



LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA Newsletter #65 - October 2014

Meeting in ANTONY (near Paris) on October 11, 2014

Members of La Grande Famille met up at the Italian restaurant « Trinita » in Antony on October 11.



We were 33 to enjoy a tasteful Italian lunch followed with limoncello offered by the Association ☺

After a short presentation of the annual assessment of the Association for our 11th year of activity, **Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO** presented a very interesting subject on which he has worked during the previous months thanks to the Maritimes archives that we digitalized.

You will find on our web site in the "Documentation" section his presentation on the **sailors of Italian origin dead or missing at sea during the First World War**, a topical subject this year for its hundredth anniversary.

Many thanks again to **Danièle and Frédéric BROMBLET** for organizing this successful day!

Membership renewal for 2015

As usual from October 15 (marking the end of our fiscal year), it is now possible to register new membership and renewals.

Therefore, I invite you to renew your membership for 2015 right now to stay informed and continue to access our website. Please use PayPal and the option "I'm sending money to family or friends".

Thank you very much in advance for your support in 2015!

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

Our 6th General Meeting in 2015

For personal reasons and reluctantly, we regret to inform you that our next General Meeting will not be held in Italy as planned in 2015.

However, as it is a compulsory administrative event, we will organize it **in France**, probably in September or October 2015.

Thank you for your understanding and support. I will keep you informed.

To be continued...

Improving data protection and security

The protection of the data that we have digitalized and computerized for the last ten years is for us a sensitive subject and represents an important part of the work we carry out internally and continuously against data loss or theft (computer failure, theft by an intruder or a malicious member). An incident would have indeed dramatic consequences for our Association, its operating and its reputation.

Today various means and tools are already in place to control, protect and backup our data. For instance, we have several copies of all the registers in various geographic localities.

To reinforce this subject, we have decided to carry out an audit on data protection. There is a cost (1800 €) and will be performed before the end of the year by a lawyer expert in computer law.

It is also possible that we would have to improve the statutes of the Association. Here is an important extract:

Becoming a member, you commit to not use the information obtained through the Association and its structure for commercial purposes, direct or indirect, to not publish any information without the Association consent, to not communicate them to third parties, even for free.

Early 2015, we will add more computing enhancements to our web site to reinforce technically and legally the protection of the data you are given access.

Thank you for your attention.

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Evolution of our web site

Early October our web site was upgraded again, mainly to include a new way for ordering records, documents, translations and research services like:

- Research in the registers of souls (Procida only)
- Request of file for the children abandoned at the Annunziata in Naples
- Request of reconstruction of maritime career in France and colonies.

The planned **next steps** will be:

- **The migration of the maritimes registers** to differentiate them from the generic registers and allow a better richness for data processing.
- **The progressive upload of new registers online** during the coming months and years. Making the images available online takes a long time of data transfer. Therefore, we must prioritize the registers, starting with those of the Town of Procida and the parish registers that have not or could not be indexed. Lastly we uploaded the most ancient registers of Casamicciola (without index and difficult to read).

New indexes available

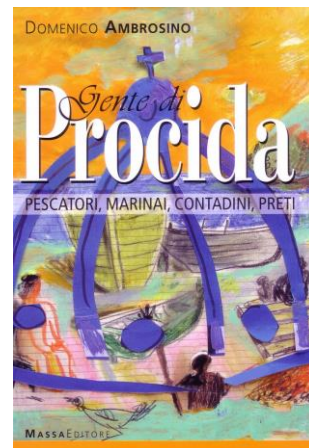
Please find below the list of new and updated indexes that have been imported in our database:

Archive	Registers
CASAMICCIOLA Santa Maria Maddalena	The images of the registers B01, B02, B03, M01 are now available online.
PROCIDA Comune [1810-1899]	N60, N61 (René BARONE) – will be imported before the end of the month.
	The images of the registers D01 to D36 are now available online.

New in our Shop

A few weeks ago, Domenico AMBROSINO, a friend of ours as well as Director of the ProcidaOggi, has published his new book. "Gente di Procida, Pescatori, Marinai, Contadini, Preti" is a collection of testimonies from various people who are tied to their roots and land of Procida, for different reasons, each one with its own reality, proximity and distance.

Domenico has also dedicated several pages to the existence of our community around the world, the Saint-Michael confraternity but also our Association and the twinning project with Saint-Mandrier!



Price: 15 Euros + postage

New in the Press

You will find a new article regarding the twinning of Saint-Mandrier and Procida, written by Annie ESPOSITO, Counselor of Saint-Mandrier.

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