

CAPInv. 351: [koinon t]on Sarapiaston

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	[κοινόν τ]ῶν Σαραπιαστῶν (IG II ² 1292, ll. 21-2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	[koinon t]on Sarapiaston

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	215 / 214 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	<i>Sarapiastai</i> : Their name is derived from the Egyptian god Sarapis.
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i> (?)	
Note	<i>koinon</i> : IG II ² 1292, l. 21 (restored)	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG II ² 1292 (215/4 BC)
Note	Ed. pr. Osann, F. (1834), <i>Sylloge inscriptionum antiquarum Graecarum et Latinarum</i> . Leipzig: no. 61. Other publications: Le Bas 381; CIG I 120; Lueders no. 26; Foucart no. 24; GIBM I 21; Michel no. 1553; <i>HThR</i> 30 (1937) 188-97; <i>SIRIS</i> 2; RICIS 101/0201; GRA I 26; Bricault 2013: 298 no. 95b. Cf. SEG 28: 365; SEG 49: 183. <i>BE</i> 1938, no. 86; 1970, no. 260.
Online Resources	IG II² 1292 AGRW ID 3856

i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek honorary decree for the magistrates of the association, since they have performed their duties without blemish, followed by a fragmentary list of members.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble stele broken on top left, measuring 0,355x0,292m.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in Athens, now in the British Museum, Elgin collection 21.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	There is a reference to the stone slab (στήλη λιθίνη, <i>stele lithine</i> , ll. 25-6) on which the decree shall be inscribed.
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The members of the group are called Σαραπασταί, <i>Sarapiastai</i> , ll. 2, 10, 12-3, 17.
iv. Officials	Chief- <i>eranistria</i> (προερανίστρια, <i>proeranistria</i> , ll. 23, 29). Steward (ἐπιμελητής, <i>epimeletes</i> , ll. 3-4). Treasurer (ταμίας, <i>tamias</i> , ll. 2, 28, 31). Secretary (γραμματεὺς, <i>grammateus</i> , ll. 3, 33). ιεροποιοὶ (<i>hieropoioi</i> , l. 14). The duties of chief- <i>eranistria</i> included the performance of sacrifices, ll. 24-5, see Arnaoutoglou 1994.
vii. Judicial system	The honoured magistrates have been scrutinized for their term of office, ll. 6-7: [καὶ τὰς] εὐ[θύνας] δεδόκα[σιν] περὶ [πάντ]ων παρὰ τὸν [εὐθύνον], [<i>kai tas eu[thynas] dedoka[sin] peri [pant]on para ton [euthynon]</i>]. The <i>hieropoioi</i> omitting to proclaim the honours or the crown are liable to a fine, ll. 15-7: ἐὰν δὲ μὴ ἀναγορεύσωσιν ἢ μὴ στε[φά]νωσιν, ἀποτεισάτω ἕκαστος αὐτῶν — — δ]ραχμὰς ἱερὰς τοῖς Σαραπασταῖς, <i>ean de me anagoreusos[in e me stepha]nosoi, apoteisato hekastos auf[ton] --- d[rachmas hieras tois Sarapiastais]</i> .

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	The association had a treasury designated as κοινόν, <i>koinon</i> in ll. 27-8: [τὸ] δὲ γενόμενον εἰς ταῦτα ἀνάλω[μα μερίσαι ἐκ τοῦ κοινοῦ, [<i>to] de genomenon eis tauta analo[ma merisai ek t]ou koinou</i>].
iii. Income	The association's preserved income was derived mainly from fines as the one prescribed in ll. 15-7.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men Women
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Note	Men: 8 Women: 1 Νικήππη, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (5). Ζώπυρος, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (145). Θεοφάνης, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (38). Σέλευκος, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (40). Δωρίων, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (12). Εὐβουλίδης, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (48). Ὀλύμπιος, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (44) with Matricon-Thomas (2012: 45 n.18).
iii. Age	Adults

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The association performed sacrifices (θυσίαι, <i>thysiai</i> , ll. 13-5 and 23-5).
iv. Honours/Other activities	The magistrates are praised (ἐπαινέσαι, <i>epainesai</i> , ll. 10-1, 22) and honoured with an olive-leaves crown with a ribbon (θαλλοῦ [στεφάνωι σὺν τ]αινιδίωι, <i>thallou [stephanoi syn t]ainidioi</i> , ll. 10-2). Nikippe the <i>proerastria</i> is praised and crowned (ἐπαινέσαι δὲ κα[ὶ] στεφα[ν]ῶσαι, <i>epainesai de ka[i] stephan]osai</i> , ll. 22-3, with no reference to the kind of crown).

XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance	Poland A34
iii. Bibliography	Arnaoutoglou, I. (1994), 'Archeranistes and its meaning in inscriptions', <i>ZPE</i> 104: 107-10. Arnaoutoglou, I. (2003), <i>Thusias heneka kai sunousias. Private religious associations in Hellenistic Athens</i>. Athens. Bricault, L. (2013), <i>Les cultes isiaques dans le monde greco-romain</i>. Paris. Bricault, L. (2014), 'Les Sarapiastes', in G.Tallet and Chr. Zivie-Coche (eds.), <i>Le myrte et la rose. Melanges offerts a Francoise Dunand par ses eleves, collegues et amis</i>. Montpellier: 41-8. Dow, St. (1937), 'The Egyptian cults in Athens', <i>HThR</i> 30: 188-97. Dunand, Fr. (1973), <i>Le culte d'Isis dans le bassin oriental de la Méditerranée</i>. Leiden. Fraser, P. (1960), 'Two studies on the cult of Sarapis in the Hellenistic world', <i>OAth</i> 3: 1-54. Matricon-Thomas, E. (2012), 'Le culte d'Isis a Athenes: entre aspect 'universel' et specificites locales' in L. Bricault & M. J. Versluys (eds), <i>Egyptian gods in the Hellenistic and Roman Mediterranean: Image and reality between local and global</i>. Palermo: 41-66. Mikalson, J. (1998), <i>Religion in Hellenistic Athens</i>. Los Angeles. Pakkanen, P. (1996), <i>Interpreting early Hellenistic religion. A study based on the mystery cult of Demeter and the cult of Isis</i>. Helsinki: 54-63. Parker, R. (1996), <i>Athenian religion. A history</i>. Oxford.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The association displays all the hallmarks of a private association: distinct name, membership, organization, property and durability.