

## CAPInv. 622: to hierotaton synergion

### I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Inland Thrace
iii. Site	Philippopolis

### II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	τὸ ἱερότατον συνέργιον (IGBulg III.1 1401bis, l. 5)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>to hierotaton synergion</i>

### III. DATE

i. Date(s)	Imp.
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### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

iii. Descriptive terms	συνέργιον, <i>synergion</i>
Note	<i>synergion</i> : IGBulg III.1 1401bis

### V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IGBulg III.1 1401bis (Imp.)
Online Resources	<a href="#">IGBulg III.1 1401bis</a> and <a href="#">AGRW ID 14186</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication in Greek of a statue of Herakles by a προμέτρης, <i>prometres</i> , to the ἱερότατον συνέργιον, <i>hierotaton synergion</i> .
i.c. Physical format(s)	Circular marble base (h. 0.64, diam. 0.62) that originally held a statue of Heracles.

ii. Source(s) provenance	Found at the site "Starata vodenitsa" (=Old water mill), 2 km to the north of the modern village of Jagodovo. This region is attributed to the territory of Philippopolis.
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## VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	A statue of Herakles and a <i>trapeza</i> are mentioned in the text as set up in honour of the association (ll. 7-8: τὸν Ἡρακλέα σὺν [τ]ῇ τραπέζῃ, <i>ton Heraklea syn [t]ei trapezei</i> ).
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## VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	<p>The dedicator made the offering δεκανεύσας ε' ἀμέμπως, <i>dekaneusas 5 amemptos</i> (ll. 3-4). The same term, though for two persons and in the present tense (δεκανεούντων, <i>dekaneuonton</i>), also occurs for the τέχνη καπήλων, <i>techne kapelon</i>, of Philippopolis, see <a href="#">CAPIInv. 585</a>. According to Zontschev 1959, Mihailov (at the commentary of IGBulg III.1 917) and Zimmermann 2002: 59, the term δεκανός, <i>dekanos</i>, indicates the leader(s) of the association; for <i>BE</i> 1961: no. 399: "ces δεκανοί sont des chefs de l'association, sans doute des chefs de section". Cf. also the comments of Kolb 2003: 117 for the <i>hapax</i> δεκάκιον, <i>dekanion</i>, in an inscription from Bithynia (<a href="#">CAPIInv. 711</a>).</p> <p>The fact that the term occurs twice at Philippopolis seems to indicate a kind of local peculiarity (see also Zimmermann 2002, 59: 'eine Besonderheit des thrakischen Raumes').</p> <p>According to the text, the dedicator held this office five times, though <i>BE</i> 1961: no. 399 considered the letter ε' to be a simple ornament.</p>
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## VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	It is explicitly stated in the text (l. 6), that the cost for setting up the statue and the <i>trapeza</i> to Herakles was covered by the dedicator and not by the association.
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## IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	An association of προμέτραι, <i>prometrai</i> , probably consisted of male adults.
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## X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The patron deity of the association was quite probably Heracles, as indicated by the fact that the dedicator erected a statue of this god in honour of the association. According to Robert ( <i>BE</i> 1961: no. 399) 'c'est parce qu'ils font ce travail de force qu'ils ont pour patron Héraclès'.
Deities worshipped	Heracles (?)

## XII. NOTES

### i. Comments

Though not explicitly stated in the text, we can safely surmise that this was an association of προμέτραι, *prometrai* (l. 3). The dedicator, who erected a statue of Heracles in honour of the ἱερότατον συνέργιον, *hierotaton synergion*, defines himself as a προμέτρης, *prometres*, and states that he made this offering after the end of his tenure as δεκανός, *dekanos* (ll. 3-4). The term προμέτρης, *prometres*, stands for the latin *ensor* and, although used to indicate different professions, in this particular case it may refer to *ensores frumentarii*, see Robert 1960: 237 and *BE* 1961: no. 399.

### iii. Bibliography

Kolb, A. (2003), 'Δεκάτιον - ein *hapax legomenon*', *EA* 36: 117.  
Robert, L. (1960), 'Inscriptions d'Asie Mineure au Musée de Leyde', *Hellenica* 11-12: 214-62, esp. 236-7.  
Zimmermann, C. (2002), *Handwerkervereine im griechischen Osten des Imperium Romanum*. Mainz: 28, 59.  
Zontschev, D. (1959), 'Zwei antike Inschriften aus Bulgarien', *JÖAI* 44: 239-42, fig. 112 (*BE* 1961: no. 399).

## XIII. EVALUATION

### i. Private association

Certain

#### Note

The terminology employed points to a private association.