

LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA

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Hello!

First of all and on behalf of all founding Members, I wish everyone a happy new year 2005 with the hope of meeting you all this year.

Beginning with a few changes...

In 2004, the Association counted 128 members including 85 members enrolled until 31st December 2004 and **93 members** until 31st December 2005 (52 renewals and 41 new members). A phenomenal success as on 1st January we already had beaten last year's number of members!

However, success means an increase of the amount of work. My personal time is no longer sufficient (unfortunately) to be able to carry out all projects and tasks required by the Association with the thoroughness that I believe is necessary.

Therefore, we have begun to make a few adjustments to our processes with the aim of optimizing the management of the Association and specifically attempting to answer more efficiently your requests of certificates.

Requesting certificates / New User Guide!

Regarding your futures requests for certificates, new instructions have been posted on the Web site and I would be grateful if you could review them and use them as from now. Please go to the "Registers" section of the site.

I think and I hope that this will ease searches and save time when processing your queries. This improved User Guide explains:

- How to consult the indexes
- How to look for a certificate
- How to request a certificate
- The processing of your requests
- How to obtain a transcription & translation

You will also note 2 new email addresses, to use <u>imperatively</u> and <u>exclusively</u> for all requests of certificates. They will allow sharing the work: I will continue to process all requests for Procida and my cousin and founding member, Jean-Pierre FERRARI, will process the requests for Ischia.

- For <u>Procida</u>, send your requests to: <u>actes@procida-family.com</u>
- For Ischia, send your requests to: actes@ischia-family.com

For all other correspondence, please continue to write to our usual address: info@procida-family.com

The computerization of the indexes

This month, new indexes of Procida have been computerized and posted on the Web site. Some existing ones have also been updated following a number of corrections and checks.

The first indexes of Ischia are not yet available, as they are currently being computerized and this work has just started thanks to the help of 4 volunteers.

If you too wish to help with this work, please do not hesitate to contact me as there will be a lot to do this year!

The Association in the Italian Press in November/December

Since the last newsletter, two new articles have been published:

- The first one was published in the daily popular newspaper « Il Golfo » on 14th November. It is in fact the article realized by NewsItaliaPress in early November 2004.
- The other appeared on ProcidaMix (www.procidamix.com/miscellanea/grandefamille.htm), a Web forum managed by Peppino CAPOBIANCHI and dedicated to the inhabitants of Procida.

To conclude, let's organize our next General Meeting!

I have the pleasure to inform you of our project to organize the first general meeting of the Association in Procida between 10th September and 16th October 2005. The exact date of the event is not yet known but will be confirmed soon.

The event will be organized as follows:

- It will take place in Procida during a week end.
- The general meeting will be held in a conference room provided by the Town of Procida.
- All event activities will be held in French or Italian.
- You are invited to attend to all meetings and other activities that will be proposed, and of course your partners and children are welcome to come along.
- Your trip and accommodation will be at your cost.
- You will define the duration of your stay in Procida or Ischia according to your possibilities and wishes to discover the region.
- The Association will organize for you the bookings of your hotel or apartment, and will provide you with other necessary information for your travel and stay.
- You will have to make your own travel arrangements.
- A reservation fee will be collected by the Association.

The proposed agenda for the event is as follows:

Saturday				
9h30	12h30	General Meeting		
12h30	14h	Buffet		
14h	16h	Free time		
16h	18h	Visit of San Michele Arcangelo Abbey		

Sunday				
9h	10h	Mass dedicated to our ancestors in San Michele		
10h	12h	Meeting with the Association in San Michele		
12h	15h30	Free time		
15h30	18h	Visit/walk of the small island of Vivara (if weather		
		allows)		

The agenda of our General Meeting will include:

- Introduction by the Mayor of Procida or its representative
- Introduction by the President of the Association
- Discovery of the story of Procida & Ischia
- Discovery of the story of our origins up to the foundation of our Association

- Assessment 2004/5 and objectives 2005/6
- Reelection of the President and the administration team
- Questions and answers

To be able to prepare the organization of this event, please find below a survey form, fill in and send it back to me as soon as possible.

I thank you for your cooperation. Best wishes.

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO President of the Association

Survey Form for the General Meeting of the Association « La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia »

Membership Number:
Surname:
First name:
I am interested in attending the General Meeting which will be held in Procida (in waiting of confirmation of the final event date): Yes / No
Number of people:
Please return this form to info@procida-family.com or by post to: 9 rue des Pontons, 94140 Alfortville - France