

CAPInv. 905: [elai]opolai ?

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Delos
iii. Site	Delos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	[ἐλαι]οπόλαι ? (I.Délos 1713, l. 1; cf. 1714, l. 1)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	[elai]opolai ?

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	100 - 89 BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i. Name in other forms	<i>olearei</i> (i.e., <i>olearii</i>) (I.Délos 1712, l. 2) -- On the connection between this Latin inscription and the two Greek texts, see 'Comments'.
ii. Name elements	Professional: <i>elaiopolai</i> ? (largely restored, in two Greek texts) -- See 'Comments'. <i>olearei</i> (attested in a different text, wholly in Latin) -- See 'Comments'

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Délos 1712 (99-89 BC) I.Délos 1713 (ca. 100 BC) I.Délos 1714 (ca. 96/5 BC)
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Note	<p>old eds.: Jouguet 1899: 73-4, no. 16 (= I.Délos 1712) Jouguet 1899: 74-7, no. 17 (= I.Délos 1713) Hatzfeld and Roussel 1909: 491-3, no. 14 (= I.Délos 1714) concordance I.Délos 1712 (Latin text): CIL III 14203.6 ILS 7272 ILLRP 344 see also: Durrbach, <i>Choix</i> 141 (= I.Délos 1712) (incl. French translation) AGRW 234 (= I.Délos 1713) (incl. English translation) Trümper 2011: 79, no. 27?</p>
Online Resources	<p>I.Délos 1712 I.Délos 1713 I.Délos 1714</p>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	dedications, two in Greek (I.Délos 1713 and 1714) and one in Latin (I.Délos 1712)
i.c. Physical format(s)	<p>I.Délos 1712: cylindrical marble base, broken at the top I.Délos 1713: marble base, with in the upper part a 'trou de scellement avec tenon de plomb et canal de coulée' I.Délos 1714: block of marble, with broken top left corner</p>
ii. Source(s) provenance	<p>I.Délos 1712: found in front of a 'magasin' south of the 'Agora des Compétaliastes' I.Délos 1713: found in the port, on the beach I.Délos 1714: re-used in a modern building northwest of the 'Agora de Théophrastos'</p>

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	<p>ναός, <i>naos</i> (I.Délos 1713, l. 1; 1714, l. 2) Ἡρακλῆς, <i>Herakles</i> (I.Délos 1713, l. 2; 1714, l. 1) θύραι, <i>thyrai</i> (I.Délos 1714, l. 2) βάσις τοῦ Ἡρακλέους, <i>basis tou Herakleous</i> (I.Délos 1714, l. 4)</p>
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VII. ORGANIZATION

v. Other staff	A group of 7 or 8 men were appointed to take care of the construction (I.Délos 1713, ll. 3-4: καθεσταμένοι ἐπὶ τὴν κατασκευὴν, <i>kathestamenoí epi ten kataskeuēn</i>) of a shrine (<i>naos</i>).
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VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	The association had its own shrine (<i>naos</i>), whose construction was to be taken care of by a committee of men appointed to the task (see 'Other staff'). The same association later seems to have taken care of repairing (I.Délos 1713, ll. 2-3: [ἐπι]κευάσαντες, [<i>epis</i>]keuasantes) the doors (<i>thyrai</i>) of the shrine, for a second time (l. 2: <i>to deuteron</i>).
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	We know the names of 7-8 members of the association (I.Délos 1713).
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ii. Gender	Men
Note	The named members of the association (I.Délos 1713) are men.
iv. Status	The named members of the association (I.Délos 1713) are Italians from Elea, Herakleia, and Azetium.
v. Relations	Two of the men appointed as supervisors for the construction of the <i>naos</i> (Zenon and Theon) were brothers (I.Délos 1713).

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The group made dedications to Herakles and Hermes (I.Délos 1713, l. 15; cf. 2; I.Délos 1714, l. 7; cf. 1, 4), including a shrine (<i>naos</i>), a statue of Herakles, and a base for (the statue of) Herakles. Cf. Delorme 1951; Bruneau 1970: 408-9; Hasenohr 2008: 36.
Deities worshipped	Herakles Hermes

XI. INTERACTION

ii. Interaction abroad	The <i>olearei</i> made a dedication (I.Délos 1712) to C. Julius Caesar (father of the dictator of the same name) while he was proconsul.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	<p>While Roussel and Launey present the Latin designation of the oil merchants in I.Délos 1712 as 'olearii', the stone in fact reads 'olearei' (Jouguet 1899: 73-4, no.16; cf. CIL III 14203.6; Durrbach, Choix 141; ILS 7272; ILLRP 344; see Epigraphic Database Heidelberg HD018593, incl. photos). I.Délos 1713 was initially thought to concern [χρυσ]οπωλάι, [<i>chry</i>]sopolai (Jouguet 1899: 74-7, no. 17; Poland 1909: 604, no. Z 15A), but it was later suggested that the text should read either [ἐλαί]οπωλάι, [elai]opolai (parallel to the Latin equivalent <i>olearei</i> in I.Délos 1712) or [οἰν]οπωλάι, [oin]opolai (parallel to I.Délos 1711; see CAPInv. 906) (Roussel 1907: 465, n. 1; cf. Hatzfeld and Roussel 1909: 492, n. 2: no trace of a sigma on the stone). A reading of [ἐλαί]οπωλάι, [elai]opolai has been favoured, due to the group's worship of Herakles (not Dionysos; cf. I.Délos 1711). Hatzfeld and Roussel 1909: 492; Durrbach, Choix 141; Roussel and Launey in I.Délos 1713. The word [ἐλαιοπῶ]λαι, [elai]opolai is restored also in I.Délos 1714, since this text seems to refer to the same shrine (<i>naos</i>) and statue of Herakles as mentioned in I.Délos 1713. Cf. Roussel and Launey in I.Délos 1713 and 1714. While the restoration of ἐλαιοπῶλαι, elaiopolai in I.Délos 1713 and 1714 has been widely accepted, some caution regarding its certainty should be observed. Cf. Bruneau 1970: 408-9. If the two Greek texts do not concern oil merchants, the connection with the Latin text I.Délos 1712 does not apply. Nevertheless, it is certain that the group consisted of Italians (see: 'Status') and that they worshipped Herakles and Hermes (see: 'Worship'). I.Délos 1714 was set up when Aropos son of Leon was epimelete (96/5 BC).</p>
ii. Poland concordance	Poland Z *15A (= I.Délos 1713)

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

While no term for association is used, the group mentioned in I.Délos 1713 and 1714 set up a shrine, appointed a committee to supervise its construction, and later carried out repairs. This suggests that they were a durable organized group. Cf. Hasenohr 2007: 86.