



LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA Newsletter N°40 – 30 October 2008

5th anniversary of the Association

On 15th October, our Association has celebrated its **5 years of existence**. We've seen so many changes and evolutions since the foundation in 2003:

- Starting from a simple Association of genealogy, we are known and recognized internationally with a **cultural** and **human** dimension.
- An extraordinary **emotional cohesion** between the members looking for their common roots.
- Our simple Web site that included a few indexes has now become a **powerful search engine with a complete database** of registers.
- From 85 members in the first year, we have now reached **240 members in 2008** including **30 volunteers!**
- After the **digitalization** completed for Procida, we have digitalized more than half of the parishes of Ischia, as well as the archives of the town of Procida.
- Approximately **25 000 copies of records** already sent to members for their research!
- **Close links with the local authorities** in Procida but also in Forio d'Ischia or the Annunziata in Naples.
- And I could continue to list many other actions carried out by the **volunteers** for the success of our Association.

Thank you in advance for your help, support and participation in 2009!

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

Lunch/Conference in Marseille on 4th October

After a first lunch/conference in Paris in May, this type of meeting has been another great success on 4th October **gathering 57 people** from the Provence region and neighboring regions.



Thank you to **René BARONE** for his great work for organizing and welcoming the guests.

Thank you to **Jean-Claude MEZZANA** for having recommended us the restaurant « Les Arcenaulx » and established the contact with the Director.

Thank you to **Claude LLINARES** for his brilliant presentation, clear and fascinating about the conditions of the emigration of our ancestors. You may download the full version of his research from our Web site (section « Documentation »).

Our 3rd General Meeting will be held on 12th May 2009 in Forio d'Ischia

The Town of Forio has confirmed his support for the organization of our next General Meeting. I hope to meet the Mayo rat the end of December to finalize the modalities for our event.

The **inscription form** will be available soon.

Evolutions of our Web site

Our search engine

The past months, you informed me of several issues on our Web site. They are currently being fixed. Thank you for your patience.

Our institutional Web site

Our institutional web sites (www.procida-family.com and www.ischia-family.com) as well as our messaging system will be migrated during the first week of November to a new Web provider, the same as we currently use since 2007 for managing our search engine and ordering system, and recently my personal web site www.scotto-di-vettimo.com.

The benefits are the following:

- More reliable than the previous provider, because the technologies used are maintained by more competent people.
- In theory, less work for me because of less technical problems.
- A technical support team a lot more efficient, friendly and flexible for our specific issues or requests.
- A cost saving for the hosting of our Web sites and messaging system.

IMPORTANT: Thank you to take note of this change and please do not send us emails between Monday 3 and Friday 7 November, they could get lost during the migration of the systems.

However, the search engine web site will not be impacted.

New indexes available

Here are some news regarding the digitalized registers:

Parish	Registers
Forio San Sebastiano	B12
Ischia San Vito	<p>The B05.1 was marked as missing to indicate a period of years that was absent from the inventory. After further and thorough analysis of the B04.1 we discovered that it includes also the missing period of the B05.1.</p> <p>Therefore the 2 following registers have been renumbered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• B05.1 becomes B06.1• B07.1 becomes B06.1 <p>Thank you for noting this change and renaming the references of the records you may have already ordered.</p>
Maritime Archives of Toulon	<p>Be aware that the Maritime Archives are initiating the digitalization of their registers. Therefore, it has become very difficult to have access to the registers and digitalize the documents you've been requesting. However, you may continue to send us your requests, but please note that you may wait a very long time to receive a response.</p>

Renewal of our membership in 2009

Joining our Association for the first time or renewing your membership for 2009 is now opened!

In order to save the Earth and be ecologic, the membership form will only be required for new members or to update your personal information.

For your payment, prefer the Internet (bank transfer or PayPal). In parallel, please let me know by email of your renewal and payment.

You may note that our tariffs have not increased and like every year the volunteers in 2008 will be credited a bonus for records. ☺