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CAPInv. 1296: He synodos peri hiera X (kai) patera (synodou) Y

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 περὶ ἱερέα τὸν δεῖνα (καὶ) πατέρα (συνόδου) τὸν δεῖνα (CIRB 95-96, 98-99, 103-105)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>He synodos peri hiera X (kai) patera (synodou) Y</i>

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Personal:	<i>peri hiera X</i> <i>peri patera (synodou) Y</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>	
Note	<i>synodos</i> : CIRB 95-96, 98-99, 103-105.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	CIRB 95 (e. iii AD). CIRB 96 (204 AD). CIRB 97 (210 AD). CIRB 98 (214 AD). CIRB 99 (221 AD). CIRB 100 (221 AD). CIRB 103 (f. iii AD). CIRB 104 (f. iii AD). CIRB 105 (f. iii AD).
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Note	Other publications: CIRB 96: SEG 2: 485 CIRB 103: IOSPE IV 211 CIRB 104: AGRW 88 CIRB 105: IOSPE IV 207 + addenda
Online Resources	CIRB 95 and AGRW ID 7645 CIRB 96 and AGRW ID 7648 CIRB 97 and AGRW ID 7651 CIRB 98 and AGRW ID 7654 CIRB 99 and AGRW ID 7656 CIRB 100 and AGRW ID 7660 CIRB 103 and AGRW ID 7668 CIRB 104 and AGRW ID 1764 CIRB 105 and AGRW ID 7714
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	All the records are Greek tombstones set up by the σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i> , for some of its members, possibly with the only exception of CIRB 99, which could be, although less probably, an honorific monument (cf. l. 22: <i>τειμῆς χάρι[ν]</i> , <i>teimes chari[n]</i>).
i.c. Physical format(s)	CIRB 95: upper part of a limestone stele. CIRB 96: completely preserved limestone stele restored from two joining parts. CIRB 97: fragmentary limestone stele restored from three joining parts. CIRB 98: completely preserved limestone stele restored from two joining parts. CIRB 99: completely preserved limestone stele restored from three joining parts. CIRB 100: under part of a limestone stele. CIRB 103: completely preserved limestone stele restored from three joining parts. CIRB 104: completely preserved limestone stele. CIRB 105: upper part of a limestone stele.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	One ἱερέυς, <i>hierews</i> (Papa[s] Pannycho(u) in CIRB 95, ll. 2-4; Poplios Ioulianos in CIRB 96, ll. 2-3; Kallisthenes (Kallisthenous) in CIRB 98, ll. 2-3; Ioulios Neik<e>phoros in CIRB 99, ll. 2-4; Pappos [Ar]dabako[u] in CIRB 103, ll. 1-2; Oualeri(o)s Neikostr[a]tou in CIRB 104, ll. 4-7, and 105, ll. 3-5).
iii. Members	Mentioned as οἱ λοιποὶ θιασιῖται, <i>hoi loipoi thiasitai</i> (CIRB 98, ll. 10-11), θιασῶται, <i>thiasotai</i> (CIRB 96, l. 10), or οἱ λοιποὶ συνοδεῖται, l. συνοδῖται <i>hoi loipoi synoditai</i> (CIRB 96, ll. 8-9; 97, ll. 4-5; 99, ll. 16-18; 103, l. 9; 104, ll. 12-14). The tombstones mention the names of six deceased, who formerly had been members of the association (CIRB 96, ll. 11-12; 97, ll. 7-8; 98, ll. 13-14; 99, ll. 18-19; 103, ll. 10-11; 104, ll. 17-18). One of the deceased is called ἀδελφός, <i>adelphos</i> (CIRB 104, ll. 15-16).
iv. Officials	One πατήρ συνόδου, <i>pater synodou</i> (CIRB 95, ll. 5-6; 96, ll. 3-5; 98, ll. 4-6; 99, ll. 5-7; 100, ll. 1-3; 103, l. 3; 104, ll. 8-11; 105, ll. 5-6, same person as in CIRB 104). One of the πατέρες, <i>pateres</i> (CIRB 98) is designated at the same time as ἐπὶ τῆς αὐλῆς, <i>epi tes aules</i> , i.e. an official at the royal court (cf. CAPInv. 1299 and 1304). One συναγωγός, <i>synagogos</i> (CIRB 96, ll. 5-6; 98, ll. 8-9; 99, ll. 7-9; 100, ll. 4-6; 103, ll. 4-5; 105, ll. 7-9). One φιλάγαθος, <i>philagathos</i> (CIRB 96, ll. 6-7; 97, ll. 2-3; 98, ll. 2-3; 100, ll. 6-8; 103, ll. 4-5; 105, ll. 9-11). One παραφιλάγαθος, <i>paraphilagathos</i> (CIRB 99, ll. 13-15; 100, ll. 8-10; 103, ll. 5-6). One γυμνασιάρχης, <i>gymnasiarches</i> , and one νεανισκάρχης, <i>neaniskarches</i> (CIRB 103, ll. 6-8), possibly association officials rather than city officials in this case (cf. in Tanais CAPInv. 1324).

IX. MEMBERSHIP

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

iii. Age	Children Adults
Note	Membership by youth may be surmised by the title of νεανισκάρχης, <i>neaniskarches</i> (CIRB 103, l. 8).
iv. Status	We also note the membership of royal and possibly civic officials. One of the πατέρες, <i>pateres</i> (CIRB 98) is in fact also designated as ἐπὶ τῆς αὐλῆς, <i>epi tes aules</i> , i.e. an official at the royal court (cf. CAPIInv. 1299 and 1304). We also have one <i>gymnasiarches</i> and one <i>neaniskarches</i> (CIRB 103, ll. 6-8); possibly association officials rather than city officials in this case.

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The leadership of a royal official (ἐπὶ τῆς αὐλῆς, <i>epi tes aules</i> ; see VII.iv: Officials) suggests interaction with royal authorities. Possible link with the gymnasium (see the γυμνασιάρχης, <i>gymnasiarches</i> , and the νεανισκάρχης, <i>neaniskarches</i>).
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	<p>Σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i> normally designates the assembly of a θίασος, <i>thiasos</i>, cf. Gauthier in <i>BE</i> 2001: no. 312 and Chaniotis in SEG 47: 1199 and 49: 1053.</p> <p>The mentioned texts seem to originate from the same association. All these records mention a ἱερεὺς, <i>hiereus</i>, as head of the association, followed by a πατὴρ συνόδου, <i>pater synodou</i> and a συναγωγός, <i>synagogos</i> (therefore, different from CAPIInv. 1281, where there is no πατὴρ συνόδου, <i>pater synodou</i>).</p> <p>The inscriptions being all from the first half of the 3rd century AD seem to suggest an association founded under King Sauromates II and as having as distinctive feature the presence of a πατὴρ συνόδου, <i>pater synodou</i> as 'number two' after the ἱερεὺς, <i>hiereus</i>, and before the συναγωγός, <i>synagogos</i>, φιλάγαθος, <i>philagathos</i>, and παραφιλάγαθος, <i>paraphilagatos</i>. All these offices were annual. CIRB 104 and 105 mention the same ἱερεὺς, <i>hiereus</i>, and the same πατὴρ συνόδου, <i>pater synodou</i>: they, therefore, date from the same year.</p>
ii. Poland concordance	Poland B 117 D (CIRB 105) Poland B 117 G (CIRB 103)
iii. Bibliography	<p>Zavojkina, N.V. (2012), <i>Bosporskie fiasy: mezhdru polisom i monarkhiey</i> [<i>Bosporan Thiasoi: Between Polis and Monarchy</i>]. Moscow: 64-7, 252-3 (about CIRB 100), 255 (about CIRB 97).</p> <p>Kreuz, P.-A. (2012), <i>Die Grabreliefs aus dem Bosporianischen Reich</i>. Leuven, Paris, Walpole MA: 513 no. 146 (CIRB 103); 514 no. 147 (CIRB 99); 514 no. 148 (CIRB 98); 544 no. 253 (CIRB 96).</p> <p>Harland, P.A. (2014), <i>Greco-Roman Associations: Texts, Translations, and Commentaries. II. North Coast of the Black Sea, Asia Minor</i>. Berlin, Boston: 22 and 37.</p>

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology employed points to a private association.