

CAPInv. GR-43: **thiasoi**

### I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Mysia
iii. Site	Daskyleion

### II. GENERAL REFERENCE

i.a. Full reference (original language)	θίασοι (I.Kyz. 540, l. 1)
i.b. Full reference (transliterated)	<i>thiasoi</i>
ii. Reference context	Certain <i>thiasoi</i> set up a funerary epigram for an unnamed deceased (I.Kyz. 540, l. 1: θίασοι μνήμης χάριν, <i>thiasoi mnemes charin</i> ). At the end of the epigram all initiates of Dionysos who pass by the grave are invited to say farewell to the deceased (I.Kyz. 540, ll. 6-7: χαιρετ' ἔμοι παράγοντες [ἀε]ῖ μύσται Διονύσου, <i>chairet' emoi paragontes aei mystai Dionysou</i> ).

### III. DATE

i. Date(s)	Inc.
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### IV. TERMINOLOGY

i. Descriptive terms	θίασοι, <i>thiasoi</i>
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### V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Kyz. 540
Note	Cf. Corsten 1988: 72-74 no. 2 (SEG XLVIII 1255-1258); Jaccottet 2003: II 147-148 no. 74; <a href="http://www.philipharland.com/greco-roman-associations/?p=7233">http://www.philipharland.com/greco-roman-associations/?p=7233</a>
Online Resources	<a href="#">I.Kyz. 540</a> <a href="#">AGRW 7233</a>

<b>i.a. Source type(s)</b>	Epigraphic source(s)
<b>i.b. Document(s) typology &amp; language/script</b>	Funerary epigram in Greek.
<b>i.c. Physical format(s)</b>	Grave stele with relief depicting Dionysos holding a scepter.
<b>ii. Source(s) provenance</b>	The inscription was found at Beychiftlik (or Yalichiftlik), between Daskyleion and the river Rhyndacus (see Mendel 1900: 375; Hasluck 1910: 288 nr. 312; E. Schwertheim in I.Kyz. 540).

## VI. ORGANIZATION

<b>iii. Members</b>	The μύσται Διονύσου, <i>mystai Dionysou</i> (I.Kyz. 540, l. 7) invited to say farewell to the deceased is probably a term denoting members of the <i>thiasoi</i> who set up the funerary inscription.
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## VIII. NOTES

<b>i. Comments</b>	As Corsten has pointed out (1988: 73), the inscription testifies to the existence of various <i>thiasoi</i> devoted to the cult of Dionysus in the area of Daskyleion. The invitation addressed to the <i>mystai Dionysou</i> at the end of the epigram indicates that these <i>thiasoi</i> were involved in the celebration of Dionysaic mysteries. Cf. also Jaccottet 2003: II 148.
<b>ii. Poland concordance</b>	Poland B 411A
<b>iii. Bibliography</b>	Corsten, T. (1988), 'Daskyleion am Meer', <i>EA</i> 12: 53-76. Hasluck, F. W. (1910), <i>Cyzicus</i> . Cambridge. Jaccottet, A.-Fr. (2003), <i>Choisir Dionysos. Les associations dionysiaques ou la face cachée du dionysisme II. Les documents</i> . Zürich. Mendel, G. (1900), 'Inscriptions de Bithynie', <i>BCH</i> 24: 361-426.

## IX. EVALUATION

<b>i. Private associations</b>	Certain
<b>Note</b>	The term <i>thiasoi</i> refers to private religious associations.