



Newsletter #121 September 2025

Back from holiday!

Several months have passed since our last newsletter in May, the summer period having allowed the volunteers to take a little rest, a small break in indexing and in the processing of the orders.

I have the pleasure of sharing with you our latest information, the follow-up of our projects, and also our next meetings to come in 2026!

Throughout the summer, we continued to welcome new members from France, Italy and the United States, with just over a dozen members, for a total of 248 members in 2025.

Also, our project to add a discreet roof to the Wall of Migrants has been submitted to the city of Procida, with the aim of protecting it from the sun's rays and the bad weather that inexorably corrode the plates. Decision expected at the end of the year.

Genealogical meeting in Mauguio, France April 11 and 12, 2026

We will once again participate in the Mauguio genealogical fair organized by our friends from the Languedoc Genealogical Circle. Our previous participation dates back to 2012! I would like to thank Jean-Michel Leon and Georges Di Meglio once again for their invitation.



I invite you to book this weekend in April to visit us, or even to run and animate the stand by my side, whether for a few hours or a full day.

These meetings will be an opportunity for us to see our genealogist friends from other associations in the South of France, to recruit new members, to exchange on your problems, your stories or your ideas for our association. We will have a 1m80 stand with a table, grills and chairs, high-speed Wi-Fi internet access and an electrical connection point.

More information will follow in the coming months.

11th General Meeting - 3 October 2026

I am pleased to announce that our 11th General Meeting will be held on October 3, 2026 in Mallemort in Provence.

The organization of the event on site was delegated to Mylène DEL BIONDO and Jean-Michel MAZZELLA. I would like to thank them for the [cinema-theater](#) that has been reserved for us by the Town Hall.



Information about the precise logistics of the event (schedules, meals and activities, costs) will be communicated later, as well as the agenda. As a reminder, the terms of the President and Administrative Team will expire on October 15, 2026. Reflection on new projects and initiatives is underway.

Do not hesitate to make your contribution and suggestions for the future, and note today this essential date in the life of our association.

Back to the roots on foot from Paris

Michel PERROT has just completed his journey from Paris to Procida on foot, at the rate of one stage per year. He arrived in Procida on 5 September and was welcomed by Leonardo COSTAGLIOLA, Deputy for Tourism.

"My project has a memorial dimension that is part of a logic that combines my passion, hiking, and the desire to get closer to my origins. It seems important to me to discover the places and lifestyles of my ancestors and try to reconstruct their experience. Going back to my origins on foot has a real meaning, and walking facilitates human exchanges and the creation of links. It mobilizes patience, determination and endurance, it provides great personal satisfaction through a form of surpassing oneself. It offers the opportunity to take a step back, to give yourself the time you need to achieve your goals with awareness and commitment. This can only be done slowly, gradually, as if in pursuit of a philosophical quest. Arriving in Procida was a great satisfaction. The emotion of seeing my great-grandparents' plaque on the Wall of Migrants. The meeting and the many exchanges, in particular around the exhibition, the roots, with Leonardo was a beautiful conclusion."



Exhibition "Racines"

After its successful inauguration at the Italian Cultural Institute in Marseille on January 23, 2025, the exhibition "*Racines. Procida and the Mediterranean voyage*" was officially inaugurated, despite several administrative delays, at the Palazzo d'Avalos in Procida on July 26, 2025 in the presence of Mrs. Lise MOUTOUMALAYA, Consul General of France in Naples.

I would like to remind you that the members of La Grande Famille contributed to almost all the photos and documents in the exhibition, thus highlighting the variety of migrations from Procida and Ischia to different Mediterranean destinations, the South of France and the North African coast. The photographs on display allow us to tell the reality of their trip to the Mediterranean, their reality. We are both their heirs and their legacy. It is thanks to them that we live in France today, with the courage and pride they passed on to us, to face the trials of this world turned upside down and, through this exhibition, to try to pass on to future generations our roots and our history, but also our values of humanity and solidarity.

We will think about continuing this work of remembrance in 2026 through other initiatives that will be discussed and voted on at our next General Meeting.

Opening of the Wal of Migrants this summer

During the three summer months, from July to September, we opened the Migrant Wall to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Wednesday to Sunday, thanks to the presence on site of a young student from Procida, Cloe CASTALDI, who enthusiastically welcomes visitors and tells them our story



At my request, Cloe recorded the number of visitors daily: 469 in July and 597 in August! Not all of these visitors necessarily come for the Wall of Migrants, but go down or up the staircase that connects the top of Procida to the Corricella. They stop for a break by the Wall, out of curiosity and interest or to admire the view and take photos.

This initiative will end on September 28. If necessary, we will be able to organize individual visits this autumn and we will see if it will be possible to repeat this type of operation next year.

New registers and index available

you will find below the next updates of the computerized registers and indexes by our volunteers:

Archives	Registers
FORIO Comune	Births TN04 (1846-1855) (Jean-Pierre LUBRANO LAVADERA)
ISCHIA San Vito e Spirito Santo	Baptisms B02 (1665-1700) (Jean-Pierre FERRARI)
PROCIDA Comune	Deaths D91 (1900-1924) (Elisabeth WALZ)
PROCIDA Archivio di Stato	Baptisms, deaths and lists discovered in F02 (1662) B01, D01, R01: poor people (Henri et Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO)
ITALIE Sotto-Prefettura di Pozzuoli	Delivered Passports PS04 (1869-1872) PS05 (1871-1874) (Guy ATTANASIO)

The work continues thanks to the volunteers!

In the press

Find on our website the latest press articles and publications relating to our activities of the last few months, including the following:

- An article in [ProcidaOggi](#) summarizing the significant events during which the association has been largely involved.

The article on Laura MATTERA's [Blog](#) about the exhibition "Racines" in Procida.

Also note the following press article that Philippe L'HOSTIS addressed to me:

- A [clipping](#) from the New York City newspaper in "The Brooklyn Citizen" of January 21, 1942 concerning the association "Sons of the Isle of Procida" then directed by its President, Pasquale SCOTTO 😊

Happy reading.

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO