Honours for the Ephesians

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Description

Date 224/3-222/1

**Period:** 3rd century BCE --> second half --> after 229 BCE, liberation from Macedonian control

**Reasons:** historical context, epigraphic formulae

**Notes:**
The decree was issued between the institution of the Ptolemaïs tribe (and the Ptolemaia festivals, see l. 11), and the death of Ptolemy III (see reference to the living king on l. 9).

**Text category**
honorific decree (praise - crown), honorific decree (invitation to dinner at the Prytaneion)

**Notes:**
Beneath the decree, after a one-line vacat, a further line of text records the name of the appointed Athenian theorodokos.

**Monument description**

**Monument type:** stele

**Material:** white marble
✓ crown

**Letters Height Mt:** 0.005

**Same stonemason as:**

IG 2[2] 1076, see Tracy 1990 48

**Notes:**

Four olive crowns.

**Physical features**

**Measurements:** $h: 0.65 \times w: 0.445 \times t: 0.105$

**State of conservation:** The rough-picked back and the right side are preserved; the left edge is overall splintered; the upper and lower portions of the stele are lost.

**Legibility:** The inscribed surfaced is rather damaged, especially in its upper portion.

**Reuse:** Found in a 4th cent. CE Roman fill in the Great Drain.

**Findspot**

Agora --> Tholos (east of) --> #I12: Great Drain

**Date of discovery:** 1934

**Circumstances:** archeological excavation

**First edition:**

Crosby Hesperia 6, 1937, 448-453 no. 3.

**Original location**

Agora --> Tholos (east of) --> altar of Artemis Boulaiia

**Notes:**

The choice of this location makes us think that the lost part of the decree was related with the worship of the Ephesian Artemis. The same religious criteria may have been applied to a later decree in honour of the Ephesians and their sacred ambassadors (IG 2[3] 1 1215), that was erected in the City Eleusinion. At that time, Ephesus was under the
authority of the Ptolemies; nonetheless, through the placement of the stele by the altar of Artemis, the religious ties between Athens and Ephesus appear to have been more emphasized than the pro-Ptolemaic implications of the decree. On the altar of Artemis Boulaià, see Longo in Topografia di Atene, 3** 1036.

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