

CAPInv. 629: U-WAM-008

### I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Western Asia Minor |
| ii. Region           | Bithynia           |
| iii. Site            | Nikaia             |

### II. NAME

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| i. Association with unknown name | U-WAM-008 |
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### III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | ii - iii AD |
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### V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s)                                | I.Iznik 1324 (iii AD?)   |
| Note  | See also:<br>SGO II 09 / 05 / 86 Nikaia<br>Jaccottet II, p. 146  |
| Online Resources                            | <a href="#">I.Iznik 1324</a><br><a href="#">AGRW ID# 13296</a>   |
| i.a. Source type(s)                         | Epigraphic source(s)   |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Funerary inscription in Greek for the <i>archimystes Bakchou Megalou</i> Epiktetos, son of Asklepiades and Vera. |
| i.c. Physical format(s)                     | Marble stele with pediment and relief depicting a man, a woman and a child.                                      |
| ii. Source(s) provenance                    | The inscription was found at Yakacik (Esri/Söğüt).   |

## VII. ORGANIZATION

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| <b>ii. Leadership</b> | The ἀρχιμύστης Βάκχου Μεγάλου, <i>archimystes Bakchou Megalou</i> (I.Iznik 1324, ll. 5-6) was apparently at the head of a group of initiates. |
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## X. ACTIVITIES

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| <b>iii. Worship</b>       | The initiates headed by the <i>archimystes Bakchou Megalou</i> worshipped Dionysus and performed mysteries (ἀρχιμύσ[την] Βάκχου Μεγάλου, <i>archimys[ten] Bakchou Megalou</i> , I.Iznik 1324, ll. 5-6, cf. Jaccottet II, p. 146). |
| <b>Deities worshipped</b> | Dionysos (Bakchos)  |

## XII. NOTES

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| <b>iii. Bibliography</b> | Jaccottet, A.-F. (2003), <i>Choisir Dionysos. Les associations dionysiaques ou la face cachée du dionysisme II. Les documents</i> . Zürich. |
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## XIII. EVALUATION

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| <b>i. Private association</b> | Possible   |
| <b>Note</b>                   | The term <i>archimystes</i> suggests the existence of a hierarchical organization within a group of initiates but does not necessarily indicate a durable private association. |