Apollonius Sophista Greek lexicographer of the 1st century CE. An epitome of his *Homeric Lexicon* has reached us in one manuscript (Coisl. 345), but several fragments on papyri have also been found. They often differ from the medieval manuscript and show how complex the tradition of this lexicon is. This can be explained by its popularity in antiquity, which gave rise to many different "excerpted" versions. Apollonius Sophista's *Lexicon* shows some similarity to the D SCHOLIA as well as to the scholia derived from the *VIERMÄNNERKOMMENTAR*. His main sources included Apion, a Greek grammarian who wrote *Homeric Glossai* (1st century BCE–1st century CE), and the more mysterious "Aristarchean" Heliodorus. Indeed, the *Homeric Lexicon* of Apollonius Sophista preserves much material going back to ARISTARCHUS' work on Homer.

See also SCHOLARSHIP, ANCIENT.

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