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CAPIInv. 1073: hoi Pythagoreioi

I. LOCATION	
i. Geographical area	Southern Italy with Sicily
ii. Region	Basilicata
iii. Site	Herakleia
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
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	ἑταιρεία, <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> 266.
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 ἑτάιροι, <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> 266.

XII. NOTES	
i. Comments	Iambl. <i>VP 267</i> contains a list of Pythagorean groups organized according to place.
iii. Bibliography	Giangiulio, M. (1991), <i>Giamblico, La vita pitagorica</i> , Milano: 62-81. Mele, A. (2013), <i>Pitagora, filosofo e maestro di verità</i> , 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.