

CAPInv. 755: **technitai peri ton Dionys[on ex Isthmou] kai Nemeas hoi eis Elin symporeuomenoi**

| I. LOCATION          |                                   |
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| i. Geographical area | Peloponnese with Adjacent Islands |
| ii. Region           | Eleia                             |
| iii. Site            | Olympia                           |

| II. NAME                         |   |
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| i. Full name (original language) | τεχνῖται περὶ τὸν Διόνυσ[ον ἐξ Ἰσθμοῦ] καὶ Νεμέας οἱ εἰς Ἑλιν συμπορευόμενοι (IvO 405, ll. 1-2) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated)   | <i>technitai peri ton Dionys[on ex Isthmou] kai Nemeas hoi eis Elin symporeuomenoi</i>          |

| III. DATE  |      |
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| i. Date(s) | i BC |

| IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY |                 |  |
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| ii. Name elements        | Geographical:   | <i>ex Isthmou] kai Nemeas<br/>eis Elin</i> |
|                          | Professional:   | <i>technitai</i>                           |
|                          | Status-related: | <i>technitai</i>                           |
|                          | Theophoric:     | <i>peri ton Dionys[on</i>                  |
|                          | Other:          | <i>symporeuomenoi</i>                      |

| V. SOURCES   |                |
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| i. Source(s) | IvO 405 (I BC) |

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| <b>Note</b>  | See also Le Guen I no. 37; Aneziri no. B16.  |
| <b>Online Resources</b>                                | <a href="#">IvO 405</a>  |
| <b>i.a. Source type(s)</b>                             | Epigraphic source(s)   |
| <b>i.b. Document(s) typology &amp; language/script</b> | Honorary inscription in Greek for an individual of Messenian origin, whose name is not preserved. He is honoured as <i>proxenos</i> (l. 3) and benefactor of the <i>technitai peri ton Dionyson ex Isthmou kai Nemeas hoi eis Elin symporeuomenoi</i> (ll. 1-2). |
| <b>i.c. Physical format(s)</b>                         | Two fragments of the upper block of a statue base; on the upper surface of the one fragment there is the footprint of the statue and in front of it a trace, perhaps of the setting of a bronze lamina.  |
| <b>ii. Source(s) provenance</b>                        | Olympia, north of Leonideon  |

## X. ACTIVITIES

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| <b>iv. Honours/Other activities</b> | The association honours a Messenian as <i>proxenos</i> and benefactor. |
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## XI. INTERACTION

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| <b>ii. Interaction abroad</b> | The relations of the Dionysiac artists of Elis with an individual from Messenia, who they name their <i>proxenos</i> , show that they had a superlocal activity or fame. |
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## XII. NOTES

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| <b>i. Comments</b>       | <p>The existence of a branch of Dionysiac artists in Elis has nothing to do with the famous festival of Olympia, where no musical contests took place. It is probably to be connected with the important cult of Dionysos in Elis and the whole region of Eleia. Pausanias (VI. 26, 1-2: <i>μάλιστα Διόνυσον σέβουσιν Ἠλεῖοι, malista Dionyson sebousin Eleioi</i>) stresses the special respect of the Eleans for the cult of Dionysos, whilst Athenaios I. 34a (FGrHist II. B, 595-596, Nr. 277 [Theopompos von Chios, Nr. 115]) reports <i>ὅτι ὁ Θεόπομπος ὁ Χίος τὴν ἄμπελον ἱστορεῖ εὐρεθῆναι ἐν Ὀλυμπίᾳ παρὰ τὸν Ἀλφειόν, hoti ho Theopompos ho Chios ten ampelon historei eurethenai en Olympia para ton Alpheion</i>. For the Dionysiac festival <i>thyia</i> in Elis, the acclamation of the god "ἄξιε ταύρε", <i>axie taure</i> (Plutarch, <i>Qu. gr.</i> 36, 299 A-B) and generally the cult of Dionysos in Elis see Mitsopoulos-Leon 1984.</p> <p>Worship is known from other branches of the dionysiac <i>technitai</i> (see <a href="#">CAPInv. 753</a>): it may be supposed for the present group too.</p> <p>The dedication of the monument in honour of their <i>proxenos</i> to Olympian Zeus is explained by the fact that they erect it in the famous sanctuary of Zeus in Olympia.</p> |
| <b>iii. Bibliography</b> | <p>Aneziri, S. (2003), <i>Die Vereine der dionysischen Techniten im Kontext der hellenistischen Gesellschaft. Untersuchungen zur Geschichte, Organisation und Wirkung der hellenistischen Technitenvereine</i>. Stuttgart: 60, 368 B16.</p> <p>Mitsopoulos-Leon, V. (1984), 'Zur Verehrung des Dionysos in Elis. Nochmals: ΑΞΙΕ ΤΑΥΡΕ und die sechszehn heiligen Frauen', <i>MDAI (A)</i> 99: 275-90.</p>   |

## XIII. EVALUATION

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| <b>i. Private association</b> | Certain   |
| <b>Note</b>                   | The well-known character of the <i>technitai</i> proves that they were a private association. |