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CAPInv. 1118: Bakcheastai hoi peri Eratona Demophilou

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Euxine Coast
iii. Site	Dionysopolis

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Βακχεασταὶ οἱ περὶ Ἐράτονα Δημοφίλου (IGBulg I ² 20)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Bakcheastai hoi peri Eratona Demophilou</i>

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Personal:	<i>hoi peri Eratona Demophilou</i>
	Theophoric:	<i>Bakcheastai, epiclesis of Dionysos.</i>

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IGBulg I ² 20 (iii BC)
Note	See also: Jaccottet II 52
Online Resources	IGBulg I² 20
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication to Dionysos put by the priest of Dionysos in the name of the association.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Statue representing Pan playing the <i>syrix</i> with inscription on its base.

VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	From II. 3-4 (βακχεαστῶν τῶν περὶ Ἐράτονα Δημοφίλου, <i>bakcheaston ton peri Eratona Demophilou</i>) we could infer that Eraton Demophilou was the founder. Nevertheless, this remains uncertain. He also might have been the leader of the association.
Gender	Male
ii. Leadership	For the possibility of Eraton Demophilou being leader see VII.1: Founder(s).
iv. Officials	Apollonios Demophontos ἱερόμενος Διονύσου, <i>hieromenos Dionysou</i> .

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	Just the founder (or the leader?) and a priest (author of the dedicate) are known.
ii. Gender	Men
Note	The attested members were men.
iii. Age	Adults

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The group dedicated the statue of Pan to Dionysus.
Deities worshipped	Dionysus and Pan

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	“Seule peut-être la nature de la dédicace, une statue de Pan, frappe quelque peu, et nous atteste la vision large selon laquelle on pouvait concevoir le cercle dionysiaque” (Jaccottet 2003: II.107).
ii. Poland concordance	Poland B 86
iii. Bibliography	Jaccottet, A.-F. (2003), <i>Choisir Dionysos. Les associations dionysiaques ou la face cachée du dionysisme</i> . 2 vols. Zurich. Slavova, M. (2002), ‘Mystery Clubs in Bulgarian Lands in Antiquity’, <i>OAth</i> 27: 137-149 (text of the inscription: 144).

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology employed points to a private association.