



## LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA Newsletter #61 – December 2013

### Meeting in Saint-Mandrier November 2013

Last November in Saint-Mandrier, I had the pleasure to present to an audience of about 130 people:

- **The story of the islands of Procida and Ischia**, starting from the Greek colony until the Italian unification,
- **The various causes of the massive emigration** during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries,
- **The genesis of our Association** until its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013, its results and future projects.



Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO  
Conference in Saint-Mandrier on November 2, 2013

I would like to thank once again all the attendees, members and friends of the Grande Famille, including:

- **The Town of Saint-Mandrier** (who arranged the theatre and offered the welcome coffee and aperitif),
- **The local associations « Les Racines Mandréennes » and « L'Atelier Provençal »** who supervised the overall organization of the day,
- **Father François Hatem** for his strong support to our meetings and future projects,
- **Maria Capodanno**, who represented the Mayor of Procida at the religious and military ceremony on November 3 held at the French-Italian cemetery in Saint-Mandrier,
- **Ken Nicolas** who filmed the entire conference during at least 3 hours!

You will find on our website:

- The **presentation** I used for the conference,
- The **newspaper articles** published in Var Matin.

You can also order the DVD « **De Procida à Saint-Mandrier** » produced for this occasion and shown in preview on November 2.

### Several projects for 2014

While in Saint-Mandrier, I presented the new vision for our Association, with its action on two closely linked dimensions:

**A new genealogical dimension, including the online publication of registers on our website from 2014, which will modify our working rules and funding.**

- The new web project will be proposed to the totality of the towns of the two islands, in order to obtain from each one of them an annual financial contribution in return for the management and free access of their registers.
- Various types of services will also be created (custom research, document translation, recovering the Italian citizenship...).

**A new cultural dimension, including the promotion of the islands of Procida and Ischia by various means, one of which being a major new project called « Wall of Migrants » that has been welcomed with enthusiasm.**

- Other projects are being prepared like the organization of the first anniversary of the twinning between Saint-Mandrier and Procida, the preservation and restoration of the heritage of Procida and Ischia, our presence at the next forum of the Italian associations in Paris in June 2014, or the idea to purchase in common an antic building in Procida or in Ischia.

These two dimension shave received a strong support by the Town of Procida, voted unanimously on October 16, 2013 at the Town Council.

To be continued...

### RENEW your membership for 2014

At the beginning of December, we had 26 members (10% of the 2013 members) who had renewed their membership for 2014 as well as 9 new members!

Therefore, I invite you to download and review the new 2014 brochure and send me your renewal as soon as possible before the end of the year.

**Your support is fundamental to allow us to carry out our new projects that we launched in 2013.**

Thank you very much in advance.

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## New indexes available

Please find below the list of new and updated indexes that have been imported in our database:

Archive	Registers
<b>FORIO</b> San Vito	C02* (Carole GENZANO / Rosemarie LONGOBARDO)
<b>FORIO</b> San Sebastiano	B12.2, C03* (Carole GENZANO)
<b>ISCHIA</b> San Vito e Spirito Santo	M02 (Jean-Pierre FERRARI)
<b>LACCO AMENO</b> Santa Maria delle Grazie	C01* (Carole GENZANO)
<b>PANZA</b> San Leonardo	B01.1 (Sylviane MORIAU)
<b>PROCIDA</b> Comune [1810-1899]	N84, N85 (René BARONE) N88 (Jean-Marie DUFOUR)
<b>Maritimes Archives</b> <b>of ALGERIE</b>	16 registers have been imported including the towns of BÔNE, LA CALLE, NEMOURS et ORAN (Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO)

\* The registers starting with « C » are the registers of confirmations (« cresime » in Italian). You will locate them with the registers of baptisms.

## ALWAYS looking for some help for:

### The current indexing projects:

- Index the last parishes of the island of ISCHIA.
- Complete as soon as possible the indexing project of the towns of SERRARA FONTANA and BARANO with FamilySearch,

The table below gives you a status on the progress made with the indexing project with FamilySearch:

Project	Total Images	% indexed	% arbitrated
Serrara Fontana 1809-1929 (part. 2)	4 484	21,50%	21,50%
Barano 1809-1929	17 439	58,86%	58,79 %

Data updated on December 2, 2013

### The conferences and publications:

- Prepare the conferences and publications for our next General Meeting in 2015.

### The future events:

- Organize the next members meeting in the Paris region at the autumn 2014.

Write to [info@procida-family.com](mailto:info@procida-family.com) to join the volunteer's team.

Thank you in advance for your help!

## A major evolution for our genealogical website

On May 5, 2013 during our General Meeting, we voted the project of changing our current website into a genealogical Web portal for the islands of Procida and Ischia that will provide online access to the registers and various types of subscription and services for members and non-members.

- The development project was reviewed and started in October 28.

**I hope that we will be able to show you in January the first registers online, as a first live test.**

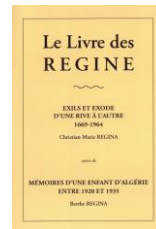
## Indexing and preserving the photographs of our families

Our new project for storing and indexing the old photographs of our Italian families has received very little contributions from members these last couple of months.

- **Please digitalize your old photographs and send them to us in order to index and store them safely.**

Many thanks in advance for your active contribution to this project, which will become a great gift for future generations.

## What's new in our shop



### The book of REGINE

By Christian-Marie REGINA, member since 2009, whose family came from Forio d'Ischia

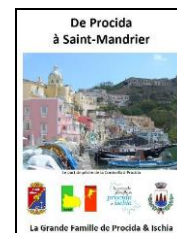
**9,50 Euros  
+ postage**

### De Procida à Saint-Mandrier

The story of the twinning in 2013

By Ken NICOLAS  
and produced by La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia

**15 Euros + postage**



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