

## CAPInv. 710: Sparganiotai

### I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Propontic Thrace
iii. Site	Perinthos

### II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Σπαργανιώται (I.Perinthos 146, l. 5)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Sparganiotai</i>

### III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Other:	<p>Σπαργανιώται, <i>Sparganiotai</i> (=children in swaddling-clothes, see LSJ, s.v. σπαργανάω).</p> <p>The word σπαργανιώτης, <i>sparganiotes</i>, occurs only once (<i>H.Herm.</i> 301), though it obviously derives from σπάργανα, <i>spargana</i> (swaddling-clothes) and the unattested verb σπάργω, <i>spargo</i>. According to <i>Dict.Étym.</i> s.v. σπάργω: 'un rapprochement avec la famille de σπείρα, σπάρτον etc. semble s'imposer'.</p>
iii. Descriptive terms	σπείρα, <i>speira</i>	
Note	<i>speira</i> : I.Perinthos 146, l. 4. The text goes: δώσει μου σπείρη, δὲ τοῦνομα Σπαργανιώταις, <i>dosei mou speirei, hois tounoma Sparganiotais</i> (ll. 4-5).	

## V. SOURCES

<b>i. Source(s)</b>	I.Perinthos 146 (i - ii AD)
<b>Note</b>	See also: SEG 48: 934
<b>Online Resources</b>	<a href="#">I.Perinthos 146</a> and <a href="#">AGRW ID 14178</a>
<b>i.a. Source type(s)</b>	Epigraphic source(s)
<b>i.b. Document(s) typology &amp; language/script</b>	Funerary inscription in Greek setting a fine in case of tomb violation.
<b>i.c. Physical format(s)</b>	Stele, upper part broken (0.79 x 0.36)
<b>ii. Source(s) provenance</b>	Perinthos, though exact date and place of finding unknown.

## VII. ORGANIZATION

<b>iii. Members</b>	Referred to as Σπαργανιώται, <i>Sparganiotai</i> (l. 5).
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## VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

<b>iii. Income</b>	The association is named as the recipient of a fine in case of tomb violation.
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## XII. NOTES

<b>i. Comments</b>	The term <i>σπαργανιώτης</i> , <i>sparganiotes</i> , may be interpreted as pointing to the devotees' hope of rebirth. There are three additional inscriptions from Perinthos that contain a reference to a <i>σπείρα</i> , <i>speira</i> , or to a <i>σπείραρχος</i> , <i>speirarchos</i> : I.Perinthos 57, I.Perinthos 280 (see <a href="#">CAPIInv. 720</a> for both of them) and 313 ( <a href="#">CAPIInv. 718</a> ); due to inadequate information regarding their finding place, only the first two can be tentatively associated.
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## XIII. EVALUATION

<b>i. Private association</b>	Certain
<b>Note</b>	The term <i>σπείρα</i> , <i>speira</i> , points to an association devoted to the cult of Dionysos.