SHORT TEACHING GUIDE TO MATERIALS AVAILABLE ON ATTIC INSCRIPTIONS ONLINE

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1. INTRODUCTION/HINTS ON USE OF THE SITE

Introduction

AIO is a continuously evolving work in progress. As of 2 January 2019 there were 1498 inscriptions on AIO:
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/browse/bysource/

supported by nine AIO Papers:
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/papers/

three volumes of Attic Inscriptions in UK Collections (AIUK):
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/papers/aiuk/

and seven videos on the AIO YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoavdbYcrROujQD7qITwWMQ

This short guide is designed to help you make the most of these materials, by means of some general “Frequently Asked Questions”, followed by a list of key inscriptions relevant to specific topics.

Q1. Where can I find a general introduction to Attic inscriptions and AIO?

A1. There is as yet no general introduction to Attic inscriptions on AIO. However, there is an introduction entitled, “Attic Epigraphy”, from the forthcoming Oxford Handbook to Greek Epigraphy (ed. N. Papazarkadas), available at https://cardiff.academia.edu/StephenLambert.

A video of a lecture discussing the rationale and purpose of AIO, delivered at the British School at Athens in March 2018, is available on the BSA YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/gfvdQjoqbwk

Q2. How do I find the inscription I am looking for?

A2. There are two main ways, using the “Browse” and “Search” functions, highlighted in red on the left of the Home Page: https://www.atticinscriptions.com

If you are looking for a specific inscription to which you have a reference, say ML 14, click on “Browse”, scroll down to “ML” and click on it: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/browse/bysource/ML/
In the list that then appears click on ML 14 and you will find there a translation of that inscription, with key data about the inscription and explanatory notes in the right-hand column (you will need to scroll down to find the notes):

https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/ML/14

If you want to see a Greek text of the inscription click on the rubric “Greek text” in the upper right corner of the screen. Note: AIO only supplies its own Greek texts where these are not available in open access online elsewhere. For most inscriptions AIO links to a Greek text available on another site, such as PHI or IG online. E.g. for a Greek text of https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGII31/292 click on the rubrics “PHI” or “IG Online” upper right.

You can now also find inscriptions by Date, Findspot, Inscription Type, Monument Type, Original Location, Present Location and Publication Date on AIO. Simply click the relevant category in the upper right corner of the browse page:

https://www.atticinscriptions.com/browse/bysource/
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/browse/bydate/
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/browse/byfindspot/
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/browse/byinscriptiontype/
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/browse/bymonumenttype/
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/browse/byoriginalallocation/
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/browse/bycollection/
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/browse/bypublicationdate/

Alternatively, you can search for specific words. Click on the rubric “Search” to the left of the home page and you will reach the following screen:

https://www.atticinscriptions.com/search/

Enter the search term in the box to the right and click on “Search” below, or for more complex searches click on “Advanced Search” (please note this search function is not designed to accommodate searches in Greek):

https://www.atticinscriptions.com/search/advanced/

Q3. What if my reference is out-of-date?

A3. If you click on an out-of-date reference, you will always be lead to an up-to-date translation. E.g. “ML 14” will lead you not to the text of that inscription as contained in Meiggs and Lewis’ outdated collection, but to an up-to-date text and translation:

https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/ML/14
Q4. How do I know how up-to-date the translation on AIO is?

A4. Under the notes at the bottom of the right side bar the date a translation was added to AIO is given and the date it was updated. Thus, for example, the translation, https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGI3/84 was added 29 Jul 2014 and last updated on 21 Nov 2018.

Q5. What if I spot a mistake or have a question?

A5. Under the dates added and updated (see Q4) is a feedback button.

Q6. What about photographs of the inscriptions?

A6. We are limited in the photographs we can install directly on AIO by copyright, but where photographs of an inscription (or of a drawing or squeeze) are available online on other sites we link to them. E.g. AIO links to 9 images of https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGI3/6 on four different sites (links in right side bar under names of translators)

In addition AIO has begun posting its own images directly onto the site, mainly of inscriptions in UK collections, e.g. https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGI2/450 (links in right side bar under names of translators)

Q7. What if an inscription is not on AIO?

A7. Though a good proportion of the most commonly cited inscriptions are now on AIO, we are still working to expand coverage. Typically new material is released ca. four times a year (announced in “AIO Updates” in right side bar of homepage: https://www.atticinscriptions.com)
2. ATHENIAN EMPIRE AND PELOPONNESIAN WAR

Athenian Tribute Lists 454/3 BC: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/119a

Athenian Tribute Lists 442/1 BC: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/119b

Athenian Tribute Lists 434/3 BC: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/119c

Athenian Tribute List 418/7 BC(?): https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/168

Athenian Regulations for Erythrai, 454-450 BC: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/121

The Chalkis Decree (446/5 or 424/3 BC): https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/131
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/papers/aio-papers-8/


Decrees about the tribute of the Delian League (“Kleonymos’ Decree”), 428-425 BC: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/152

https://www.atticinscriptions.com/papers/aio-papers-8/

Decree about tribute of Delian League (“Kleinias’ Decree”), 425/4 or a little later: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/154

video: https://youtu.be/vHmUlnhWFCo

Decrees relating to the Sicilian expedition, 415 BC: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/171

Decree enforcing use of Athenian coins, weights and measures, ca. 414 BC?: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/155

Sale of property confiscated from those condemned for mutilating the Herms and profaning the Mysteries, 414 BC:
3. ATHENIAN RELIGION

General: AIO includes the 39 Attic inscriptions in *Collection of Greek Ritual Norms* with links to *CGRN*:

https://www.atticinscriptions.com/browse/bysource/CGRN/

Eleusinian Mysteries: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/106
Eleusinian Cult in demes: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/CGRN/103

Panathenania: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGI3/507
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/RO/81

Honours for girls who worked on the robe for Athena, 108/7 BC [in Petworth House]:
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/AIUK1/1
video: https://youtu.be/EapNDZqiIF8

arrephoroi: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGII2/3488

Thesmophoria: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/CGRN/78
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/CGRN/79

Decrees honouring priests and priestesses:
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/browse/bysource/PriestsandPriestesses/

Foreign cults: (Bendis) https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGI3/136
(Merchants of Kition) https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGI31/337

Examples: (Thorikos) https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGI3/256bis
(Marathonian Tetrapolis) https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGII2/1358

Administration of temple of Apollo on Delos [in Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge]:
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/AIUK3/3
video: https://youtu.be/BPPx-piKdPs
4. ATHENIAN DEMOCRACY

The revision of Athenian law at the end of the 5th century:
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/183a
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/183b
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGI3/236a
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGI3/236b
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/SEG/5248a
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/SEG/5248b

Honours for foreigners who had supported the democracy against the Thirty, 401/0 BC:
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/RO/4

Honours for Athenian members of the resistance against the Thirty, 401/0 BC:
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/Malouchou20102013/115-144

A complete set of the inscriptions from a single Attic deme, Halai Aixonides, links via the notes to: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/RO/46

Accountability (euthynai) in demes:
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGII2/1174

Law against tyranny, 337/6 BC: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/RO/79

Cult of “Democracy”: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGII34/3

Public arbitration: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGII34/24

Allotment machines: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGII34/106

Regime of Demetrios of Phaleron [in British School at Athens]:
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/AIUK2/1

5. ATHENIAN FUNERARY MONUMENTS

Introduction to private Athenian funerary monuments, with links to examples:

Discussion of the six monuments in the Fitzwilliam Museum:

A half hour video based on the six monuments in the Fitzwilliam: https://youtu.be/-0YOaQn4huY

6. MILITARY

Crew of Athenian triremes: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/OR/190

Ephebate: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/RO/89

7. GRAIN SUPPLY


Law on grain tax from Lemnos, Imbros and Skyros, 374/3 BC: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/RO/26

Honours for Spartokos and Pairisades, rulers of the Commerian Bosporos, and their brother, Apollonios: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/RO/64


8. SILVER MINES

Sale of confiscated property and mine leases, 367/6 BC: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/RO/36

9. MEDICAL

Funerary monument of midwife and doctor, Phanostrate: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/Samama/2

Dedication by doctor, Jason of Acharnai: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGII34/836
Decree about public doctors:
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/IGII31/914

Poem on the duties of a physician:
https://www.atticinscriptions.com/inscription/Samama/22

Asklepios: https://www.atticinscriptions.com/search/?q=Asklepios