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CAPInv. 835: U-WAM-014

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Caria
iii. Site	Iasos

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-WAM-014
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	200 (?) BC - 100 (?) AD
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	<i>I. Iasos</i> 116 (ca. 200-100 BC?).
Note	Cf. also <i>BE</i> 1971: no. 628.
Online Resources	PHI: Iasos 284 Harland AGRW no. 9512
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Account of an association in the making in Greek: Thrasyllus records how he gathered a group and instituted a cult for his deceased brother Isokrates. It is probable that the inscription then went on to specify other matters relating to the cult or the group in question.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Stone stele.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Iasos.

VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	[Θράσυλλ]ος... Μενεδήμου, [Thrasyll]os... Menedemou (line 1-2; cf. also lines 3 and 5-6) Thrasyllos son of Menedemos founds the cult of his brother Isokrates. More specifically, the text refers to a process of gathering (συν[α]γαγὼν, <i>Syn[a]gagon</i> lines 8-9, συναγαγεῖν, <i>synagagein</i> line 11) a group or an association together to honour Isokrates (see VII.iii for these constituent groups).
Gender	Male
ii. Leadership	Perhaps Thrasyllos also (see above VII.1).
iii. Members	οἱ... οἰκεῖοι, <i>hoi oikeioi</i> (line 9) οἱ ἑταῖροι, <i>hoi etairoi</i> (lines 9-10) οἱ φίλοι, <i>hoi philoi</i> (line 10) The gathering made by Thrasyllos is formed of kinship groups (<i>oikeioi</i>) and groups of companions and friends.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	As we have it, the document only mentions that Thrasyllos gave money to fund the honours for his brother (lines 12-13, before substantially trailing off): εἰς δὲ ταῦτα ἔδωκεν ἀργύριον, ὃ συνέβη γενέσθαι ἐν τῇ πρώ[τῃ] ..., <i>eis de tauta edoken argyron, ho synebe genesthai en tei pro[te]</i> ...
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The group constituted by Thrasyllos honoured (τιμῆσαι, <i>timesai</i> line 7; τιμῶντας, <i>timontas</i> line 11) the deceased Isokrates with a cult.
Deities worshipped	Reference is made to Ἰσοκράτην δαίμονα ἀγαθόν, <i>Isokraten daimona agathon</i> (line 12). The usual expression in Caria is <i>Daimon Agathos</i> followed by the genitive of the individual (cf. CAP Inv. 830), but here the heroic (or rather daimonic) cult is apparently even more directly expressed.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Cf. also G. Pugliese Carratelli (1967-1968), 'Supplemento Epigrafico di Iasos', <i>ASAA</i> 29-30: 479-80, no. 52.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
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Note

This inscription is unusually detailed with regard to the process of constituting a private cultic association (perhaps a *synagoge*, gathering a group or multiple subgroups together). It is unclear whether the founder Thrasyllus' measures met with success, but it is probable that this was the case, given the setting up of the inscription and the recording of his deeds.