



## LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA

### Newsletter N°17 – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005

Our third year has just begun and there is already so much to tell you! My next trip to Procida and Ischia for Christmas is getting closer, and I hope I will bring back with me some good news to start 2006!

Today we count already **66 members** including new ones for 2006 ☺ Thank you very much everyone for your support!

**Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO**

#### After the General Meeting ...

We had said and proposed many things when we all got together in Procida. Now it is time for action!

Today I am pleased to see the growing involvement of many of you alongside me for our projects, working with enthusiasm and thoroughness.

Therefore the following projects are on their way:

- The **DVD souvenir** of our week-end in Procida and Ischia is progressing. [by: Jean-Pierre FLORIO] – Aim: early 2006.
- The **"cousins' matrix" project** has been initiated. See the article opposite. [Coordinator : Jean-Marie DUFOUR]
- A student job proposition to work on our **project of creation of an advanced search engine** for our Web site has been written and submitted to the University of Versailles thanks to the help of Jean PAPADOPOULO. Let's hope some students will be interested – Aim: End 2006?
- The association will soon open an office in Alfortville (France) thanks to the support of the Mayor of the town. To be continued...

Finally, the new statutes approved in Procida on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2005 have been filed with the Préfecture of Val de Marne, and the change of name of our Association has been published to the "Journal Officiel" in November, according to legislation.

#### The "cousins' matrix" project

During our General Meeting, friendship was immediate between the attendees, and we decided to go further looking for our family links.

In the past month, some volunteers discussed on how to proceed with this project. Here are the first results:

- The members will be able to communicate thanks to an Excel spreadsheet their list of ascendants.
- Using these lists, the "cousins" will be contacted in order to get their appropriate complete family branch to create the common family tree.
- This information will be input into a database.
- Of course, this information will remain strictly confidential and the "cousins" will only be published on the Web site with the agreement of the relative members.

Prior to define the necessary tools we need, we would wish to know how many people are effectively interested in participating to this project. We would be grateful for your answer to the following question **before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005:**

*« Do you wish to provide the Association with the information relative to your ancestors in order to detect the potential cousins among the participating members? » YES / NO*

Please send your answer to [info@procida-family.com](mailto:info@procida-family.com) with your names and membership number. Thanks!

**Jean-Marie DUFOUR**

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## Wanted [section Members – Wanted]

Several announcements have been posted on our Web site... with the hope that some of you might recognize them, or have additional information on these persons.

- Jeanne LUBRANO DI SCAMPAMORTE is looking for the brothers of her grand-father, as well as the descendants of **Francesco SCHIANO DI LOMBO** (who lived in Oran in 1910).
- Eugene PREAUS, from New-Orleans (USA), is looking for some information and help to find his ancestors, the couple **Jean Joseph ROMAN** and **Marie Rose LEBLANC**, born in **LANZON in Provence (France)** who immigrated to Louisiana at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

## Your requests at the Santissima Annunziata

You may have noticed it last month: the request form has been slightly modified.

Please use it for all your future requests and review the complete instructions on our Web site.

Every 3 months approximately, I will pick up any certificates that could be found (from the last pack of requests) and leave at the Annunziata your new request forms.

Therefore, if you have any request to send me, please do so now, as I will be going there at the end of the month.

## Reminder

In order to reduces the times for processing the certificates, please do review the following rules:

- Ensure that you **use the correct format** for your request as shown on the Web site;
- **Indicate the parish** when you ask for certificates from Ischia (as we have more than one parish).
- **Send imperatively your request** to the following email addresses created for this purpose :
  - [actes@procida-family.com](mailto:actes@procida-family.com)
  - [actes@ischia-family.com](mailto:actes@ischia-family.com)

The email address [info@procida-family.com](mailto:info@procida-family.com) is reserved for all other correspondences. Thank you.

## On our Web site this month

Each time a newsletter is released, the Web site is updated, improved and corrected! You will discover this month:

- The list of members for 2006, including only those of you who wished to be part of it.
- Another series of new computerized indexes for Ischia, plus the index n°4 of marriages for Procida completely reviewed and verified!
- A list of names for Ischia compiled by Claude LLINARES [section Genealogy - Italy].
- The speeches by our hosts of Procida at our General Meeting translated in French. Thanks to Jean-Pierre FLORIO for this work [section News – Events].
- The glorious story of the immigration adventure of Giacinto LUBRANO DI SCORPANELLO to America (ancestor of Eugene PREAUS' wife) [section Members – Personal Web]
- The personal Web pages of two cousins Jeanne and Sauveur LUBRANO DI SCAMPAMORTE [section Members – Personal Web]

## Our ancestors in Algeria

The following books, no longer publicly available, are currently in our stock [section Shop – History] :

- « *Contes et récits d'un village d'Algérie (Stora)* » by Bernard SASSO – 20 Euros
- « *Mers-el-Kébir, un haut lieu prédestiné* » by Janvier FERRARA – 40 Euros

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