

CAPInv. 1757: **mystai Dionysou**

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	μύσται Διονύσου (Philippi II 597/G211, l. 4-5)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>mystai Dionysou</i>

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>mystai</i>
	Theophoric:	Dionysus

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Philippi II 597/G211 (ii - iii AD)
Note	See also: Perdrizet 1900: 304
Online Resources	Perdrizet 1900: 304 and TM 126937
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Funerary monument of Zeipas and his wife mentioning a donation, in Greek.

i.c. Physical format(s)	Stele (0.95 h.) with relief decoration of eight busts distributed into two zones; a 'Thracian Rider' is depicted below them.
ii. Source(s) provenance	From the village of Podochori, territory of Philippi; no further details available on its finding-place.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

iv. Endowments	The <i>mystai</i> are named as the recipients of a bequest left for the celebration of the Rosalia; the amount of the bequest is 120 denarii.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. Status	The deceased mentioned in the text is a <i>peregrinus</i> of Thracian origin, as indicated by both his personal name and the depiction of the 'Thracian Rider' on his tombstone.
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X. ACTIVITIES

ii. Meetings and events	The <i>mystai</i> were involved in the celebration of Rosalia.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The term <i>consacrani</i> , but with no further specifications, occurs in inscription Philippi II 209/L468.
ii. Poland concordance	Poland B *61
iii. Bibliography	Perdrizet, P. (1900), 'Inscriptions de Philippes : Les Rosalies', <i>BCH</i> 24: 299-323.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	That this private group of devotees could have been organised on a more permanent basis is conveyed by the fact that it is named as the recipient of a bequest generating future obligations.