

CAPInv. 1614: Hermaistai hoi en Kamiroi

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Rhodes
iii. Site	Kamiroi

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Ἑρμαιοῖται οἱ ἐν Καμίροι (Tit.Cam. 84, l. 12)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Hermaistai hoi en Kamiroi</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	a. 167 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	From the name of the god Hermes (Doric Hermas), whose cult is well attested in Rhodes: D. Moreli <i>I culti in Rodi</i> . SCO 8 (Pisa, 1959) 44-5, 133-35, with 62 for Hermes connection to mysteries, cf. also H. van Gelder, <i>Geschichte der Alten Rhodier</i> , The Hague, 1900, 342, and Poland 1909, 224 n. 2.
	Topographical:	The element οἱ ἐν Καμίροι, <i>hoi en Kamiroi</i> (those in Kamiros), specifies the place at which the association was based and is paralleled by other instances (e.g. Ἀσκληπιασταί οἱ ἐν Καμίροι, <i>Asklapiastai hoi en Kamiroi</i> , Tit.Cam. 84, l. 10). One of the purposes it served was to distinguish between associations with the same core element (here, <i>Hermaistai</i>) in their name. See, e.g. Tit.Cam. 159a, l. 5: Ἑρμαιοστᾶν τῶν ἐν τῷ ἄστυ κοιν[όν], <i>Hermaistan toi en toi asty koin[on]</i> , in which <i>asty</i> refers to the capital city of Rhodos.

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Tit.Cam. 84, l. 12.
Online Resources	Tit.Cam. 12
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The association of <i>Hermaistai hoi en Kamiroi</i> is one among several bodies which honour a Kamiran, Aristombrotidas Aristombrotida. He may or may not have been a member.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status	Aristombrotidas Aristombrotida, who is honoured by the association, is known as a very prominent person in the public and religious life of Kamiros (LGPN I, s.v. no. 12). However, his membership of the association, even though possible, cannot be ascertained.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The theophoric element of the association's name indicates that the membership was devoted to the worship of Hermes
Deities worshipped	Hermes
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association honoured with a gold wreath Aristombrotidas Aristombrotida, who had served as priest of Athana Polias and Zeus Polieus and had held the office of <i>damiourgos</i> in Kamiros.

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The association interacted locally in two ways: (i) by awarding honours to a high-standing person in Kamiros, the priest of Athana Polias and Zeus Polieus and the holder of the office of <i>damiourgos</i> ; and (ii) by doing so jointly with (a) the family of the person honoured, (b) the citizens of Kamiros, and (c) four other private bodies: the <i>Ἀσκληπιασταί οἱ ἐν Καμίρῳ</i> (<i>Asklapiastai hoi en Kamiroi</i>), the <i>Σαραπιασταί οἱ ἐν Καμίρῳ</i> (<i>Sarapiastai hoi en Kamiroi</i>), the <i>Κουριασταί οἱ ἐν Κυτήλῳ</i> (<i>Kouriastai hoi en Kyteloi</i>), and the <i>Τρίκτινοι οἱ ἐν Λέλοι</i> (<i>Triktoinoi hoi en Leloi</i>).
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	In view of the theophoric element in the name, this association must be regarded with certainty as a private one.