidonios of Heraclea. IG II ² 1337: Greek honorary decree for the priestess Nikasis, daughter of Philiskos of Corinth.	
i.c. Physical format(s)	IG II ² 1337: Marble pedimental stele decorated with a rosetta in the centre, measuring 0,47x0,52m. MDAI(A): Three fragments of a pedimental stele. In the pediment a partly preserved relief depicting probably Aphrodite commending the honoured person and a female person. In the middle an altar and behind it a pillar. More details in Lawton 1995: no. 61.	
ii. Source(s) provenance	MDAI(A): Found in Syngrou str., near the church of Hag. Sostes, now in the Epigraphical Museum, EM 3876. IG II ² 1337: Found in Piraeus built in a private house, now in the National Museum (IG).	

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	MDAI(A): Reference to pedestals (βάθρα, <i>bathra</i>) in the sanctuary and a bath for men (λουτρών ὁ ἀνδρείος, <i>loutron ho andreios</i>) being replastered (Il. 8-9).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	Priestess (ἱέρεια, <i>hierēia</i>) (IG II ² 1337, ll. 4, 12). Secretary (γραμματεὺς, <i>grammateus</i>) (MDAI(A) ll. 16-7). Steward (ἐπιμελητής, <i>epimeletes</i>) (MDAI(A) ll. 3, 17).
vi. Laws and rules	The steward and the secretary are encumbered with the duty to proclaim the honorary crowns (MDAI(A) ll. 16-7).
vii. Judicial system	If the steward and the secretary fail to proclaim the crown they shall pay a fine of 50 dr. (MDAI(A) ll. 18-9).

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	A sanctuary (ἱερόν, <i>hieron</i>) is mentioned in MDAI(A) ll. 8, 18, 20 as well as a men's bath (λουτρών ὁ ἀνδρείος, <i>loutron ho andreios</i>), ll. 9.
iii. Income	One of the sources of income for the association were the fine imposed in case of non-observance of their duties by officials, MDAI(A) ll. 18-19.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men Women
Note	Σεραπίων Ποσειδωνίου Ἡρακλεώτης, <i>Athenian onomasticon</i> s.v. (49) Νικασίς Φυλίσκου Κορινθία, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (1). Σάτυρος Μενίσκου Αἰζωνεύς, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (27).

iii. Age	Adults
iv. Status	Foreigners: 2 (<i>MDAI(A)</i> 66 228.4, 2: Heraclaea and IG II ² 1337, 5: Corinth). Citizen: 1 (IG II ² 1337, 1. 3).

X. ACTIVITIES

i. Assemblies	The association held regular monthly assemblies on <i>Thargelion</i> (<i>MDAI(A)</i> 66 228.4, l. 1), and on <i>Skirophorion</i> (IG II ² 1337, 1) called main assemblies (ἀγοραί κυρίαί, <i>agorai kyriai</i>)
iii. Worship	The association performed sacrifices (θυσίαι, <i>thysiai</i>) and (σπονδαί, <i>spondai</i>) (<i>MDAI(A)</i> 66 228.4, ll. 4 and 17; IG II ² 1337, l. 5)
Deities worshipped	The worshipped deity is called <i>Syria Theos</i> , IG II ² 1337, l. 4 and Aphrodite <i>Syria</i> in l. 6. In <i>MDAI(A)</i> 66 228.4, l. 19 she is referred to as simply <i>Aphrodite</i> .
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association has praised (ἐπαινέσαι, <i>epainesai</i>) Serapion and awarded him an olive leaves crown (θαλλοῦ στέφανος, <i>thallou stephanos</i>), a ribbon (λημνίσκος, <i>lemniskos</i>) and the proclamation (ἀναγόρευσις, <i>anagoreusis</i>) of the crown after the libations., <i>MDAI(A)</i> 66 228.4, ll. 13-7. In IG II ² 1337, ll. 11-2 only the reference to praise is preserved.

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	In the inscription <i>MDAI(A)</i> 66 228.4, ll. 5-7 it is mentioned that Serapion has performed and perhaps financed sacrifices on behalf of the association, their children and women and of the Athenian <i>demos</i> .
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The decree IG II ² 1337 was passed in the archonship of Herakleitos. The decree <i>MDAI(A)</i> 66 228.4 was approved in the archonship of Timarchos.
ii. Poland concordance	Poland A2k = IG II ² 1337
iii. Bibliography	Arnaoutoglou, I. (2003), <i>Thusias heneka kai sunousias. Private religious associations in Hellenistic Athens</i>. Athens: 108-9, 116, 135-6, 154. Baslez, M-F. (2001), 'Entre traditions nationales et intégration: les associations sémitiques du monde grec', in Ribichini, S., Rocchi, M., and P. Xella (eds.), <i>La questione delle influenze vicino-orientali sulla religione greca. Stato degli studi e prospettive della ricerca</i> (Atti del Colloquio Internazionale Roma, 20-22 maggio 1999), Roma: 235-47. Ferguson, W. (1944), 'The Attic orgeones', <i>HThR</i> 37: 119-21. Meritt, B. (1947), 'The Attic archons Diokles Timarchos', <i>AJPh</i> 68: 195-8 Tracy, S. (1978), 'Five letter-cutters of Hellenistic Athens (230-130 BC)', <i>Hesperia</i> 47: 261-6 Meyer, M. (1989), <i>Die griechischen Urkundenreliefs</i>. Berlin: 316 no. C3. Lawton, C. (1995), <i>Attic document reliefs. Art and politics in ancient Athens</i>. Oxford: no. 61. Pakkanen, P. (1996), <i>Interpreting early Hellenistic religion. A study based on the mystery cult of Demeter and the cult of Isis</i>. Helsinki. Parker, R. (1996), <i>Athenian religion. A history</i>. Oxford. Mikalson, J. (1998), <i>Religion in Hellenistic Athens</i>. Los Angeles: 278. Wilhelm, A. (2006), 'Attische Urkunden. Teil VI' in Taeuber, H. (ed.), <i>Kleine Schriften III. Schriften aus Adolf Wilhelm Nachlass</i>, Wien: 273 no. 46.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

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Note

The association displays all the hallmarks of a private association, distinct name, membership, organization, property and durability.