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CAPInv. 1026: **hoi mystai**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Eastern Asia Minor
ii. Region	Cilicia
iii. Site	Seleukeia Tracheia

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ μύσται (Hagel-Tomaschitz, <i>Repertorium Sel</i> 62, ll. 2-3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi mystai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii (?) BC - ii (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>mystai</i>
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Hagel-Tomaschitz, <i>Repertorium Sel</i> 62 (ii BC - ii AD)
Note	See also: AGRW 218 Heberdey-Wilhelm, <i>Reisen in Kilikien</i> : 104 no. 183
Online Resources	Heberdey-Wilhelm, <i>Reisen in Kilikien</i>: 104 no. 183 AGRW ID# 1540
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication in Greek to Dionysos Archebakchos and the <i>mystai</i>

i.c. Physical format(s)	Limestone altar (H 0.95 m, W 0.46 m, Th 0.35 m)
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in an old quarry near the southern necropolis of Seleukeia.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	A priest (ἱερεὺς, <i>hierous</i>) is mentioned, maybe the leader of the <i>mystai</i> .
Eponymous office	The priest Sopatros, son of Apollonios, is mentioned eponymously to date the dedication (preposition <i>epi</i> + gen.).
iii. Members	οἱ μύσται, <i>hoi mystai</i>

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	Athenaios, son of Chareinos, dedicated an altar to Dionysos <i>Archebakchos</i> and the <i>mystai</i> . For the epithet cf. Santamaría 2013: 44.
Deities worshipped	Dionysos <i>Archebakchos</i>

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The date is arguable: Nilsson 1957: 9 n. 20 dates the inscription to the 2nd century BC; Mitford 1990: 2148 note 82: "palaeographically of the 1st century of our era, but perhaps late Hellenistic"; Woodhead in SEG 16: 778: 1st century AD?; Harland in AGRW 218: i-ii AD.
ii. Poland concordance	Poland B 448
iii. Bibliography	Mitford, T.B. (1990), 'The cults of Roman Rough Cilicia', <i>ANRW II</i> 18.3: 2131-60. Nilsson, M.P. (1957), <i>The Dionysiac Mysteries of the Hellenistic and Roman Age</i> , Lund: 9. Santamaría, M.A. (2013), 'The Term βákχoc and Dionysos Βákχicoc', in A. Bernabé, M. Herrero de Jáuregui and A.I. Jiménez San Cristóbal (eds.), <i>Redefining Dionysos</i> , Berlin: 38-57.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	It is not clear whether the initiates formed a durable, privately founded association.
ii. Historical authenticity	Certain