

CAPInv. 230: **orgeones**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Attica with Salamis
ii. Region	Attica
iii. Site	Piraeus

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ὄργεῶνες (IG II ² 1255, ll. 1, 7, 14; IG II ² 1256, ll. 6-7; IG II ² 1324, ll. 10, 13-14, 17-18, 23, 25; IG II ² 1361, l. 11)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>orgeones</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	337 - 190 (?) BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>orgeones</i>
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG II ² 1255 (337/6 BC) IG II ² 1256 (329/8 BC) IG II ² 1324 (c. 190 BC) IG II ² 1361 (c. 330-324 BC)
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Note	Inscriptions IG II ² 1255 and 1256 are written <i>stoichedon</i> . Ed. pr. IG II ² 1255: <i>JÖAI 5</i> (1902) 132. IG II ² 1256: IG II (5) 573b. IG II ² 1324: <i>BCH 23</i> (1899) 370. IG II ² 1361: <i>Athenaion</i> 1 (1872) 14 no. 14. (<i>APMA</i> 1, 101 no. 359) Other editions IG II ² 1255: Schwenk 13. (SEG 35: 239); GRA I 2. IG II ² 1256: <i>Syll</i> ³ 1095; Michel no. 980; Schwenk 52 (SEG 35: 239); GRA I 5; AGRW 12. IG II ² 1324: Michel no. 1558; GRA I 32. IG II ² 1361: Foucart no. 2; Prott - Ziehen II 1, 41; Michel no. 979; <i>LSCG</i> 45 (SEG 25: 167); Le Guen I no. 6 (French tr.; SEG 42: 1803); GRA I 4; AGRW 11. Cf. SEG 35: 73; SEG 46: 2363; SEG 50:22; SEG 53: 31, 2247; SEG 54: 59, 212, 225. <i>BE</i> 1942, no. 32; 1950, no. 94; 1987, no. 168.
Online Resources	IG II² 1255 and AGRW ID 3456 IG II² 1256 and AGRW ID 3055 IG II² 1324 and AGRW ID 3929 IG II² 1361 and AGRW ID 3049
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	IG II ² 1255: Greek honorary decree for the <i>hieropoioi</i> Antiphanes, Nausiphilos and Aristomenes. IG II ² 1256: Greek honorary decree for the <i>epimeletai</i> Euphyes and Dexios. IG II ² 1324: Greek honorary decree for the <i>epimeletes</i> Stephanos. IG II ² 1361: Set of regulations (νόμος, <i>nomos</i>) of the association, in Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	IG II ² 1255: Marble stele with a moulding, measuring 0,41x0,27m. IG II ² 1256: Marble stele with a relief on top depicting Bendis and a consort deity commending perhaps the honoured individuals, measuring 0,34x0,20-49m. See Meyer 1989: 296 no. A107; Guntner 1994: 77 no. G4. (<i>SEG</i> 47: 30); Lawton 1995: no. 47. (<i>SEG</i> 45: 231) IG II ² 1324: Marble stele broken on top measuring 0,84x0,28m. IG II ² 1361: Marble stele broken on top and bottom, measuring 0,24x0,39m.
ii. Source(s) provenance	IG II ² 1255: It was found in Peiraieus, now in Peiraieus Museum. IG II ² 1256: Found in Piraeus, acquired in 1894 by the Ny Carlsberg Glyptothek, now in Copenhagen, no. 1043a. IG II ² 1324: Found in Zanneion, Peiraieus, later in the house of Al. Meletopoulos. IG II ² 1361: Found in Piraeus, now in the Epigraphical Museum, EM 7755.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	A precinct (ἱερόν, <i>hieron</i> , IG II ² 1255, l. 16; IG II ² 1256, ll. 11-2; IG II ² 1324, ll. 2, 27; IG II ² 1361, ll. 9-10) of the goddess, with a house (οἰκία, <i>oikia</i> , IG II ² 1361, ll. 9-10), is mentioned as well as a dedication (ἀνάθημα, <i>anathema</i> , IG II ² 1324, ll. 26, 30) and <i>stelai</i> in IG II ² 1361, ll. 22-3.
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The members of the group are called ὄργεῶνες, <i>orgeones</i> (IG II ² 1324, l. 20; IG II ² 1361, 3, 18, 21). Ferguson 1944: 99 argued that membership to the group was hereditary before the introduction of the apparently new rules in IG II ² 1361, cf. Arnaoutoglou 2003: 96.
iv. Officials	Sacred officials: ἱεροποιοί, <i>hieropoioi</i> (IG II ² 1255, ll. 2-3; IG II ² 1361, 16-18); priest (ἱερεὺς, <i>hierews</i> , IG II ² 1361, l. 7) and priestess (ἱερεῖα, <i>hieretai</i> , IG II ² 1361, ll. 4, 7). Administrative officials: Stewards (ἐπιμεληταί, <i>epimeletai</i> , IG II ² 1256, l. 3; IG II ² 1324, l. 1; IG II ² 1361, ll. 15-16); secretary (γραμματεὺς, <i>grammateus</i> , IG II ² 1255, l. 17; IG II ² 1324, ll. 29-30); treasurer (ταμίης, <i>tamiás</i> , IG II ² 1324, l. 32). Ferguson 1944: 102 maintained that <i>hieropoioi</i> were <i>polis</i> -appointees; cf. Arnaoutoglou 2003: 107.

vi. Laws and rules	IG II ² 1361 contains a set of regulations called law (νόμος, <i>nomos</i> , l.) of the association. They concern the procedure of joining the group (ll. 20-23), selling the water of the sanctuary (ll. 8-12), performing sacrifices (ll. 3-8), convening assemblies (ll. 16-17), fines against officials violating the rules (ll. 13-14).
vii. Judicial system	In IG II ² 1361, ll. 7-8, 13-14, 20 there are monetary fines against those who violate the rules prescribed. In l. 14 there is a provision for expulsion, καὶ μὴ μετέστω αὐτοῖ τῶν κοινῶν, <i>kai me metesto autoi ton koinon</i> .
viii. Obligations	In IG II ² 1361, 21-22 there is a provision about the payment of an entrance fee to prospective members.
ix. Privileges	In IG II ² 1361, 3 exemption from payment of a fee (ἀτέλεια, <i>ateleia</i>) is provided to members for sacrificing.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	There are several references to a precinct (ἱερόν, <i>hieron</i> , IG II ² 1255, 16; IG II ² 1256, 11-12; IG II ² 1324, ll. 2-3, 27; IG II ² 1361, 9-10) of the goddess, with a house (οἰκία, <i>oikia</i> , IG II ² 1361, 9-10).
iii. Income	The income to support the association's activities comes from the entrance fee (IG II ² 1361, 21-22), the fines (IG II ² 1361, ll. 13-14) and the sale of water (IG II ² 1361, l. 9).

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The name attested are male names. IG II ² 1255: Ὀλυμπιόδωρος, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (17). Θάλλος, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (2). Ἀντιφάνης Ἀντισθένου Κυθήρριος, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (58). Ναυσίφιλος Ναυσινίκου Κεφαλῆθεν, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (1). IG II ² 1256: Φιλοκράτης, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (22). Εὐφύης, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (1). Δέξις, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (10). IG II ² 1324 Στέφανος, <i>Athenian Onomasticon</i> s.v. (103).
iii. Age	Adults
iv. Status	From the individuals named in the inscriptions two (or perhaps three) are certainly citizens. The remaining are unidentified, as they are designated with a personal name only. Wilhelm 1905: 134 could not pronounce on the status of individuals of IG II ² 1256.

X. ACTIVITIES

i. Assemblies	In IG II ² 1361, l. 16 it is clearly ordained that monthly assemblies (ἀγορὰν καὶ ξύλλογον ποιεῖν, <i>agoran kai syllogon poiain</i>) should be held on the second day of each month in the sanctuary about the common affairs on the initiative of <i>hieropoioi</i> and stewards.
ii. Meetings and events	In IG II ² 1255, ll. 5-6 a procession (πομπή, <i>pompe</i>) and distribution of the meat (κρεανομία, <i>kreanomia</i>) are mentioned. A procession is also mentioned in IG II ² 1324, l. 5.
iii. Worship	In IG II ² 1255, ll. 5-6 a procession (πομπή, <i>pompe</i>) and distribution of the meat (κρεανομία, <i>kreanomia</i>) are mentioned. A procession is also mentioned in IG II ² 1324, l. 5. Sacrifices (θυσίαι, <i>thysiai</i>) are mentioned in IG II ² 1361, ll. 2-6.

Deities worshipped	The main deity honoured is Bendis (IG II ² 1255, ll. 16-7; IG II ² 1324, l. 15) sometimes referred to as simply the goddess (ἡ θεός, <i>he theos</i> , IG II ² 1256, ll. 6, 12; IG II ² 1324, l. 5) while Deloptes is mentioned only in IG II ² 1324, l. 15.
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association awards a golden crown (χρυσσοῦς στέφανος, <i>chrysous stephanos</i>) to each official honoured in IG II ² 1255, ll. 8-9 and IG II ² 1256, l. 9. In contrast in IG II ² 1324, l. 19 an olive leaves crown (θαλλοῦ στέφανος, <i>thallou stephanos</i>) and the place to erect a dedication (ἀνάθημα, <i>anathema</i>) is awarded.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	IG II ² 1255: The decree passed when archon was Phrynichos. IG II ² 1256: The decree passed when archon was Kephisophon. Wilhelm 1902, followed by Ferguson 1944: 98, has argued that this group of documents was issued by the citizen <i>orgeones</i> of Bendis; cf. Arnaoutoglou 2003: 59-60. Review of the discussion in GRA I 2.
ii. Poland concordance	IG II ² 1255: Poland A6E IG II ² 1256: Poland A3a IG II ² 1324: Poland A3b IG II ² 1361: Poland A2a
iii. Bibliography	Arnaoutoglou, I. (2003), Thusias heneka kai sunousias. <i>Private religious associations in Hellenistic Athens</i> . Athens: 59-60, 98. Behrend, D. (1970), <i>Attische Pachturkunden. Ein Beitrag zur Beschreibung der μίσθωσις nach den griechischen Inschriften</i> . München: 96 no. 37. Ferguson, W. (1944), 'The Attic orgeones', <i>HThR</i> 37: 61-140. Garland, R. (1987), <i>The Piraeus. From the fifth to the first century B.C.</i> . London: 232. Güntner, G. (1994), <i>Göttervereine und Götterversammlungen auf attischen Weihreliefs. Untersuchungen zur Typologie und Bedeutung</i> . Würzburg. Ismard, P. (2010), <i>La cité des réseaux. Athènes et ses associations VIe – Ier siècle av. J.-C.</i> . Paris: 263-72. Jones, N. (1999) <i>The associations of classical Athens. A response to democracy</i> . New York: 254-62. Lawton, C. (1995), <i>Attic document reliefs. Art and politics in ancient Athens</i> . Oxford. Meyer, M. (1989), <i>Die griechischen Urkundenreliefs</i> . Berlin. Mikalson, J. (1998), <i>Religion in Hellenistic Athens</i> . Los Angeles: 142, 145. Papazarkadas, N. (2004-2009), 'Attika epigraphika semeiomata', <i>Ἡρόδος</i> 17-21: 103-4. Parker, R. (1996), <i>Athenian religion. A history</i> . Oxford: 170-4, 337-8. Tracy, S. (1990), <i>Attic letter-cutters of 229 to 86 B.C.</i> . Berkeley: 110. Tracy, S. (1995) <i>Athenian democracy in transition. Attic letter cutters of 340-290 B.C.</i> . Berkeley: 129. Wilhelm, A. (1902), 'Inscription aus dem Peiraieus', <i>JOAI</i> 5: 127-39. Ziebarth, E. (1898), 'Inchriften aus Athen' <i>MDAI(A)</i> 23: 24-37.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The association displays all the hallmarks of a private association: distinct name, membership, organization, property and durability.