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## "New Inscriptions from the excavations of Tios (Bithynia) between 2007 and 2019"

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The ancient city of Tios (Tieion), on one of the transit points between Eastern Bithynia and Western Paphlagonia regions in the ancient period, is located today in the township of Filyos in the Çaycuma District of Zonguldak province in the western Black Sea region of Turkey.

Visible remains of the ancient city are the coastal defensive walls, castle walls, the port with its breakwaters around the akropolis and aquaeductus, the theatre, a basilica above the lower city and a number of tombs dated to the Roman and Byzantine periods. As a result of the excavations, the platform of a temple, a church on akropolis and two Roman baths, paved roads at the lower city were partially uncovered.

During the archaeological excavations and the surveys in the territory of the city and the museum researches between the years 2007 and 2019, new epigraphic materials have been found which are dated to the Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine periods. These inscriptions are mainly honorary decrees for Roman emperors and officers, dedications to gods & goddesses, milestones, gravestones, weights, and stamps on amphora handles. New information about the political, socioeconomic, socio-cultural, and religious history of the Tieion / Tios is obtained from all these works.

All published and unpublished Greek and Latin inscriptions of Tios were compiled into a catalogue in the context of a Phd thesis named "Tios (Tieion): An Ancient City on the western Black Sea coast of Asia Minor" which was completed in 2012. Based on this catalogue, with inclusion of all inscriptions -both the old ones and the newly discovered ones in the excavations, surveys and researches in Tios between 2013 and 2019- the first epigraphical corpus of Tios will be built.