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**CAPInv. 230: orgeones**

### I. LOCATION

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### III. DATE

| i. Date(s)                     | 337 - 190 (?) BC |

### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

| ii. Name elements              | Cultic: orgeones |

### V. SOURCES

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Note

Inscriptions IG II² 1255 and 1256 are written stoichedon. Ed. pr.
IG II² 1255: JÖAF 5 (1902) 132.
IG II² 1256: IG II (S) 573b.
IG II² 1324: BCH 23 (1899) 370.
IG II² 1361: Athenain 1 (1872) 14 no. 14. (APMA 1, 101 no. 359)
Other editions:
IG II² 1255: Schwenk 13. (SEG 35: 239); GRA I 2.
IG II² 1256: Syll 1095; Michel no. 980; Schwenk 52 (SEG 35: 239); GRA 15; AGRW 12.
IG II² 1324: Michel no. 1558; GRA I 32.
IG II² 1361: Foucart no. 2; Prott - Ziehen II 1, 41; Michel no. 979; SLCG 45 (SEG 25: 167); Le Guen I no. 6 (French tr.; SEG 42: 1803); GRA I 4; AGRW 11.

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 II² 1255: Greek honorary decree for the hieropoioi Antiphanes, Nausiphilos and Aristomenes.
IG II² 1256: Greek honorary decree for the epimeletai Euphyses and Dexios.
IG II² 1324: Greek honorary decree for the epimeletes Stephanos.
IG II² 1361: Set of regulations (νόμος, nomos) of the association, in Greek.

i.c. Physical format(s)

IG II² 1255: Marble stele with a moulding, measuring 0,41x0,27m.
IG II² 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. (SEG 47: 30); Lawton 1995: no. 47. (SEG 45: 231)
IG II² 1324: Marble stele broken on top measuring 0,84x0,28m.
IG II² 1361: Marble stele broken on top and bottom, measuring 0,24x0,39m.

ii. Source(s) provenance

IG II² 1255: It was found in Peiraieus, now in Peiraieus Museum.
IG II² 1256: Found in Piraeus, acquired in 1894 by the Ny Carlsberg Glyptothek, now in Copenhagen, no. 1043a.
IG II² 1324: Found in Zanneion, Peiraieus, later in the house of Al. Meletopoulos.
IG II² 1361: Found in Piraeus, now in the Epigraphical Museum, EM 7755.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects

A precinct (ἱερόν, hieron, IG II² 1255, l. 16; IG II² 1256, ll. 11-2; IG II² 1324, ll. 2, 27; IG II² 1361, ll. 9-10) of the goddess, with a house (οἰκία, oikia, IG II² 1361, ll. 9-10), is mentioned as well as a dedication (ἀνάθημα, anathema, IG II² 1324, ll. 26, 30) and stelai in IG II² 1361, ll. 22-3.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members

The members of the group are called ὀργεῶνες, orgeones (IG II² 1324, l. 20; IG II² 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 II² 1361, cf. Arnaoutoglou 2003: 96.

iv. Officials

Sacred officials: 'Ισποτούσιοι, hieropoioi (IG II² 1255, ll. 2-3; IG II² 1361, 16-18); priest (ἱερεύς, hiereus, IG II² 1361, l. 7) and priestess (ἱερεία, hiereia, IG II² 1361, ll. 4, 7).
Administrative officials: Stewards (ἐπιμεληταί, epimeletai, IG II² 1256, l. 3; IG II² 1324, l. 1; IG II² 1361, ll. 15-16); secretary (γραμματέας, grammateus, IG II² 1255, l. 17; IG II² 1324, ll. 29-30); treasurer (ταμίας, tamias, IG II² 1324, l. 32).
Ferguson 1944: 102 maintained that hieropoioi were polis-appointees; cf. Arnaoutoglou 2003: 107.
| vi. Laws and rules | IG II 1361 contains a set of regulations called law (νόμος, nomos, 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 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 αὐτῶι τῶν κοινῶ, kai me metesto autoi ton koinon. |
| viii. Obligations | In IG II 1361, 21-22 there is a provision about the payment of an entrance fee to prospective members. |
| ix. Privileges | In IG II 1361, 3 exemption from payment of a fee (ἀτέλεια, ateleia) is provided to members for sacrificing. |

**VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS**

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

**IX. MEMBERSHIP**

| ii. Gender | Men |
| 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 1256. |

**X. ACTIVITIES**

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

The main deity honoured is Bendis (IG II² 1255, ll. 16-7; IG II² 1324, l. 15) sometime referred to as simply the goddess (ἡ θεός, he theos, IG II² 1256, ll. 6, 12; IG II² 1324, l. 5) while Deloptes is mentioned only in IG II² 1324, l. 15.

iv. Honours/Other activities

The association awards a golden crown (χρυσοῦς στέφανος, chrysous stephanos) to each official honoured in IG II² 1255, ll. 8-9 and IG II² 1256, l. 9. In contrast in IG II² 1324, l. 19 an olive leaves crown (θαλλοῦ στέφανος, thallou stephanos) and the place to erect a dedication (ἀνάθημα, anathema) is awarded.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments

IG II² 1255: The decree passed when archon was Phrynichos.
IG II² 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 orgeones of Bendis; cf. Arnaoutoglou 2003: 59-60. Review of the discussion in GRA I 2.

ii. Poland concordance

IG II² 1255: Poland A6E
IG II² 1256: Poland A3a
IG II² 1324: Poland A3b
IG II² 1361: Poland A2a

iii. Bibliography

Ziebarth, E. (1898), 'Inschriften aus Athen' MDAI(A) 23: 24-37.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Note

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