

# LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA Newsletter #70 – October 2015

## Our 6th General Meeting - October 10, 2015

I was such a nice, sunny and warm day in the beautiful peninsula of Saint-Mandrier, for our 6<sup>th</sup> General Meeting!



6th General Meeting on October 10, 2015 in Saint-Mandrier

42 members were present including the Mayor of Saint-Mandrier, Gilles VINCENT. We regretted those who were registered but unable to attend at the last moment. Disease and several deaths have hit those families that are close to us and part of the Association since our first year.

Still with us in our thoughts and prayers, we made the most of this day together, rich in exchanges, solidarity and fraternity, these values that make what our Association is, at each one of our events!

You will find at the "News | Events" section of our web site the following documents:

- The presentation of our past activities, current and future projects
- The **minutes** of our General Meeting

The President of the Association has been reappointed for another 2 years and the Administrative Council is now constituted of the following members, elected unanimously:

- Christiane PADOVANI
- Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

I strongly invite you to have a look at these documents (even in French). Here is a quick synthesis of the key information :

#### The actions to pursue include:

- Attempt to digitalize in Ventotene and Ponza (for this, we must find key contacts to help us make progress);
- Attempt to have access to the notarial archives in Naples to obtain information about the families of Procida and Ischia, prior to 1600;
- Concretize or not a collaboration project with the Parish of Procida, following their own solicitation, but only at our conditions;
- Assist whenever possible to relaunch the twinning project between Procida and Saint-Mandrier.

#### The actions and projects to come include:

- Schedule a meeting/lunch for members in Marseille at Spring 2016 (more information will be communicated later);
- Create a solidarity fund for to help those who have limited income to take advantage of our services at a discounted rate (annual fee, event attendance...);
- Think about an agreement with the Nautical Institute of Procida to provide them with a free access to the database of their records;
- Implement the new evolutions for our web site (more details on next page);
- Index the interesting articles published in ProcidaOggi (Jean-Marie DUFOUR will own this project);
- Produce and publish more documentations for our web site – volunteers are:
  - Looking for a naturalization file in France (Guy ATTANASIO)
  - Looking for an ancestor in Naples (Hubert BLAZEJEWSKI)
  - Looking for someone who emigrated in America (Christophe MANCINO).

The presentation for our **3 conferences** are available to download from our web site:

- Our ancestors fishermen of coral by Guy ATTANASIO
- The sailors who died at sea during WW1 by Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO
- An interesting research in the censuses of Procida by Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

Thank you all for your support and contribution!

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

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## Sharing our photos

I remind you that you can post/find the photos of our various events on our shared "OneDrive" at the following address: <a href="http://ldrv.ms/lzfEXdq">http://ldrv.ms/lzfEXdq</a>

To upload your pictures, follow the instructions provided by René BARONE at the "News" section of our web site. Thank you!

#### Evolution of our web site

The next evolutions for our web site in 2016 have been presented and discussed at our General Meeting.

#### The following workloads have been approved:

- Enable members to exclude or confirm cousin's links if the records they ordered was theirs or not;
- Optimize the management of the members' origins (profile, search and statistics);
- Review the security settings and access rights of the web site;
- Allow the ability to grant a member access to only one subset of the database and digitalized images;
- Optimize the algorithm for linking the online images to the indexed records.

To be continued...

## Shopping



Available in French, Italian or English, this excellent guide of 128 pages on Procida (serious and wellillustrated) written by Elisabetta MONTALDO.

Introduction by Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO ☺ in the French version.

Price: 22 Euros (including packing and postage)

#### New: creation of a solidarity fund

Approved unanimously at our General Meeting, a solidarity fund has been created. Its goal is to enable those members who have limited income (unemployed or low pension for instance) to take advantage of our services at a discounted rate (annual fee, event attendance...).

Requests will have to be justified and sent to the Administrative Council by mail or letter, in order to be reviewed. The Council may request more details as well as the necessary supporting evidence, before approving or rejecting a request.

Note: A budget of 600 Euros maximum has been allocated for the current fiscal year starting on October 15, 2015.

#### New registers and index available

Please find below the list of registers and new/updated indexes that will be imported in our database. Thank you to the volunteers who have worked really hard to index them during the first half of 2015.

| Archives                     | Registers  |
|------------------------------|--|
| FORIO<br>San Vito            | <b>B01</b> (Jean-Pierre FERRARI)   |
| FRANCE<br>Archives Maritimes | 6 indexes for Saint-Mandrier,<br>Bandol and Bonifacio (Corsica)<br>(Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO) |

#### Death notice

Only a few days before our meeting in Saint-Mandrier, we have learnt with sadness the death of **Jeanne**, Laurent BARONE's wife. Most of us knew her well since our first General Meeting in Procida back in 2005. Her ancestors were not from Procida but she supported and appreciated our cause with much affection. The whole attendance meditated for her and her family on October 10, 2015.

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The mouse mat, the stamp and the magnet "Saint-Michael" of Saint-Mandrier, released by our Association for our General Meeting are now available at the prices indicated below (packing and postage not included).



Prix: 8 Euros



Prix: 1 Euro



Prix: 2 Euros