



LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA Newsletter #66 – December 2014

Our 6th General Meeting

I have the pleasure to inform you that our next General Meeting will be held in Saint-Mandrier (South of France) on the week-end of 10th and 11th October 2015.

The program of this event is being prepared to include excursions and conferences.

I remind you that only members up to date with their annual fee in 2015 will be able to attend this event and participate to the debates and votes. Partners or family members wishing to be present too are of course welcome (depending on the maximum available seats).

Regarding the conferences, I invite you to volunteer to prepare a subject or personal story that you wish to divide with the other members of the Association. I will be grateful if you could let me know the thematic as soon as possible in order to include it in the program to come.

Thank you in advance for attending and your contribution.

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

Membership renewal for 2015

Today, 58 members out of 229 (in 2014) have now renewed their membership for 2015.

I remind you that memberships and web site access expire on 31st December, and therefore I invite you to renew your membership for 2015 right now. Please use PayPal and the “gift” when sending money to family or friends.

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

New indexes available

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

Archive	Registers
PROCIDA Comune [1810-1899]	N62 (René BARONE) N66, N67 (Jean-Marie DUFOUR) The images of the registers M01 to M43 are now available online
LACCO AMENO Santa Maria delle Grazie	B01 (Rosemarie LONGOBARDO and Hubert BLAZEJEWSKI)

Improving data protection and security

The audit we requested in October has been carried out and the results and recommendations need now to be analyzed deeply by the Administrative Council during the coming weeks.

The good news is that our statutes as well as the volunteer work contracts are adequate and protect legally our Association.

However, there will be several actions to carry out during the months to come in order to amend and enhance these documents or to proceed to specific legal regularizations.

Today I wish to call your attention on the responsibility of every past, present or future member, regarding the protection and non-divulgence of the date obtained thanks to our Association and through the various channels of services available.

Once again, the following paragraph of our statutes is important :

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.

From January, several improvements will be implemented on our web site to reinforce technically and legally the protection of the data you access, visualize and/or receive from us.

Thank you for your attention.

To be continued...

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

The Administrative Council is joining me to wish you all a Merry Christmas and our best wishes of health for a Happy New Year 2015, hoping to meet you again soon!

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Evolution of our web site

Since the release in October of the new engine for searching and visualizing records, **our web site has been update several times**, mainly to optimize and correct problems. For example:

- The **dynamic menu for ordering services**: only those services that are available for the specific record are displayed to the member.
- The **Maritimes registers** have been migrated and are now listed under the type « sailors ».
- The **images of the registers of the Town of Procida** (births and deaths are fully on line). Marriages are in progress.

The planned **next steps** will be:

- **The progressive upload of new registers online** during the coming months and years.
- **Improve continuously** our web site. You may not be aware of the work going on. Indeed we have a fairly large to do and nice to have list – on dozen of pages! It includes your suggestions as well as our too many ideas to get the site always more attractive, useful and rich for your research.

In the press

Following the presentation by Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO at our meeting in Anthony (France) about the sailors in Algeria who died at sea during WWI, the Brittan association “**Aux Marins**” has contacted us in order to publish it on their own web site. Here is their address:

<http://www.amedenosmarins.fr/2014/11/les-marins-d-origine-italienne-et-dependants-des-quartiers-maritimes-d-algerie-peris-en-mer-durant-la-guerre-1914-1918.html>

The American TV agency PBS got in touch with us a few months ago regarding the making of their genealogy program “**Finding your roots**”. They wanted to complete the family tree of an American citizen, with his family roots in Casamicciola. I sent them a financial proposal for this research and carried it out. I also requested from them that the name of our Association appeared clearly when they will release this program at the Autumn 2015.

Here is their address:

www.pbs.org/wnet/finding-your-roots/

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