

CAPInv. 667: U-THR-006

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Inland Thrace
iii. Site	Serdica

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-THR-006
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III. DATE

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

iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>
Note	<i>koinon</i> : Tacheva-Hitova 1983: 197, no. 11, l. 4

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Tacheva-Hitova 1983: 197, no. 11 (ii / iii AD)
Note	See also: CCIS II 6 The text is not included in IGBulg, since the region lies outside the modern territorial borders of Bulgaria; but in antiquity it lay at the NW end of Serdica's territory.
Online Resources	AGRW ID 14337
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication in Greek to Zeus <i>Hypsistos</i> set up by the <i>koinon</i> .
i.c. Physical format(s)	Limestone altar (0.81 x 0.60 x 0.40)
ii. Source(s) provenance	Pirot (modern Serbia). Seen by von Domaszewski in 1886 at the courtyard of the city's old church.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	ἱερεύς, <i>hiereus</i> (ll. 5-6: διὰ ἱερέως Ἑρμογένους, <i>dia hiereus Hermogenous</i>)
iv. Officials	προστάτης, <i>prostates</i> (ll. 6-7 διὰ...προστάτου Αὐγουστianoῦ, <i>dia...prostatou Augoustianou</i>) A προστάτης, <i>prostates</i> , in conjunction with an ἀρχισυνάγωγος, <i>archisynagogos</i> , also occurs in an association of Zeus <i>Hypsistos</i> from Pydna, see CAPInv. 41 . For the term, see Kloppenborg and Ascough 2011: 232, 250.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	The altar has been set up by the association ἐκ τῶν ἰδίων, <i>ek ton idion</i> (ll. 4-5), thus indicating the collection of a funds, even if on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	At least 19 persons (including the ἱερεύς, <i>hiereus</i> , and the προστάτης, <i>prostates</i>), but initially more since the lower part of the text seems broken.
ii. Gender	Men
Note	The recorded names are male names.
iv. Status	Personal names are of Thracian, Greek and Roman origin, thus indicating a mixed onomastic environment. Gerov 1961 suggested that this association probably gathered craftsmen and merchants from Serdica operating in the region.
v. Relations	Two brothers in ll. 12-14

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The <i>koinon</i> dedicated an altar to Θεῶν ἑπηκόων Ἑψίστων, <i>Theoi epekooi Hypsistoi</i> (l. 2).
Deities worshipped	Zeus <i>Hypsistos</i>

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The first editor (von Domaszewski, followed by Mihailov in IGBulg IV) suggested the restitution θία[σος] Σεβαζιανός, <i>thia[sos] Sebazianos</i> , for ll. 14-15 at the end of the text. But Gerov's suggestion that these lines should be read as personal names (ΘΙΑ[--], Σεβαζιανός, ΘΕ[---]ΤΟΥΤΑΣ [----], <i>THIA[--], Sebazianos, THE[---]TOUTAS [----]</i>) has met with general acceptance (Tacheva-Hitova, Mihailov in IGBulg V and Levinskaja).
ii. Poland concordance	Poland B 89

iii. Bibliography

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The terminology employed suggests a private association.