

A major issue about the *Augustalitas* concerns the terminological complexity of the *seviri Augustales* in their wider meaning. Duthoy created the comprehensive term **Augustales*, including the *seviri Augustales*, *Augustales*, *magistri Augustales* and other minor terminologies like *Claudialis* or *Flavialis*.

Furthermore, the bare term *sevir* may also allude to the Augustality, as it appears to do in the western provinces of the Roman Empire, but it doesn’t seem to be the case in territories like *Dalmatia* and *Pannoniae*, neither in the northern Italian *regiones*. In particular, *Transpadana* (*Regio XI*) is biased by the omnipresence of the *seviri ioniores* and *seviri seniores*, which were specific positions from *Mediolanum* and other neighbour towns. Besides that peculiar feature, *Transpadana* shares with *Venetia et Histria* (*Regio X*) a strong presence of bare *seviri* in comparison with the certain terms of the Augustality (*sevir Augustalis*, *Augustalis*, *magister Augustalis* and the aforementioned minor variants). This peculiarity has fuelled a debate between scholars about the relation between bare *seviri* and **Augustales* in the north of Italy, where some researchers support the idea of two positions with totally different composition and functions while other academics consider that they were parallel or even equivalent institutions.



CIL V, 3281. Verona (photo: Clauss-Slaby)

Century	1 st AD	1 st -2 nd AD	2 nd AD	2 nd -3 rd AD	3 rd AD	Undated	Total
<i>seviri</i>	10	12 (+1 rep.)	6 (+3 rep.)	3 (+1 rep.)	1	-	32 (+5 rep.)
<i>Augustales</i>	1	2	1 (+3 rep.)	-	-	-	4 (+3 rep.)
<i>seviri Augustales</i>	7	7 (+1 rep.)	3	1 (+1 rep.)	-	9	27 (+2 rep.)
<i>seviri et Augustales</i>	1	1	2	-	-	-	4
Total	19	23	15	5	1	9	72

Table 2. Chronology of the different Augustality titles

* rep. = repeated inscription; it appears in two fields because it contains two kinds of Augustality titles



ILS, 3952. Aquileia (photo: Clauss-Slaby)



CIL V, 829. Aquileia (photo: Lupa)

Augustality title	<i>ingenuus</i>	<i>libertus</i>	<i>incertus</i>	Collective mention
<i>sevir</i>	-	8 (18.6%)	34 (79.1%)	1 (2.3%)
- <i>cognomina</i>		- 6 Greek (75%) - 1 Latin (12.5%) - 1 not preserved (12.5%)	- 20 Greek (58.8%) - 12 Latin (35.3%) - 2 not preserved (5.9%)	
<i>Augustalis</i>	-	1 (14.3%)	6 (85.7%)	-
- <i>cognomina</i>		- 1 Greek (100%)	- 5 Greek (83.3%) - 1 Latin (16.7%)	
<i>sevir Augustalis</i>	4 (11.8%)	6 (17.6%)	23 (67.6%)	1 (3%)
- <i>cognomina</i>	- 4 Latin (100%)	- 3 Greek (50%) - 3 Latin (50%)	- 11 Greek (47.8%) - 11 Latin (47.8%) - 1 Celtic (4.4%)	
<i>sevir et Augustalis</i>	-	-	6 (100%)	-
- <i>cognomina</i>			- 4 Greek (66.7%) - 2 not preserved (33.3%)	
Total in <i>Venetia et Histria</i>	4 (4.4%)	15 (16.7%)	69 (76.7%)	2 (2.2%)

Table 3. Juridical status and *cognomina* of the different Augustality terms

Answering to these questions may head to opposite theories, from the hypothesis of two separated institutions to the equivalence of both terminologies, as well as many possible intermediate nuances.

The traditional view on this topic tends to support the existence of two separated institutions with similar chronology and many coinciding locations but a clear differentiation in their social composition, religious habits and functions.

The adjunct tables show some general numbers that will be used in further studies on the topic in order to delve into the aforementioned questions.



CIL III, 3836. Emona
(photo: Clauss-Slaby)



InscrAqu I, 138. Aquileia
(photo: Lupa)

INSCRIPTIONS WITH *AUGUSTI/AUGUSTAE* DIVINITIES

Town (number of inscriptions)	<i>sevir</i>	<i>Augustalis</i>	<i>sevir Augustalis</i>	<i>sevir et Augustalis</i>
<i>Altinum</i> (1)	-	1	-	-
<i>Aquileia</i> (16)	15	-	-	1
<i>Brixia</i> (2)	-	-	2	-
<i>Concordia</i> (2)	-	-	2	-
<i>Emona</i> (2)	2	-	-	-
<i>Forum Iulii</i> (1)	-	-	-	1
<i>Iulium Carnicum</i> (1)	1	-	-	-
<i>Mantua</i> (1)	1	-	-	-
<i>Verona</i> (6)	-	-	6	-
Total (32)	19	1	10	2

Table 4A. Distribution by towns of the different Augustality titles dedicating inscriptions with *Augusti/Augustae* divinities

Augustality title	<i>Sevir</i>	<i>Augustalis</i>	<i>sevir Augustalis</i>	<i>sevir et Augustalis</i>
Total: 43	27	4	7	5

Table 4B. Augustality titles mentioned in inscriptions with *Augusti/Augustae* deities

Juridical status	<i>ingenuus</i>	<i>libertus</i>	<i>incertus</i>	Collective mention
Total: 43	1	5	37	-

Table 4C. Juridical status of the *seviri* and *seviri Augustales* mentioned in inscriptions with *Augusti/Augustae* gods

<i>Cognomina</i>	Greek	Latin	Celtic	Not preserved
Total: 43	29	12	1	1

Table 4D. *Cognomina* of the *seviri* and *seviri Augustales* mentioned in inscriptions with *Augusti/Augustae* deities

Century	1 st AD	1 st -2 nd AD	2 nd AD	2 nd -3 rd AD	3 rd AD	Undated
Total: 32	10	10	8	2	1	1

Table 4E. Chronology of the inscriptions with *Augusti/Augustae* divinities



CIL V, 4248. Aquileia (photo: Lupa)



CIL V, 4283. Brixia (photo: EDR)