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Objectives 2026

As I announced at the end of our 2024-2025 financial year, the coming year promises to be quieter than the previous ones, which have been rich in events with the inauguration of the Wall of Migrants in 2022, our 20th anniversary in Saint-Mandrier in 2023, the last General Meeting in Ischia in 2024, and finally the "Racines" exhibition in Marseille in 2025!

In 2026, we will focus our efforts on indexing the registers, organizing meetings with members, in Mauguio on April 11-12, in Mallemort on October 3 for our General Meeting, and probably in Vendôme in November.

Looking forward to our next meetings, the Administration Council joins me in sending you our best wishes for 2026.

Volunteer members

I would like to take this opportunity to renew my thanks to our **volunteer members** who index the registers, send you the records you need, publish articles, hold conferences, and manage with me the organization of the events:

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Guy ATTANASIO
Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO
Hubert BLAZEJEWSKI
Jacques LOMBARDO
Jean-Michel MAZZELLA
Jean-Pierre FERRARI
Jean-Pierre LUBRANO LAVADERA
Michèle SCOTTO DI VETTIMO
Mylène DEL BIONDO
René BARONE
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I wish to expand our circle of volunteers this year to continue to make our Grande Famille progress for the happiness of all!

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

The 22nd Genealogical and Historical Meetings of Mauguio will take place on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 April 2026 from 9 am to 12 pm and from 2 pm to 6 pm at the Espace Morastel.



Find on our website the list of associations and exhibitors present at this event, organized by the Genealogical Circle of Languedoc.

These meetings are an opportunity to see and exchange with members from the South of France, other associations and to recruit new members in search of their Italian roots. We will have a 1m80 stand with a table, grills and chairs, high-speed internet access and an electrical connection point.

With Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO, Guy ATTANASIO, Michèle COSTA and Colette SERPAGGI, we look forward to seeing many of you on our stand!

**** Last call ****

Renew your support for 2026

To date, **138** out of 249 (in 2025) have already renewed your membership and we thank you for your support and confidence in our association and its projects.

We are also pleased to welcome **22 new** members for 2026!

I therefore call on latecomers who want to continue to support us and continue their research to renew their membership now to take advantage of our services throughout the year.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

In the press

Find on our website in the "Publications" section a tribute to our migrant ancestors and to the action of our association, from the digitization of the registers to the Wall of Migrants:

- "Chronique d'une mémoire retrouvée"

This article has been published in the magazine "**Direction Italie**".

Births and deaths on merchant navy ships, disappearances and deaths for France at sea (1859-1993)

For your ancestors born or deceased at sea, as sailors or passengers, find on the website of the National Archives an interesting inventory with online registers:



<https://www.siv.archives-nationales.culture.gouv.fr/>

The first set consists of summary registers of **deaths and births on merchant navy ships** or fishing vessels, known as "merchant navy civil status".

The second set consists of registers mentioning the identity of **persons who have disappeared at sea** during a sea voyage.

The third type of register contains the list of decisions to grant and refuse the mention "**Died for France**" of seafarers or persons who died at sea.

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 TN01 +1821 (Jean-Pierre LUBRANO LAVADERA)
LACCO AMENO Comune	Deaths TD01 +1818-1840 (Guy ATTANASIO)
PANTELLERIA * Parrocchia	Marriages M01 1606-1617 M02 1618-1653 (Jacques LOMBARDO)
PONZA Comune	Marriages TM01 1818-1835 (Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO) Deaths TD01 1817-1825 (Mylène DEL BIONDO)
TORRE DEL GRECO Comune	Deaths TD02 +1855-1856 (Hubert BLAZEJEWSKI)

* the parish registers of Pantelleria have been completely revised and renamed in our database to be in accordance with the periods and registers identified, some of which were missing.

This indexing work is fascinating and fundamental to find your roots. For 20 years, volunteers have played an essential role and thanks to them, we have all been able to progress together in our family research.

A big thank you to them while soliciting future volunteers to help us!