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CAPInv. 265: koinon ton thiasoton

I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Attica with Salamis |
| ii. Region | Attica |
| iii. Site | Piraeus |

II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | κοινὸν τῶν θιασωτῶν (IG II ² 1273, ll. 20-21) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated) | <i>koinon ton thiasoton</i> |

III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | 265 (?) / 264 (?) BC |
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| ii. Name elements | Cultic: | <i>thiasotai</i> |
| iii. Descriptive terms | κοινόν, <i>koinon</i> | |
| Note | <i>koinon</i> : IG II ² 1273, ll. 20 | |

V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s) | IG II ² 1273, 265/4 BC? |
| Note | The inscription is written <i>stoichedon</i> . Ed. pr. <i>Archaeologische Zeitung</i> 13/82-83 (1855) cols 83-85 nos 2-3; <i>An.Ép</i> 1855, 1281 no. 2583. (<i>APMA</i> 5, 367 no. 2431); <i>Ephemeris ton Philomathon</i> issue 205 (13/4/1857) 38 no. 24 (<i>APMA</i> 2, 89 no. 239) Other publications: Lueders no. 15; Foucart no. 22-23; Michel 978; Vermaseren, <i>CCCA</i> 2.258; <i>GRA</i> I 18 Cf. SEG 28: 108; 30: 96; 39: 152, 310; 43: 114; 44: 58; 50: 1, 165; 57: 29. <i>BE</i> 1995: no. 230. |

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| Online Resources | | IG II² 1273 and AGRW ID 3752 |
| i.a. Source type(s) | Epigraphic source(s) | |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Greek honorific decrees, a) for a certain Soterichos of Troizen because he has contributed in the building of the sanctuary (for his εὐνοία, <i>eunoia</i> and φιλοτιμία, <i>philotimia</i>) and, b) for a certain Kephalion of Herakleia because of his stewardship over the sacred affairs. | |
| i.c. Physical format(s) | Pedimental marble stele measuring 0,39x0,22m. | |
| ii. Source(s) provenance | Found in 1855 in Piraeus, to the south of the peninsula of Zea, now in the Epigraphical Museum, EM 7757. | |

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

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| ii. References to buildings/objects | In the inscription there are references to a precinct (ἱερόν, <i>hieron</i> , l. 31), a house (οἶκος, <i>oikos</i> , l. 7), and to a stele (στήλη, <i>stela</i> , l. 27). |
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VII. ORGANIZATION

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| iii. Members | Members of the group are designated as θιασῶται, <i>thiasotai</i> (IG II ² 1273, ll. 5-6, 9, 11-12, 14, 18-19, 25, 32-33). |
| iv. Officials | Priest, ἱερεύς, <i>hiereus</i> , IG II ² 1273, ll. 13, 16, 21 and 29. |
| Known practice of appointment | The person appointed as priest (ἱερεύς, <i>hiereus</i>) was allotted (λαχών, <i>lachon</i> , l. 29). |
| v. Other staff | In the first of the two decrees is mentioned that Soterichos is honoured because of the care he took over the building of a house (l. 8), perhaps as member of an ad hoc committee. |
| Known practice of appointment | There is also reference to an unspecified office to which a person is elected (αἵρεθεῖς, <i>hairetheis</i> , l. 5). |
| vi. Laws and rules | It is prescribed that the exaction of a fine will follow the same procedure used for the exaction of other debts to the association (IG II ² 1273, ll. 24-26), Ziebarth 1896: 175. |
| vii. Judicial system | A fine equal to 50 dr. is imposed to the priest who do not crown or do not proclaim the crown (IG II ² 1273, ll. 21-24). |

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

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| ii. Realty | The association had a sanctuary and had built in it an <i>oikos</i> (IG II ² 1273 ll. 7-8) |
| iii. Income | The association imposed fines to the priests who did not comply with their duty to crown or to proclaim the crowns awarded (IG II ² 1273 ll. 21-24). |

IX. MEMBERSHIP

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| ii. Gender | Men |
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| Note | Λεύκων, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (8). Κεφάλειον Ἡρακλεώτης, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (18). Σωτήριχος Τροζήνιος, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (85). |
| iii. Age | Adults |
| iv. Status | Two of the individuals are resident aliens (metics), while the third one remains unidentified (perhaps also a metic). |

X. ACTIVITIES

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| iii. Worship | The members of group performed sacrifices (θυσίαι, <i>thysiai</i> , IG II ² 1273 l. 14) and libations (σπονδαί, <i>spondai</i> , IG II ² 1273 l. 15). |
| Deities worshipped | Μήτηρ (Θεῶν), <i>Meter (Theon)</i> , IG II ² 1273 ll. 24, 32. |
| iv. Honours/Other activities | Both honoured individuals are praised (ἐπαινέσαι, <i>epainesai</i> , IG II ² 1273 ll. 9-10, 34) and awarded an olive-leaves crown (θαλλοῦ στέφανος, <i>thallou stephanos</i> , IG II ² 1273 ll. 12-13, 16, 35). In addition, Soterichos' crown will be proclaimed (ἀνειπάτω, <i>aneipato</i> , IG II ² 1273 l. 17) by the priest on every appropriate occasion (IG II ² 1273 ll. 17-18). Soterichos was honoured for his benevolence (εὐνοία, <i>eunoia</i>) and zeal (φιλοτιμία, <i>philotimia</i>). |

XI. INTERACTION

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| i. Local interaction | The relation of this association with the <i>orgeones</i> of the Mother of the Gods (CAPInv. 361) remains a matter of debate, although cult associations sharing the same sanctuary is not as uncommon as it was thought. |
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XII. NOTES

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| i. Comments | The decrees were passed during the archonship of ---os. |
| ii. Poland concordance | Poland A17 |
| iii. Bibliography | <p>Arnaoutoglou, I. (2003), <i>Thusias heneka kai sunousias. Private religious associations in Hellenistic Athens</i>. Athens.</p> <p>Ismard, P. (2010), <i>La cité des réseaux. Athènes et ses associations VIe – Ier siècle av. J.-C.</i>. Paris: 349, 355.</p> <p>Jones, N. (1999), <i>The associations of classical Athens. A response to democracy</i>. New York: 263-4</p> <p>Mikalson, J. (1998), <i>Religion in Hellenistic Athens</i>. Los Angeles: 148</p> <p>Osborne, M. (2004), 'The archons of IG II² 1273' in A. Matthaiou (ed.), <i>Attikai Epigraphai</i> (Praktika symposiou eis mnemen A. Wilhelm (1864-1950)). Athena: 199-211.</p> <p>Osborne, M. (2009), 'The archons of Athens 300/299-228/7', <i>ZPE</i> 171: 83-99.</p> <p>Pakkanen, P. (1996), <i>Interpreting early Hellenistic religion. A study based on the mystery cult of Demeter and the cult of Isis</i>. Helsinki.</p> <p>Parker, R. (1996), <i>Athenian religion. A history</i>. Oxford: 159-60, 188-94, 197-8</p> <p>Tracy, S. (1990), <i>Attic letter-cutters of 229 to 86 B.C.</i>. Berkeley: 259</p> <p>Ziebarth, E. (1896), <i>Das griechische Vereinswesen</i>. Leipzig.</p> |

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.