

CAPInv. 399: *he synergasia ton linourgon*

I. LOCATION	
i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Lydia
iii. Site	Saittai

II. NAME	
i. Full name (original language)	ἡ συνεργασία τῶν λινουργῶν (Dittmann-Schöne III.3.2, ll. 3-4; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.3, ll. 3-4; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.4, ll. 2-3; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.5, ll. 3-4; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.6, ll. 3-4; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.7, ll. 2-3; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.8, ll. 2-4; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.9, ll. 2-3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>he synergasia ton linourgon</i>

III. DATE	
i. Date(s)	ii - iii AD

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY	
i. Name in other forms	τὸ ὁμότεχνον τῶν λινουργῶν, <i>to homotechnon ton linourgon</i> (Dittmann-Schöne III.3.1 = TAM V.1 82, ll. 2-4) ἡ πλατεία τῶν λινουργῶν, <i>he plateia ton linourgon</i> (Dittmann-Schöne III.3.10, ll. 3-4) λινουργοί, <i>linourgoi</i> (Dittmann-Schöne III.3.11, nos. 36, 38-41) [λινου]ργοί νε[ωτέροι], <i>[linou]rgoi ne[oteroi]</i> (Dittmann-Schöne III.3.11, no. 37)
ii. Name elements	Professional: Linenworkers
iii. Descriptive terms	συνεργασία, <i>synergasia</i> ὁμότεχνον, <i>homotechnon</i> πλατεία, <i>plateia</i>
Note	<i>synergasia</i> : Dittmann-Schöne III.3.2, l. 2; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.3, ll. 3-4; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.4, l. 2; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.5, l. 3; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.6, ll. 3-4; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.7, l. 2; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.8, ll. 2-3; Dittmann-Schöne III.3.9, ll. 2-3 <i>homotechnon</i> : Dittmann-Schöne III.3.1, ll. 2-3 <i>plateia</i> : Dittmann-Schöne III.3.10, l. 3

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Dittmann-Schöne III.3.1 (183/4AD) Dittmann-Schöne III.3.2 (183/4 AD) Dittmann-Schöne III.3.3 (183/4 AD) Dittmann-Schöne III.3.4 (192/3 AD) Dittmann-Schöne III.3.5 (192/3 AD) Dittmann-Schöne III.3.6 (194/5 AD) Dittmann-Schöne III.3.7 (202/3 AD) Dittmann-Schöne III.3.8 (205/6 AD) Dittmann-Schöne III.3.9 (211/2 AD) Dittmann-Schöne III.3.10 (162/3 AD) Dittmann-Schöne III.3.11 (1/2 II- 1/2 III AD)
Note	See also: Dittmann-Schöne III.3.1: TAM V.1 82 Dittmann-Schöne III.3.2: EA 30: 31-2, no. 15 Dittmann-Schöne III.3.3: SEG 29: 1191 ZPE 36: 172, no. 30 Dittmann-Schöne III.3.4: EA 30: 31-2, no. 16 Dittmann-Schöne III.3.5: SEG 32: 1234 ZPE 47: 118, no. 13 EA 15: 83, no. 34 Dittmann-Schöne III.3.6: SEG 40: 1088 EA 15: 83, no. 34 Dittmann-Schöne III.3.7: SEG 31: 1036 ZPE 44: 88, no. 17 Dittmann-Schöne III.3.8: TAM V.1 83 Dittmann-Schöne III.3.9: TAM V.1 84 Dittmann-Schöne III.3.10: SEG 31: 1026 Dittmann-Schöne III.3.10: SEG 40: 1063
Online Resources	TAM V.1 82 TAM V.1 83 TAM V.1 84
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dittmann-Schöne III.3.1-10: funerary inscriptions. Dittmann-Schöne III.3.11: sit inscriptions in the stadion. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Dittmann-Schöne III.3.1-10: marble stele with pediment. Dittmann-Schöne III.3.11: 1-3 south-west terrace of the stadion, rows 1-3 and 5-7.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Dittmann-Schöne III.3.1, 3, 5-10: necropolis of Saittai. Dittmann-Schöne III.3.2, 4: probably from Saittai or its territory. Dittmann-Schöne III.3.11: stadion of Saittai.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	There are archaeological remains of the stadion of Saittai, where 6 rows were reserved for the members of the association; and of tombs dedicated by the association.
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ii. References to buildings/objects

References to the association seats in the stadion (Dittmann-Schöne III.3.11) and to tombs erected by the association (Dittmann-Schöne III.3.20-23).
The name *πλατεία* (*plateia*) to designate the association refers to a street where the guild was active. For this designation in relation to the guild of the shoemakers in Saittai cf. Dittmann-Schöne III.3.20-23, and for the same designation for other guilds in Apamea in Phrygia, Dittmann-Schöne V.4.1, V.4.3. Cf. also van Nijf 1997: 182-3.

VII. ORGANIZATION

viii. Obligations

The association had probably the obligation of erecting and taking care of the tombs of its members and their families, or maybe of persons external to the association as was often the case.
On funerary activities of professional associations cf. van Nijf 1997: 38-69.

ix. Privileges

The association had the privilege of getting 6 rows of the stadion reserved for its members. It is the highest number of reserved sits for the same association attested so far, as Dittmann-Schöne states.

The association has also the privilege of being eponymous to one or two *phylai* of the city, if the restoration of the evidence is right: Dittmann-Schöne III.1.11 no. 36: φυ(λῆς?) β' [λ]ινου[ργών], *phy(les) b' [l]inou[rgon]*.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds

The association must have funds in order to erect the attested funerary inscriptions.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

iii. Age

Adults

Note

The attested deceased are all men. Their ages are comprised between 30 and 68. There are also two deceased boys at the age of 6 (Dittmann-Schöne III.3.2) and 9 (Dittmann-Schöne III.3.9), who were probably sons of the association's members.

v. Relations

If the restitution [λινου]ρ{α}γω[v] νε[ωτέρων?], [*linou*]r{a}go[n] ne[oteron?] (Dittmann-Schöne III.3.11, no. 37) is right, there could be a club of younger members in the association, as this author presumes, or maybe a recent or reformed association in opposition to the old one. For similar indications in Lydian cult associations cf. TAM V.1 92, ll. 2-3: ἡ σύνοδος τῶν νεῶν ποδαρίων (*he synodos ton neon podarion*); TAM V.1 451, ll. 1-3: ἡ νεωτέρα φράτρα τοῦ Ἀσκληπιοῦ (*he neotera phratra tou Asklepiou*); TAM V.1 537, l. 1: ἱερὰ συμβίωσις καὶ νεωτέρα (*hiera symbiosis kai neotera*); TAM V.3 1556, l. 3: νέοι φιλάνπελοι (*neoi philanpeloi*, see [CAPInv. 324](#)).

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities

The association erected, and probably took care of, tombs for their members and their families, maybe also for other persons. On funerary activities of professional associations cf. van Nijf 1997: 38-69.

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction

Dittmann-Schöne III.3.11, no. 36 probably attests to a *phyle* of the city named after the guild of the linenworkers (for *phylai* named after guilds in Philadelphieia in Lydia cf. Dittmann-Schöne III.5.1-2). This, and the fact that the guild has 6 rows of seats reserved at the stadion means that it had an important social and economic influence in the city.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

It is a craftmanship-association.