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CAPInv. 1285: *he synodos he peri synagogen ton X*

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Black Sea Region
ii. Region	North coast of the Black Sea
iii. Site	Pantikapaion

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ἡ σύνοδος ἡ περὶ συναγωγὸν τὸν δεῖνα (CIRB 83-87, 89, 93, 107)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>he synodos he peri synagogen ton X</i>

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Personal: <i>peri synagogen ton X</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>
Note	<i>synodos</i> : CIRB 83-87, 89, 93, 107

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	CIRB 82 (l. i AD). CIRB 83 (e. ii AD). CIRB 84 (e. ii AD). CIRB 85 (ii AD). CIRB 86 (ii AD). CIRB 87 (f. ii AD). CIRB 89 (f. ii AD). CIRB 93 (ii AD). CIRB 107 (possibly ii AD). SEG 59: 845 (ii AD).
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Note	Other publications: CIRB 82: IOSPE IV 209 CIRB 84: IOSPE II 60; GGSR 648 CIRB 86: IOSPE IV 469; GGSR 50a CIRB 87: IOSPE IV 208; GGSR 593 CIRB 93: IOSPE IV 212
Online Resources	CIRB 82 and AGRW ID 7575 CIRB 83 and AGRW ID 7600 CIRB 84 and AGRW ID 7606 CIRB 85 and AGRW ID 7611 CIRB 86 and AGRW ID 7615 CIRB 87 and AGRW ID 7620 CIRB 89 and AGRW ID 7627 CIRB 93 and AGRW ID 7642 CIRB 107 AGRW ID 24238 (for SEG 59: 845)
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek tombstones set up by the <i>synodos</i> for some of its members.
i.c. Physical format(s)	CIRB 82: fragmentary limestone stele broken at the top. CIRB 83: pedimental limestone stele (two joining fragments) with relief depicting a horseman, behind him another rider and, in front of him, a child. CIRB 84: pedimental limestone stele with the same relief as above (same workshop). CIRB 85: fragmentary limestone stele with broken relief. CIRB 86: fragmentary limestone stele broken at the bottom. CIRB 87: fragmentary limestone stele with damaged relief depicting a horseman. CIRB 89: fragmentary limestone stele. CIRB 93: partly damaged limestone stele. CIRB 107: fragmentary limestone stele. SEG 59, 845: fragmentary limestone stele broken on the left and at the bottom.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	<i>Συναγωγός, synagogos.</i> The following names are attested: Maes son of Kallisthenes in CIRB 83, ll. 1-3; Menios son of Menios in CIRB 84, ll. 2-3; Hermogenes in CIRB 86, l. 2; Makarios son of Her[mogen]es in CIRB 87, ll. 5-7; Zoutoumas in CIRB 89, ll. 1-2; Phi[ι]ox[e]nos in CIRB 93, ll. 1-3; Sab[bi]on in CIRB 107, ll. 1-2; Pa[-] in SEG 59, 845.
iii. Members	Mentioned as οἱ λοιποὶ θιασεῖται, l. θιασῖται <i>hoi loipoi thiasitai</i> (CIRB 83, ll. 7-8; 87, ll. 4-5; 89, ll. 6-7; 93, ll. 7-8) or οἱ λοιποὶ συνοδεῖται, l. συνοδῖται, <i>hoi loipoi synoditai</i> (CIRB 84, ll. 7-8). The names of seven deceased are known, including a <i>συναγωγός, synagogos</i> (CIRB 87): CIRB 82, ll. 7-9; 83, ll. 9-10; 84, ll. 8-9; 86, l. 1; 87, ll. 5-6; 89, l. 8; 93, l. 9). Two of them are designated as <i>synoditai</i> (CIRB 83 and 86).
iv. Officials	One <i>φιλάγαθος, philagathos</i> (CIRB 83, ll. 3-5; 84, ll. 2-5; 86, l. 3; 89, ll. 3-4; 93, ll. 3-4; 107, ll. 2-3; SEG 59: 845, ll. 3-4). One <i>παραφιλάγαθος, paraphilagathos</i> (CIRB 82, ll. 1-3; 83, ll. 5-7; 84, ll. 5-7; 93, ll. 4-6; 107, l. 4; SEG 59: 845, l. 5; perhaps also in CIRB 86, see XII.i: Comments). One <i>γραμματεὺς, grammateus</i> (CIRB 82, ll. 3-5; 89, ll. 4-5; 93, ll. 6-7).
ix. Privileges	Given the fact that the association set up tombstones for tis members, funerary expenses by the association may have been one of the members' privileges.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The preserved names are male names.

iii. Age

Adults

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities

The association set up tombstones for its members.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments

Σύνοδος, *synodos* normally designates the assembly of a θίασος, *thiasos*: cf. Gauthier in *BE* 2001: no. 312 and Chaniotis in *SEG* 47: 1199 and 49: 1053.

The mentioned texts are likely to originate from the same association. Most of these documents have in common that, contrary to the records used in order to describe the association [CAPInv. 1281](#), a συναγωγός, *synagogos* is mentioned as head of the association, while the ἱερεύς, *hiereus* is absent. The συναγωγός, *synagogos* does not occur in two records. CIRB 82 is fragmentary (only the last part of the text is preserved) but from the presence of the γραμματεύς, *grammateus* (cf. CIRB 89 and 93) we can infer that, contrary to the association [CAPInv. 1281](#) (where the secretary is a πραγματάς, i. πραγματής, *pragmatas*, i. *pragmates*), this inscription belongs to our association. CIRB 85 has no titles after the ἡ σύνοδος ἢ περὶ κτλ., *he synodos he peri* formula but from this point of view it stands close to CIRB 87, where the members (without titles) of the σύνοδος, *synodos*, set up the gravestone for their fellow member, who is explicitly called συναγωγός, *synagogos*. Therefore, it is highly probable that, despite the absence of an explicit mention of the συναγωγός, *synagogos*, at the head, both CIRB 82 and 85 belong to the same association.

CIRB 83 and 84 stand stylistically very close. We add CIRB 86 because its text has the same structure: only the παραφιλάγαθος, *paraphilagathos* is lacking but we can reasonably suppose that he was the deceased himself.

ii. Poland concordance

Poland B 113 (CIRB 84)
Poland B 117 (CIRB 107)
Poland B 117 A (CIRB 87)
Poland B 117 B (CIRB 93)
Poland B 117 E (CIRB 82)
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The terminology employed points to a private association.