

**** Procida 2022 ****
"Capitale italiana della cultura"



On 18 January, PROCIDA was named Italian Capital of Culture 2022, an announcement made by the Italian Prime Minister in Rome before the National Assembly. This is very good news for the island, which will receive funds for cultural development projects.

La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia supported Procida's candidacy and we are pleased to congratulate her today. It is a great opportunity for procidians from the inside as well as those from outside (us in particular!) to come together to promote a common cultural and historical heritage.

Our ongoing cultural projects are part of this process, for example:

- The **"Migrant Wall"**, a monument that we will create in memory of our ancestors who voluntarily (or not) found the courage to leave Procida and Ischia for other lands in search of a new life. You will be able to personally honor your own parents. Terms and rates will be communicated in the coming months.
- The museums **"La Casa di Graziella"** in Procida and **"Il Museo del Mare"** in Ischia Ponte have agreed to exhibit some art works of Marité STRINO as well as a permanent exhibition on our migrant ancestors as soon as we can return to Italy.
- Our continued support to the cultural association **"L'Oro del Mare"** contributes to the preservation of Procida's maritime history.

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

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

Postponing our General Meeting in 2021...

It is with regret that I inform you today that we decided to cancel now our General Meeting scheduled for 2021.

As you know, the sanitary conditions in Europe do not permit us to travel safely and to guarantee the feasibility of such event in May without endangering the participants. It is an announcement that saddens us greatly, but the health and serenity of our meetings must be at the forefront.

... for a General Meeting in 2022

However, and of course, we have already decided to postpone it until spring 2022, to enjoy the good weather, a flowery island of Procida and in celebration of its appointment as the Italian capital of culture!



Marina Corricella, Procida 2019

The new date is set on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022** - it will be reconfirmed this summer once vaccination will have made more progress and the pandemic under control.

Therefore, to enable us to manage the association, its projects and the organization of the next General Meeting, because the Board members' mandates end on October 15, 2021, we opted and voted unanimously to extend those until the holding of our next General Meeting. The **official statement** (in French) of the Administrative Council is attached to this newsletter.

We thank you for your support and do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional information.

Pascal, Michèle, Jean-Pierre, Henri et Guy
Members of the Administrative Council

Some important reminders for your research

At the beginning of the year, I would like to remind you of some key rules and tips you need to know:

- 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	IM267 Oran updated (Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO)
PROCIDA Abbazia San Michele Arcangelo	Censuses A04-1710 (René BARONE)
PROCIDA Comune di PROCIDA	Various death records 1812-1865 born dead, at sea or outside the island (Elisabeth WALZ)
ISCHIA Comune d'Ischia	Various death records 1813-1865 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 also worth noting the continuous improvement of the registers. So very recently, Michèle and I have been able to reclassify misplaced sheets between different registers Procida censuses registers. Records from 1758, 1767, 1803 and 1815 are affected and the database has been updated.

It is thanks to their regular contributions and dedication, with passion and altruism, that our association is enriched every month and year allowing you to find your roots!

Death of Jean-Louis DI COSTANZO



It is with great sadness that Jean-Louis Di Costanzo passed away in January, suddenly at the age of 67.

Member since 2018 to find his roots, we had been able to meet him at several events and in particular we shared with him moments of conviviality at our last General Meeting in Barano in 2019.

We send our condolences and thoughts to his wife Sylvie and his family.

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