

CAPInv. 629: U-WAM-008

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Bithynia
iii. Site	Nikaia

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-WAM-008
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii - iii AD
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Iznik 1324 (iii AD?)
Note	See also: SGO II 09 / 05 / 86 Nikaia Jaccottet II, p. 146
Online Resources	I.Iznik 1324 AGRW ID# 13296
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Funerary inscription in Greek for the <i>archimystes Bakchou Megalou</i> Epiktetos, son of Asklepiades and Vera.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble stele with pediment and relief depicting a man, a woman and a child.
ii. Source(s) provenance	The inscription was found at Yakacik (Esri/Söğüt).

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	The ἀρχιμύστης Βάκχου Μεγάλου, <i>archimystes Bakchou Megalou</i> (I.Iznik 1324, ll. 5-6) was apparently at the head of a group of initiates.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The initiates headed by the <i>archimystes Bakchou Megalou</i> worshipped Dionysus and performed mysteries (ἀρχιμύσ[την] Βάκχου Μεγάλου, <i>archimys[ten] Bakchou Megalou</i> , I.Iznik 1324, ll. 5-6, cf. Jaccottet II, p. 146).
Deities worshipped	Dionysos (Bakchos)

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Jaccottet, A.-F. (2003), <i>Choisir Dionysos. Les associations dionysiaques ou la face cachée du dionysisme II. Les documents</i> . Zürich.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The term <i>archimystes</i> suggests the existence of a hierarchical organization within a group of initiates but does not necessarily indicate a durable private association.