

CAPInv. 1640: *thysiastai peri hiera Pop<i>llion Zeipan*

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Macedonia
ii. Region	Edonis
iii. Site	Philippi

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	θυσιασταὶ περὶ ἱερέα Ποπ<ι>λλιον Ζειπᾶν (Philippi II 703d/L914, 703e/GL915)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>thysiastai peri hiera Pop<i>llion Zeipan</i>

III. DATE

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

i. Name in other forms	<i>cultores sub sacerdote Popillio Zip[a]</i> (in the second line of the same, bilingual inscription)	
ii. Name elements	Cultic:	θυσιασταί, <i>thysiastai</i> , <i>cultores</i>
	Personal:	περὶ ἱερέα Ποπύλλιον Ζειπᾶν, <i>peri hiera Popillion Zeipan</i> , <i>sub sacerdote Popillio Zipa</i>

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Philippi II 703d/L914 (ii - iii AD) Philippi II 703e/GL915 (ii - iii AD)
Online Resources	Philippi II 703d/L914: TM 382500 Philippi II 703e/GL915: TM 388429
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedications to Heros <i>Aulonites</i> Philippi II 703d/L914: Latin Philippi II 703e/GL915: Bilingual, Greek and Latin
i.c. Physical format(s)	Rectangular plaque (0.97 x 0.22)
ii. Source(s) provenance	The stone was first seen by Reinach in 1882 in a site called "Katzi-Davan" in the vicinity of Abdera (<i>BCH</i> 8 (1884): 49: "aux environs d'Abdère"). Then, in 1937, Bakalakis published what he considered to have been a second stone that he saw reused as a threshold of a private house at the village of Paradeisos by the Nestus river and the ancient city of Topeiros (Bakalakis 1937). This second text offered only one line in Latin, with the same text as l. 2 of Reinach's inscription. In 2011 Parissaki suggested that these two stones should be considered as one and attributed to Philippi and not to Abdera or Topeiros, as suggested by earlier editors and still by Pilhofer 2009. No autopsy of the stone(s) since Bakalakis' publication.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	ἱερεὺς, <i>hierus</i>
iii. Members	Collectively designated as θυσιασταί, <i>thysiastai</i> and <i>cultores</i> .

IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status	Roman citizen of Thracian origin for the one person named in the text.
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XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	For the many attestations of the cult of the Heros <i>Aulonites</i> at Philippi, its connection to the local population of Thracian origin and its importance for the colony, see Pilhofer 1995: 93-100.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	Another dedication to Heros <i>Aulonites</i> from the territory of Philippi (Philippi II 580/G488) contains a list of names arranged under two columns (ten in the left and nine in the right one). Two dedicants are Roman citizens, one with a <i>cognomen</i> of Greek origin; but most are <i>peregrini</i> of Thracian origin. Among the names, Zeipas is the most frequent (10 times).
ii. Poland concordance	Poland B 66
iii. Bibliography	Bakalakis, G. (1937), 'Παρανέστιοι Ἀρχαϊότητες', <i>Thrakika</i> 8: 11-28, esp. 20-1, no. 3. Parissaki, M-G. (2011), 'Παρατηρήσεις σὲ δύο ἐπιγραφὲς ἀπὸ τὰ περίχωρα τῶν Ἀβδήρων', <i>Tekmeria</i> 10: 91-101. Pilhofer, P. (1995), <i>Philippi I. Die erste christliche Gemeinde Tübingen, Europas</i> . Tübingen: 93-100. Pilhofer, P. (2009), <i>Philippi. Band II: Katalog der Inschriften von Philippi</i> , rev. edn. Tübingen: 877-82, no. 703d/L014 and 703e/L915. Reinach, S. (1884), 'Inscriptions latines de Macédoine', <i>BCH</i> 8: 47-50.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Probable

Note

Apart from the collective term of *cultores*, we have no further indication that this group may have had an associative character.