

**** Best wishes for 2021 ****

The Administration Team (Guy, Henri, Jean-Pierre, Michèle) joins me in sending you its Best Wishes of Health and Hope for the year 2021 looking for being able to share again the joy of being together.



Ischia – Aragon Castle

General Meeting 2021

To this day, our next General Meeting is still scheduled in Procida on May 4, 2021... However, the last complicated quarter of 2020 did not allow us to make any progress on its preparation, nor to confirm or postpone this date. The current situation is not yet optimistic, despite our hopes. Depending on how the situation will evolve in January/February, we will then decide whether to confirm or not our trip to Italy.

In the event of a postponement, a date in October in Procida could be envisaged, and if the situation clearly improves from spring on, we may organize a day of meeting in France with conferences and meal.

We are all looking forward to seeing each other again, remain cautious and patient for the time being.

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

**Procida finalist to become in 2020
"Capitale italiana della cultura"**



The Italian Capital of Culture 2022 will be officially appointed on 18 January 2021 by a jury. The final decision will follow the submissions by the finalist cities of their projects on January 14 and 15. Procida will face 9 other Italian cities: Ancona, Bari, Cerveteri (Roma), L'Aquila, Pieve di Soligo (Treviso), Taranto, Trapani, Verbania, Volterra (Pisa).

La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia supports Procida's candidacy and wishes her all the best. This is a great opportunity to promote its cultural and historical heritage that connects us to our Italian roots.

Our projects

Despite the current complicated situation, deprived of meetings and travel, we continue our projects and new initiatives as much as possible with remote means:

- **Continued computerization of the registers of the islands and the maritime archives** - volunteers work tirelessly and every two months you discover the new computerized registers or indexes, online.
- **Digitalization in Ventotene** – always in the firing line as soon as it will be possible to go there with acceptable travel conditions.
- **The "Migrant Wall"**: This project is progressing step by step and I hope that I will have the opportunity to finalize it and present it to you before the summer.

Publications

You will find on our website the following publication of Guy ATTANASIO which I thank:

- **From Naples to Calle (Algeria)** - Documents from La Calle in the 19th century at the Archives of Naples.



La Calle - 1960

Some important reminders for your research

At the beginning of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some rules and tricks 😊 to help you with your research:

- If you haven't already, I invite you to **check out the site's instructions**, which are essential for **effective research**.
- **Each member may place a one-time order of up to 10 documents per week** to regulate the influx of orders and allow volunteers to work better to serve you.
- **When adding records to your shopping cart**, be sure to specify the **additional useful information** so you only receive the ones you're really interested in.
- **The records you've ordered are then checked and filled in the database**. You can therefore reopen these listings to see all the details completed, corrected or added.
- Don't hesitate to use the **new "ancestor search" feature** created in 2020 that has proven to be effective. Indeed, it will allow you to find documents that you never hoped to find. I used this feature myself recently and I was able to unlock several 17th century couples from Procida and Forio! I also made some additional corrections and optimizations.
- **Publish your family trees** on our website using the template available in the "Cousins" section. At the same time, identify **potential cousins** among the members of the association who ordered the same record as you.

Wishing you a fruitful search!

New registers and index available

Please find below the list of new coming updates for the online registers and indexes:

Archives	Registers
ALGERIE Archives Maritimes	IM214, IM216 Bône updated (Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO)
PROCIDA Abbazia San Michele Arcangelo	Censuses A50-1871 (Michèle SCOTTO DI VETTIMO)
PROCIDA Comune di PROCIDA	D46-1855 (Michèle SCOTTO DI VETTIMO)
VENTOTENE Comune di Ventotene	Various death records 1812-1865 born dead, at sea or outside the island (Elisabeth WALZ)

Thank you to all the volunteers who carry out this precision work for the benefit of our Grand Famille and thus participate in the preservation of our genealogical heritage.

It is thanks to their regular contributions and dedication that our association is enriched every month and allows you to find your roots!

Renew your membership in 2021

There is still time to renew your membership before it finally expires within a few days.

You are already 120 registered for 2021, more than half of the 227 members in 2020 and I thank you for that!

Please note that the annual fee rates have not increased since the founding of the Association in 2003: 40 Euros or 60 Euros as a benefactor.

Do not hesitate to reach out to us for any questions or problems with your research, to find together possible solutions.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

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