

CAPInv. 821: **koinon toun Heraklei<o>daoun**

## I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Central Greece         |
| ii. Region           | Thessaly. Pelasgiotis. |
| iii. Site            | City of Atrax          |

## II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | κοινὸν τοῦν Ἡρακλεῖ<ο>δάουν (SEG 34: 487, l. 2) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated)   | <i>koinon toun Heraklei&lt;o&gt;daoun</i>       |

## III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | l. iii BC |
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| i. Name in other forms | κοινὸν τοῦν Ἡρακλειστάουν (SEG 38: 436, l. 2)<br><br>(second reading in SEG 38: 436, l. 2, after Tziafalias 1979: 226, no. 20). It must be noticed that the reading Ἡρακλειστάων, <i>Herakleistaon</i> that has been attributed to Tziafalias (1979: 226, no. 20) by Mili (2015: 347) is erroneous. |                |
| ii. Name elements      | Theophoric:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Heracles (god) |
| iii. Descriptive terms | κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                |
| Note                   | <i>koinon</i> : SEG 34: 487, l. 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                |

## V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s) | SEG 34: 487 (l. iii BC) |
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| <b>Note</b>                                            | See also:<br>Tziafalias 1984: 201, no. 69<br>SEG 38: 436<br>BE 1988: no. 707                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Online Resources</b>                                | <a href="#">SEG 34: 487</a><br><a href="#">SEG 38: 436</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>i.a. Source type(s)</b>                             | Epigraphic source(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>i.b. Document(s) typology &amp; language/script</b> | SEG 34: 487 is a dedicatory inscription. It gives the name of the honoured divinity (l. 1) and the dedicator ( <i>koinon toun Heraklei&lt;sup&gt;o&gt;daoun</i> , l. 2), followed by the name, patronymic and function of a priest (ll. 3-4). Ten names and patronymics are listed after the name of the priest (ll. 5-14). |
| <b>i.c. Physical format(s)</b>                         | Large pedimental stele of white marble bearing three intact akroteria (Heinz 1997: 75, n. 791, no. cat. 237, fig. 46).                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>ii. Source(s) provenance</b>                        | SEG 34: 487: city of Atrax (now in Larisa, Inv. no. 78/60)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

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| <b>i. Archaeological remains</b> | The site of Ancient Atrax has delivered public architecture (acropolis, remains of sanctuaries and a theatre, fortification walls), as well as a rich record of public and private inscriptions, including decrees, votives, inscribed tombstones, etc (Decourt, Nielsen, Helly et al. 2004: 692). |
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## VII. ORGANIZATION

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| <b>iii. Members</b> | SEG 34: 487 lists ten names of male members of this <i>koinon</i> . |
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## IX. MEMBERSHIP

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| <b>i. Number</b>  | SEG 34: 487 lists ten names of members. |
| <b>ii. Gender</b> | Men                                     |
| <b>iii. Age</b>   | Adults                                  |

## X. ACTIVITIES

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| <b>iii. Worship</b>       | The <i>koinon</i> dedicates the stele to its homonymous divinity. |
| <b>Deities worshipped</b> | Herakles                                                          |

## XI. INTERACTION

**i. Local interaction**

SEG 34: 487 gives the name of a priest (ll. 3-4). We do not know if this is a priest of the association or the eponymous priest of the city of Atrax.

## XII. NOTES

**iii. Bibliography**

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Tziafalias, A. (1979), 'Άτραξ', *AD* 34: 212-29, esp. 226, no. 20.  
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## XIII. EVALUATION

**i. Private association**

Probable

**Note**

The use of the term *koinon* and the use of the theophoric name suggest that this collectivity is probably a private association. According to Decourt and Tziafalias (2001: 147) this *koinon* was in every probability a 'collège', despite of the fact that the first editor has associated the presence of the patronymics with a civic collectivity, namely a phratry (see Tziafalias 1979: 226). Mili 2015: 347 notes that 'the nature of the group is uncertain'.

**ii. Historical authenticity**

The relevant inscription (SEG 34: 487) renders the historical authenticity of this association certain.