



## LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA Newsletter #76- May 2017

### Our 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

**Our seventh General Meeting took place in FIAIANO on the island of ISCHIA on Tuesday 11 April 2017.**

You were 29 presents and 32 represented to vote at the General Meeting. We regretted those of you that were not able to join us this time.

As always, it was an **unforgettable week** we spent together and the photograph below illustrates it very well!



Excursion in Sant'Angelo d'Ischia - 12 April 2017

A selection of your photographs is available in our OneDrive Library. Thank you also to Gérard TEXIER who posted also a video. You will find the various links in our message board on our web site.

I wish to thank those of you who contributed and helped through the organization of this events. Thanks to the volunteers on the spot who setup the conference room and the stands. Thank you also to the whole team of Hotel La Luna and especially to Pietro MONTI, our supporter for the last 10 year, who ensured once again that every detail (even the smallest and unexpected ones) is perfect to make our event a brilliant experience.

With some delays but at last, you will find on our web site ("News - Events") the various documents [in French] of our General Meeting:

- The **slide deck**
- The **minutes**

I invite you to review those documents to learn more about our projects.

### PROJECT #1 : Indexing the registers of souls

The first project we voted during the General Meeting has in fact already started. It consists of **indexing all registers of souls of PROCIDA (60 registers) and ISCHIA (10 registers)**.

Once this task completed and the data imported into our database, you will be able to locate families, unblock your research and find brothers and sisters.

Please contact us if you have a strong experience of indexing antic records of the islands.

### PROJECT #2 : Genetics and Genealogy

The second project we voted during the General Meeting is to proceed with a **genealogical study of our origins through DNA analysis** on the scale of the Association and on a volunteer basis (after signature of an engagement form - terms yet to be defined).

DNA collection will be carried out individually by those members who will selected choose to participate, using the 20 kits donated to our association by **Ancestry.com** for our project. The results will then be send individually to each member by Ancestry.com. Once all individual results collected, the Association will work on those to produce a global synthesis and elaborate conclusions, who will be anonymized and presented to members during a next meeting.

Important note for the pertinence of the study:

- Only members with ancestors from PROCIDA and/or ISCHIA will be able to apply
- Members sharing the same "close" family ancestors (parents/brothers and sisters/cousins) will have to decide the best candidate between themselves

The donation of these kits will allow us to reduce by 35% the cost of the project for the benefit of each participant. We are aiming to start the project with a **maximum of 40 members**.

Next action: Create and send to you the engagement form.

Thank you

**Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO**

# La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia

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## New documentation available

You will find at the "Documentation" section of our web site the following guides, prepared by **Christophe MANCINO** in French and English:

### How to research in OCEANIA, including AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND



According to the last censuses, almost 4 000 New Zealanders and 900 000 Australians claim to have Italian origins, either ancestors or as Italian citizen. Of course, they only represent 2.5% of the Oceanian population but we notice that Italian is currently the second most spoken language in Australia with 300 000 speakers. For the past 150 years, it is estimated to 450 000 the number of Italians having crossed the oceans to reach Australia and few thousands to New Zealand.

### How to research in SOUTH AMERICA, including BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, VENEZUELA, PERU and URUGUAY.



Today, almost 690 000 of Uruguayans, 1.4 million of Peruvians, 1.8 million of Venezuelans, 20.5 million of Brazilians and 24 million of Argentinians claim to have Italian origins, either ancestors or as Italian citizen. They represent more than 12% of the South American population (4.6% of the Peruvian population, 6% of the Venezuelan population, 11% of the Brazilian population, 20% of the Uruguayan population and more than half of the Argentinian population). For the past 150 years, it is estimated to 3 million the number of Italians having crossed the Atlantic to reach Argentina, 1.5 million for Brazil, 300 000 for Venezuela and more than 100 000 for Uruguay and Venezuela.

### How to research in NORTH AFRICA...

The last guide in progress will soon complete our collection.

Thank you in advance to Guy ATTANASIO who volunteered for this work.

## New registers and index available

Please find below the list of new coming updates for the online registers and indexes:

Archives	Registers
<b>PROCIDA</b> Abbazia San Michele Arcangelo	The 60 <b>registers of souls</b> are now listed (1702-1907)
<b>ISCHIA</b> Castello Aragonese	The images of the registers <b>B02, M02, A02 (Cathedral)</b> are now available online

## Meeting with the members

**The next meeting including lunch and conferences will take place in the town of VENDOME (Loir-et-Cher, France) on Saturday 21 October 2017.**

More details to come in the next newsletter (inscription, cost, conferences...).

If you wish to speak and present some research, please send an email to [info@procida-family.com](mailto:info@procida-family.com).

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

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