

## CAPInv. 705: Bakcheion Asianon

### I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Inland Thrace
iii. Site	Nicopolis ad Istrum

### II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Βακχεῖον Ἀσιανῶν (SEG 53: 726, ll. 3-4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Bakcheion Asianon</i>

### III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Ethnic:	Ἀσιανοί, <i>Asianoi</i> , see <a href="#">CAPInv. 638</a> , for further comments.
iii. Descriptive terms	Βακχεῖον, <i>Bakcheion</i>	
Note	<i>Bakcheion</i> : SEG 53: 726, ll. 3-4	

### V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 53: 726 (f. iii AD)
Note	See also: AGRW 78; SEG 53: 726; <i>AE</i> (2003), no. 1563
Online Resources	<a href="#">SEG 53: 726</a> and <a href="#">AGRW ID 3543</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

<b>i.b. Document(s) typology &amp; language/script</b>	Dedication in Greek
<b>i.c. Physical format(s)</b>	Limestone column (h: 1.12, diam.: 0.295)
<b>ii. Source(s) provenance</b>	Butovo

## VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

<b>i. Archaeological remains</b>	Butovo, situated in the territory of Nicopolis ad Istrum, is known to have been an important centre for pottery production in the period spanning from the beginning of the 2nd cent. AD to the middle of the 3rd cent., see TIR Philippopolis, K-35/II, p. 65 (s.v.).
<b>ii. References to buildings/objects</b>	The dedication to the <i>Bakcheion</i> is referred to in the text as a κίων, <i>kion</i> (l. 5).

## VII. ORGANIZATION

<b>ii. Leadership</b>	ἱερεύς, <i>hiereus</i> (l. 5)
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## IX. MEMBERSHIP

<b>i. Number</b>	Undefined; only one (the <i>hiereus</i> ) mentioned by name in the text.
<b>iv. Status</b>	See above (IV.ii) for the possible ethnic origin of the members.

## XII. NOTES

<b>i. Comments</b>	<p>Βαχχίου Ἀσιανῶν, <i>Bachchiou Asianon</i>, on the stone.</p> <p>Two <i>bakcheia</i> seem to have existed simultaneously at Nicopolis ad Istrum's territory: one gathering, at least initially, devotees originating from Asia Minor, and one for those designated as 'vernaculi', see <a href="#">CAPInv. 1753</a>.</p> <p>For cult associations of Ἀσιανοί, <i>Asianoí</i>, from the Roman provinces of Thracia and Moesia Inferior, see also Dionysopolis (IGBulg I<sup>2</sup> 23), Municipium Montanensium (IGBulg II 480) and Perinthos (I.Perinthos 56) (see <a href="#">CAPInv. 638</a>); these are designated either as a σπεῖρα, <i>speira</i>, or as a βακχεῖον, <i>bakchion</i>. For neighbouring Macedonia, see <a href="#">CAPInv. 515</a> and an association from Napoca in Dacia, CIL III 870.</p>
<b>iii. Bibliography</b>	Loungarova, P. (2007), 'Colonne à inscription du village de Boutovo (Moesia Inferior)', in M. Mayer, G. Baratta and A. Guzman Almagro (eds.), <i>Acta XII Congressus Internationalis Epigraphiae Graecae et Latinae</i> , Barcelona: 847-50.

## XIII. EVALUATION

<b>i. Private association</b>	Certain
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**Note**

The term Βακχεῖον, *Bakcheion*, points to a Dionysiac cult association.