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CAPInv. 1301: **he thiasos peri <hie>rea X**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Black Sea Region
ii. Region	North coast of the Black Sea
iii. Site	Phanagoria

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ἡ θίασος περὶ <ι̅ε>ρέα τὸν δεινα (CIRB 1016)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>he thiasos peri <hie>rea X</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	i - iii AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Personal:	<i>peri hiera X</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	θίασος, <i>thiasos</i>	
Note	<i>thiasos</i> : CIRB 1016	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	CIRB 987 (i AD). CIRB 988 (iii AD). CIRB 1016 (iii AD). SEG 57, 739A (i AD). SEG 57, 739B (l. ii - iii AD). SEG 57, 740 (i AD).
Note	Other publications: CIRB 987: IOSPE II 365; GGSR 625

Online Resources	CIRB 987 and AGRW ID 7732 CIRB 988 CIRB 1016 and AGRW ID 7738 AGRW ID 22889 (SEG 57: 740)
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek tombstones put up by the θίασος, <i>thiasos</i> for some of its members.
i.c. Physical format(s)	CIRB 987: anepigraphic limestone stele with relief depicting a horseman and, behind him, another rider. The stele has been re-used (possibly ii AD) for supporting a new relief (poor remains) and the funerary inscription on the back. CIRB 988: upper part of a limestone stele. CIRB 1016: limestone stele. SEG 57, 739: limestone stele broken at the upper right corner with a building inscription on the front (A: i AD) and the epitaph of the association on the back (B: i. ii - iii AD). SEG 57, 740: limestone stele broken at the bottom with relief representing a rider.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Phanagoria (CIRB 987 and 988). Phanagoria, eastern necropolis, through excavations (SEG 57: 739-740). <i>Akhtanizovskaja</i> (modern toponym), neighbourhood of Phanagoria (CIRB 1016).

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	One ἱερεὺς, <i>hierews</i> (Agathous in CIRB 987, ll. 2-3; Ζοπ<γ>ρος in CIRB 988, ll. 2-3; Menestros Ardarakou in CIRB 1016, ll. 1-3; Da[<i>das</i> ? Ka]llionos in SEG 57: 739B, ll. 2-3; Nomenios in SEG 57: 740).
iii. Members	Mentioned as (οἱ) θιασεῖται, 1. θιασῖται, (<i>hoi</i>) <i>thiasitai</i> (CIRB 987, l. 1; 988, ll. 4-5; SEG 57: 739B, ll. 16-17) or λοιποὶ θιασε<ι>ται, <i>loipoi thias<i>tai</i> (SEG 57: 739B, ll. 12-13). Seven deceased members are known by their name (CIRB 987, ll. 3-5 [four persons]; 1016, ll. 7-8; SEG 57: 739, ll. 15-17; 57, 740).
iv. Officials	One ἱερομάστωρ, <i>hieromastor</i> (CIRB 988, ll. 3-4; 1016, ll. 4-5; SEG 57: 739B, ll. 4-6). This office is attested only on the Taman peninsula (these three occurrences and CIRB 1054 from Hermonassa, CAPIInv. 1304). One φιλάγαθος, <i>philagathos</i> (CIRB 1016, ll. 6-7; SEG 57: 739B, ll. 6-9). One γραμματεὺς, <i>grammateus</i> (SEG 57: 739B, ll. 9-12).
ix. Privileges	The associations set up tombstones for its members. Funerary expenses by the association may be one of the members' privileges.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The preserved names are male names.
iii. Age	Adults

X. ACTIVITIES

i. Assemblies	Called σύνοδοι, <i>synodoi</i> (CIRB 988, l. 1; SEG 57: 739B, l. 1, through restoration). For σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i> designating the assembly of a θίασος, <i>thiasos</i> see Gauthier in <i>BE</i> 2001: no. 312 and Chaniotis in SEG 47: 1199 and 49: 1053.
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iv. Honours/Other activities

The associations set up tombstones for its members.

XII. NOTES**i. Comments**

Phanagoria being a well known center of the cult of Aphrodite Ὀὐρανία, *Ourania*, it is highly probable that this *thiasos* worshipped the same deity. The feminine article ἡ strangely used twice (CIRB 1016, l. 1; SEG 57: 740, l. 1) for the substantive θίασος, *thiasos*, could support the idea of a feminine deity.

ii. Poland concordance

Poland B 119 (CIRB 987)

iii. Bibliography

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XIII. EVALUATION**i. Private association**

Certain

Note

The terminology points to a private association.