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## CAPInv. 841: to koinon ton syngonon

### I. LOCATION

|                      |                                               |
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| i. Geographical area | Western Greece with the Ionian Islands        |
| ii. Region           | Epirus (Chaonia)                              |
| iii. Site            | Salar i Sipërm near Tepelenë (modern toponym) |

### II. NAME

|                                  |                                               |
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| i. Full name (original language) | τὸ κοινὸν τῶν συγγόνων (SEG 24: 474, ll. 6-7) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated)   | <i>to koinon ton syngonon</i>                 |

### III. DATE

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

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| ii. Name elements      | Kinship-related:                                                                                                                                                                                  | The association is self-identified as the 'group of relatives'. |
| iii. Descriptive terms | κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                 |
| Note                   | <i>koinon</i> : SEG 24: 473, l. 6                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                 |
|                        | It is perhaps noteworthy that both associations securely attested in Epirus (cf. <a href="#">CAPInv. 842</a> ) use the very term, <i>koinon</i> , used by the Epirote state and its subdivisions. |                                                                 |

### V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s)        | SEG 24: 474 (l. iii - e. ii BC) |
| Online Resources    | <a href="#">SEG 24: 474</a>     |
| i.a. Source type(s) | Epigraphic source(s)            |

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| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Dedication in Greek                                                                                                                                                   |
| i.c. Physical format(s)                     | Crowned stele with relief of a taurus                                                                                                                                 |
| ii. Source(s) provenance                    | Found reused on a Muslim monument at (mod.) Salar i Sipërm, to the north-west of Tepelenë (modern toponym) in ancient Chaonia, at the northwestern borders of Epirus. |

## VII. ORGANIZATION

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| iii. Members | The members are called σύγγονοι, <i>syngonoi</i> , "relatives". The term is poetic and rarely used in epigraphic prose. |
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## IX. MEMBERSHIP

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| i. Number    | Four persons are named besides the <i>koinon</i> as dedicants of the monument.                                                                       |
| ii. Gender   | Men                                                                                                                                                  |
| Note         | All four persons identified by name are men.                                                                                                         |
| v. Relations | Kleomachos son of Nikanos, Filisstos son of Lykotas and Nikanos son of Filisstos are obviously related, as expected in a kinship-based collectivity. |

## X. ACTIVITIES

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| iii. Worship       | On the basis of the dedication to Poseidon, it is possible to suppose worship by the group. On the cult of Poseidon in Epirus, see Franke 1961: 290-4. |
| Deities worshipped | Poseidon                                                                                                                                               |

## XII. NOTES

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| iii. Bibliography | Franke, P.R. (1961), <i>Die antiken Münzen von Epirus</i> . Wiesbaden: 291-2 and pl. 57.1.<br>Poland, F. (1909), <i>Geschichte des griechischen Vereinswesens</i> . Leipzig. |
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## XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. Private association | Probable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Note                   | There is nothing to suggest that the <i>koinon ton syngonon</i> was in any way different from other private associations of extended families or of descendants of a particular person known from other parts of the Greek world (cf. Poland 1909: 87-8). |