

CAPInv. 434: **synodos**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Peloponnese with Adjacent Islands
ii. Region	Arcadia
iii. Site	Tegea

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	σύνοδος (IG V.2 26, l. 8)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>synodos</i>

III. DATE

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

iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>
Note	<i>synodos</i> : IG V.2 26, l. 8

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG V.2 26 (I BC)
Online Resources	IG V.2 26
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	A Greek decree by an association, the full name of which is not preserved, in honour of C. Asinius Felix.
i.c. Physical format(s)	A fragment of the right part of a stele.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Tegea

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects

In l. 6 τὸ μνημεῖον, *to mnemeion* is mentioned. It is probably to be understood as the funerary monument which the association has to crown with flower wreaths in the feast of *rosalia*.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials

In ll. 7-8 the title of an official of the association is to be restored. The title is unknown, but the phrase [τοῦ καθ'] ἔτος ἀντιτυγχάνον[τος] l. ἀντιτυγχάνον[τος], [*tou kath'] etos antitynchanon[tos]*, shows that his term of office was annual.

X. ACTIVITIES

ii. Meetings and events

On the basis of the decree of this association, certain ceremonies are to be organized in memory of C. Asinius Felix on a special day (restored as [τὴν γενέθλιον ἡμέραν, [*ten genethlion hemeran*, l. 4) during the feast of *rosalia*, a feast close connected with associations. This event is to be repeated annually. The restoration of the text in IG (ll. 3-4) as ἄγειν δὲ αὐτοῦ καθ' [τὴν γενέθλιον ἡμέραν κατ' ἐνιαυτὸν ἐν τοῖς ῥόδοις, *agein de autoi ka[i] / [ten genethlion hemeran kat eniautōn en tois rhodois]*, is to be dealt with caution, as there is no reason to restore that the individual's birthday should be the day dedicated to his memory, cf. Kokkinia 1999: 213. On the terms ῥόδα, ῥοδοφόρια, ῥοδισμός, *rhoda, rhodophoria, rhodismos*, as Greek renderings of the Roman feast *rosalia* and its diffusion of the feast in the eastern part of the Roman Empire see Toynbee 1971: 62-3.

iv. Honours/Other activities

Although the fragmentary state of the inscription does not allow us to restore the decree of the association in details, it is established that a special day during the feast of *rosalia* certain ceremonies are to be organized in memory of C. Asinius Felix.

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction

Due to the fragmentary state of the inscription the relation of the polis (ll. 9-10) with the association is obscure, but it seems that there was some interaction between them.

The feast of *rosalia* mentioned in the inscription is a Roman feast celebrated primarily in May and devoted to the commemoration of the dead. The celebration of *rosalia* in Tegea is an indication of "Romanization". The name of the individual honoured by the association, Caius Asinius Felix, and the date of the inscription to the Augustan period, imply that we have to do with a Roman who is a temporary or permanent resident of Tegea. The celebration of *rosalia* may however imply the presence of a Roman community in the town.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography

Kokkinia, C. (1999), 'Rosen für die Toten im griechischen Raum und eine neue ῥοδισμός-Inschrift aus Bithynien', *MH* 56: 204-21.
Toynbee, J.M.C. (1971), *Death and burial in the Roman world*. London: 62-3.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology employed (<i>synodos</i>) and the character of the celebrations by the group point to a private association.
ii. Historical authenticity	The epigraphic evidence renders the historical authenticity of the association indisputable.