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## CAPInv. 1074: *hoi Pythagoreioi*

### I. LOCATION

i.	Geographical area	Southern Italy with Sicily
ii.	Region	Calabria
iii.	Site	Kaulonia

### II. NAME

i.	Full name (original language)	οἱ Πυθαγόρειοι (Iambl. <i>VP</i> 267 <i>et passim</i> )
ii.	Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi Pythagoreioi</i>

### III. DATE

i.	Date(s)	v BC
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### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i.	Name in other forms	οἱ Πυθαγορικοί (Iambl. <i>VP</i> 237 <i>et passim</i> )
ii.	Name elements	Personal: Pythagoras
iii.	Descriptive terms	έταιρεία, <i>hetaireia</i> σχολή, <i>schole</i> σύστημα, <i>systema</i> αἵρεσις, <i>hairesis</i>
Note		<i>hetaireia</i> : Iambl. <i>VP</i> 254. <i>schole</i> : Iambl. <i>VP</i> 265. <i>systema</i> : Iambl. <i>VP</i> 266. <i>hairesis</i> : Iambl. <i>VP</i> 251.

### V. SOURCES

i.	Source(s)	Iambl. <i>VP</i> 267.
i.a.	Source type(s)	Literary source(s)
i.b.	Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek, historical-philosophical treatise.

### VII. ORGANIZATION

i.	Founder(s)	Pythagoras
	Gender	Male
iii.	Members	Several times referred to as ζηλωταί, <i>zelotai</i> ('followers': Iambl. <i>VP</i> 29; 80; 266) and οἱ ἔταιροι, <i>hoi hetairoi</i> ('fellows': Iambl. <i>VP</i> 27; 95; 145; 193; 223) and simply ἄνθρωποι, <i>anthropoi</i> ('men': Iambl. <i>VP</i> 28, 31, 44).

### IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii.	Gender	Men
Note		Iambl. <i>VP</i> 267.

## XII. NOTES

i. **Comments** Iamb. VP 267 contains a list of Pythagorean groups organized according to place.

iii. **Bibliography** Giangilio, M. (1991), *Giamblico, La vita pitagorica*, Milano: 62-81.  
Mele, A. (2013), *Pitagora, filosofo e maestro di verità*, xvi-xvii.

## XIII. EVALUATION

i. **Private association** Probable

**Note** A variety of terms is used to define this group and its members. We are very likely dealing with a private association because of the sectarian character of this group, whose followers shared common lifestyle, a doctrine and properties, at least for a period.