



LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA

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The GRANDE FAMILLE is 8 year old

On 15 October, the 8th year of our Association reached his end! 8 years already...

In 2011, we have counted 224 members. Last year, we were slightly more with 241 members. This is the first time that the number of members goes down. However, this number is still very high and on the contrary we never sent so many orders as in 2011. We sent 500 records more this year than last year et united more than 100 people in Procida and Ischia for our 4th General Meeting.

The table below gives you the various statistics (produced by our web site which records all our activity every year since 2007!):

Année 2011	
STATISTIQUES SUR LES COMMANDES D'ACTES	
Nombre d'actes commandés	
Naissances	1213
Mariages	1151
Décès	583
Total	2947
Nombre de traductions effectuées	
Naissances	24
Mariages	186
Décès	23
Total	233
STATISTIQUES SUR LES ORIGINES DES MEMBRES	
Nombre de membres	224
Origine: Procida	95
Origine: Ischia	71
Origine: les deux	57
Origine: autre	1
Sans origine	0

To start 2012 in the best way, please don't forget to renew your membership, which is essential to continue our projects of preservation our cultural and historical heritage. New members that will join now will benefit of the remaining months of 2011 free of charge.

Once again, many thanks for your trust and support, as well as your work contributions this past year.

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

The meetings in Blois and Marseille in October

Our last two meetings organized in October have been once again a success, where new and older members were able to meet and exchange. More than 90 people were united in a warm atmosphere of family and discovery.

Thank you to the organizers and associates, René BARONE and Michèle SCOTTO DI VETTIMO, who have not left anything random, except perhaps for the weather nice and warm ☺



Coulanges/Blois on October 2

This year, several conferences were scheduled on various and interesting topics such as the confirmations in the 17th century in Procida (French), the advice of an expert on how to lead your research in Ischia (French), the scientific search of parents links in a population (in English), or our new partnership with FamilySearch. You may download these conferences) from the Documentation section of our Web site.



Marseille on October 15

The additional attraction in 2011 was for me to be able to be present with you in Marseille! I promise I will come back next year. Several ideas have already been proposed...

To be continued...

Marketing and expansion in America

This interesting project was discussed during our 4th General Meeting Ischia on May 3, 2011.

As promised, I have written to our American cousins to understand from them how to best help them, to get our Association better known in America and recruit new members too.

I submitted 2 ideas :

- The organization of an event specially created for the English speaking member in Ischia and Procida in May 2012.
- The nomination of a volunteer in the USA to take care of developing our Association, starting for instance with some well-targeted adverts or articles.

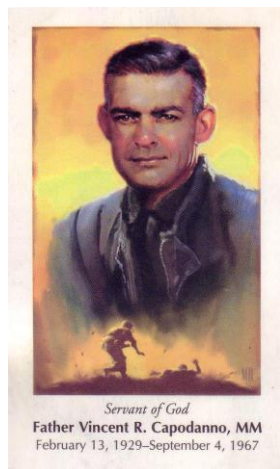
Unfortunately, I received less than a third of expected answers (there are 15 English speaking members) ☹ The obvious consequence is that I will not organize anything in May 2012.

Regarding acting for the Association, several suggestions and remarks were sent to me but no-one volunteered to carry out the tasks I was requested help for.

The status of this project today is:

- We decided to offer 2012 a 10 Euro discount on the 2012 annual fee to all new members in America, thus making parity between US Dollar and Euro.
- Our new partnership with FamilySearch gives us a direct link from their web site to ours: [partner projects](#).
- Alexander ROME from Canada proposed to contact several Italian genealogy web sites in America to inform them about our Association.

Additionally, you will discover in the News | Press section of our web site an article published recently in the local newspaper on Procida about the American Reverend, Vincent CAPODANNO, who died in Vietnam and whom beatification has been officially requested. An amazing story, result of much research, from Ellis Island, the censuses registers of Procida, and an abandonment at the Annunziata of Naples.



This article is obviously written in Italian and if someone could translate it into English, this would be much appreciated!

Ischia-Family and FamilySearch

Following the discussions we had last May, regarding the options to have a complete access to all registers of the island of Ischia, including the registers of the various towns, a partnership has been created with FamilySearch, as they have themselves already digitalize those registers.

Today, the digital images are available on their Web site, but their indexation requires still to be carried out. The partnership between our Association and FamilySearch will accelerate this work and give us several benefits, including a link on their partner web page.

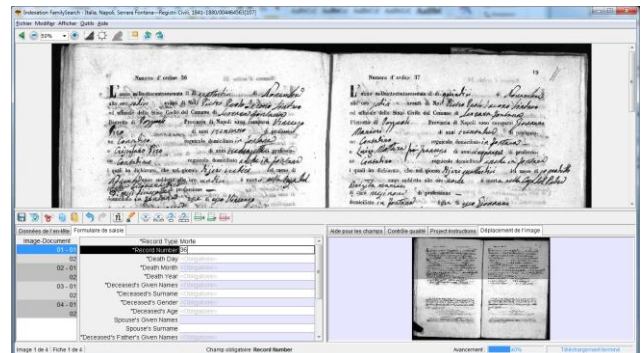
This partnership will also let us have a full copy of the indexes that we will have built and are currently working on. We will then import these indexes in our online database and search engine. This will allow you to look for your ancestors directly from our Web site, even if the corresponding records will remain available on site.

The initial project (already in progress) is the town of Serrara Fontana. 16 members are registered and are indexing, at their own speed. The work is facilitated thanks to the software provided by FamilySearch, simple and intuitive to use.

Here is the progress made so far:

Images	Lots
2 318	582
Batches by 1st indexer	
484	21 %
Batches by 2nd indexer	
440	19 %
Arbitrated	
392	17 %

If you wish to give us a hand (even minimal) to this project, do not hesitate to contact me at info@procida-family.com. You will discover how indexing can be fun, interesting, and without stress. In effect, each batch of record is indexed by 2 different members and a third person (more expert) arbitrates the potential indexing conflicts and validates the indexation.



Screenshot of the indexing software provided by FamilySearch

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Evolutions of our Web site

A new version of our search engine has been uploaded :

The following issues have been corrected :

- Problem with the list of patronymics and cousins which included by mistake all ordered records even those that were marked as mismatch.
- Problem with searching on a very large period of time and including a large number of registers. All registers could not been taken into account.

The next evolutions scheduled for 2012 could include:

- The ability for the members to manage and tune his list of cousins.
- Improving the shop management of the Association, by allowing you to order online.
- Managing the volunteers and following up online the work in progress with the indexation.

To be continued...

New indexes available online

See below the list of registers and updates that have been imported into our online database :

Archive	Registers
ISCHIA San Vito	M09 (checked by Jean-Pierre FERRARI)
CASAMICCIOLA S. Maria Maddalena	D04 (Marie-Lyse GROS)
LACCO AMENO S. Maria delle Grazie	B02.1 (Alexander ROME) B04 (Carole GENZANO) M03 (Jean-Pierre FLORIO) M07 (Carole GENZANO)
PROCIDA Comune	N06-1815 to N10-1819 (Marc LOROTTE)
PROCIDA San Michele	D04 (Annie-Claire PAPAPOPOULO)

Many thanks to the volunteers that decrypt line by line these indexes and registers.

Souvenir 2011



The **tee-shirt of our Association** is still available (size L and M) – price: 16 Euros, including postage.

For your orders, contact: info@procida-family.com

*** Review of the 2011/2012 tariffs ***

Please note that the following tariffs have been increased:

- The costs of **translating records** (provided by the Association) have been increased and simplified:
 - **Simple** translation = 4 points
 - **Full** translation = 8 points
- Reminder: Regarding translating other documents (from an external source), please ask for a free quotation.
- Research at the Annunziata of Naples for the non-members: 25 Euros instead of 20 Euros.

However the tariffs for the annual fee and prepaid records do not change (in fact they have never been increased since the foundation of our Association in 2003!!):

- Regular Member: 40 US Dollars (=30 Euros after 10 Euro discount!)
- Benefactor Member: 60 Euros and above
- Prepaid 10 records: 15 Euros
- ~~Prepaid 20 records: 25 Euros~~ * removed
- Prepaid 30 records: 30 Euros
- Prepaid 50 records: 45 Euros

* As of today, **prepaid 20 records have been removed** from the price list.

For renewing your membership, no need to send a new form, please think green and send a confirmation email to info@procida-family.com along with your PayPal payment.

Thank you!!