

CAPInv. 232: orgeones

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Attica with Salamis
ii. Region	Attica
iii. Site	Piraeus

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ὄργεῶνες (IG II ² 1283, ll. 10, 12-3, 22, 28, 30; IG II ² 1284, ll. 7, 9, 11, 15, 23, 28, 31)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>orgeones</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	251 - 239 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>orgeones</i>
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG II ² 1283 (240/39 BC) IG II ² 1284 (251-c. 240 BC and 241/0 BC)
Note	IG II ² 1283 is written <i>stoichedon</i> . Ed. pr. Newspaper <i>Anagenesis</i> 17/1/1896. Other publications: Prott - Ziehen II i 42; Michel no. 1551; <i>LSGS</i> 46; GRA I 23; AGRW 18; Le Guen I no. 7 (French trails.; SEG 42: 1803) IG II ² 1284: Ed. pr. Newspaper <i>Anagenesis</i> 17/1/1896. Other editions: GRA I 22; AGRW 17. Cf. SEG 25: 99; SEG 29: 136; SEG 41: 582; SEG 46: 2371; SEG 53: 31; SEG 57: 29; SEG 57: 34; SEG 59: 18. <i>BE</i> 1981, no. 239.
Online Resources	IG II² 1283 and AGRW ID 3099 IG II² 1284 and AGRW ID 3095

i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	IG II ² 1283: Decree in Greek about participation of Athenian <i>orgeones</i> in the procession and concession of certain rights to <i>orgeones</i> from Athens. IG II ² 1284: Two honorary decrees in Greek, a) for Olympos, son of Olympiodoros, and b) for Eucleides, son of Antimachos.
i.c. Physical format(s)	IG II ² 1283: Marble stele measuring 0,41x0,422m. IG II ² 1284: Marble stele with two crowns incised at the bottom, measuring 0,48x0,32m.
ii. Source(s) provenance	IG II ² 1283: Found in Piraeus, in front of Zanneion hospital, now in Piraeus Museum. IG II ² 1284: Found in Piraeus, now in Piraeus Museum.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	Reference to a sanctuary (ἱερόν, <i>hieron</i> , IG II ² 1283, l. 6, 8; IG II ² 1284, ll. 15, 18, 33-34), probably of the group, as <i>enktesis</i> is mentioned. The reference to a Nymphaion (IG II ² 1283, 18) where they are to provide the participants in the procession with sponges, water and bowls. In IG II ² 1284, 33 a stele is mentioned.
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	Secretary (γραμματεὺς, <i>grammateus</i> , IG II ² 1284, ll. 16-17, 22, 32) Treasurer (ταμίης, <i>tamias</i> , IG II ² 1284, ll. 18, 34) Stewards (ἐπιμεληταί, <i>epimeletai</i> , IG II ² 1283, l. 17) Priest (ἱερεὺς, <i>hierous</i> , IG II ² 1283, l. 21) Priestess (ἱερεία, <i>hieria</i> , IG II ² 1283, l. 21)
vi. Laws and rules	In IG II ² 1284, 24-6 Eucleides is honoured because he has administered the affairs (of the association) according to the laws and has given account of his term in office.
ix. Privileges	Any of the Athenian <i>orgeones</i> can join the group without paying the required fee for life and will have privileged access to discussion of their requests: IG II ² 1283, ll. 27-32.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	A grant of <i>enktesis</i> is mentioned in IG II ² 1283, l. 5 and a sanctuary (ἱερόν, <i>hieron</i> , IG II ² 1283, ll. 6, 8) on several occasions.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men Women
Note	Σωσίας Ἰπποκράτου, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (43). Ὀλυμπος Ὀλυμπιοδώρου, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (29). Εὐκλείδης Ἀντιμάχου, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (77).
iii. Age	Adults

X. ACTIVITIES

i. Assemblies	The association hold assemblies on the eighth day of each month (IG II ² 1283, 2: <i>Hekatombaion</i> (July/August); IG II ² 1284, 19-20: <i>Skirophorion</i> (June/July) are attested. They are designated as the main assembly (<i>ἀγορᾶ κυρία</i> , <i>agorai kyriai</i>), IG II ² 1283, l. 3; IG II ² 1284, 20-21).
iii. Worship	A procession (<i>πομπή</i> , <i>pompe</i> , IG II ² 1283, ll. 6, 11, 15) was required by a polis' law. Sacrifices (<i>θύσῳ</i> , <i>thysiai</i> , IG II ² 1283, ll. 20, 24) are mentioned.
Deities worshipped	It is most probable that the procession (IG II ² 1283, 6, 11, 15) concerns the festival in honour of Bendis.
iv. Honours/Other activities	IG II ² 1284, ll. 13, 29-30: oak leaves crowns (<i>δρυὸς στέφανος</i> , <i>dryos stephanos</i>) are awarded to the honoured individuals, because of their zeal (<i>φιλοτιμία</i> , <i>philotimia</i>) and benevolence (<i>εὐνοία</i> , <i>eunoia</i>) (IG II ² 1284A) and zeal (<i>φιλοτιμία</i> , <i>philotimia</i>) and righteousness (<i>δικαιοσύνη</i> , <i>dikaiosyne</i>) (IG II ² 1284B).

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	There is an explicit reference to Athenian <i>orgeones</i> wishing to participate in the procession and to join the group; what however is not clear is whether Athenian <i>orgeones</i> were organized as an association. Also the grant of <i>enktesis</i> of land brought in contact with the polis politico-legal mechanisms. The <i>orgeones</i> had a legal obligation to perform the procession. Overall, they stress the fact that they conform to the laws of the <i>polis</i> .
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	IG II ² 1283: It was passed in the year of the archon Polystratos. IG II ² 1284B is dated in the archonship of Lykeas. The evidence provided by these two inscriptions led Wilhelm 1905 to argue about the existence of a distinct association of Thracian <i>orgeones</i> in Piraeus.
ii. Poland concordance	IG II ² 1283 = Poland A3c IG II ² 1284 = Poland A3d-e
iii. Bibliography	Arnaoutoglou, I. (2003), <i>Thusias heneka kai sunousias. Private religious associations in Hellenistic Athens</i> . Athens. Ferguson, W. (1944), 'The Attic <i>orgeones</i> ', <i>HThR</i> 37: 61-140. Mikalson, J. (1998), <i>Religion in Hellenistic Athens</i> . Los Angeles: 140-2. Ismard, P. (2010), <i>La cité des réseaux. Athènes et ses associations VIe – Ier siècle av. J.-C.</i> . Paris: 220-1, 238, 263-6, 270-2. Jones, N. (1999), <i>The associations of classical Athens. A response to democracy</i> . New York: 257-9. Pecirka, J. (1966), <i>The formula for the grant of enktesis in Attic inscriptions</i> . Prague: 122-30. Pakkanen, P. (1996), <i>Interpreting early Hellenistic religion. A study based on the mystery cult of Demeter and the cult of Isis</i> . Helsinki. Parker, R. (1996), <i>Athenian religion. A history</i> . Oxford: 170-4, 337-8. Tracy, S. (2003), <i>Athens and Macedon. Attic letter-cutters of 300 to 229 B.C.</i> . Berkeley: 85, 125. Wilhelm, A. (1905), 'Inscription aus dem Peiraieus', <i>JÖAI</i> 5: 127-39.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The association displays all the hallmarks of a private association: distinct name, membership, organization, property and durability.