



LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA

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Hello!

Two months have gone since the last newsletter. Time goes fast but the Association never stops growing and working. Many varied tasks have been carried out, all fascinating and time consuming. They include:

- Preparing the coming year 2005 as we get closer to our fiscal year end,
- Designing and printing the new brochures,
- Completely updating our Web site,
- Participating at the event in Nice,
- Preparing the next trip to Procida and Ischia,
- Investing into a new digital photo camera.

In parallel to these tasks, more than 50 emails and requests for certificates have been received per week. Today some of them are still waiting for a response... But before, here are the latest news from the Association.

The genealogical event in Nice on 9 & 10 October!



Following my announcement last month, the genealogical event in Nice organized by AGAM has been occurred. On the left here is our stand where we were for 2 days without a break!

Alike last April with the similar event in Marseille, it was a success for the Association at the time of the launch of our second year!

Even with an entrance fee, you were many to come and see us, to get advice, search and find together a few certificates, unblock your family tree, or join the Association.

This time I am welcoming 4 new members with origins in Procida (*Intartaglia, Cacciuttolo, Massa*) or Ischia (*Di Meglio, Taliercio, Spennato*) or from both islands.

Some of you took the opportunity to renew their membership for another year, and we also got many promises for future memberships, mainly from Ischia origins.

A small article is being prepared for the local Press in Procida and Ischia.

The Association celebrates its first anniversary!

On 15 October 2003, three founding members officially created the Association and two weeks after, I had the honor of declaring it at the Prefecture of Val-de-Marne. Therefore, this Friday the Association celebrates its first anniversary and I am very proud of our 100 members, our healthy finances, the good publicity in France and in the islands, the quick and concrete results obtained in 2004, and our many projects on the horizon... including the start of the digitalization of the first parishes in Ischia !

As I was mentioning it in the last newsletter, the Association has been renamed « *La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia* » to be clearly in line with all of our objectives. Today, you can notice Ischia on every page of our Web site. Every document has also been updated with the new logo and a new Internet address has even been registered: www.ischia-family.com which also directs you to our Web site.

What benefits for you in 2005?

The brochure 2005 is now available on the Web site in French and Italian, and all new membership received will automatically be registered for the year ending 31 December 2005!

First of all, our tariffs remain unchanged for 2005, as they allowed us to grow our members in 2004 and get the right balance between the funds received, the realization of our activities for Procida and the preparation of our future projects for Ischia.

Today, in order to thank you for your support in 2004, financially and/or with your voluntary work, the following benefits are yours when renewing:

- If you renew prior 31 December 2004, you will get a credit for 10 certificates.
- Voluntary members having informatized and completed at least one full index in 2004 will acquire automatically the title of Member Benefactor in 2005.

For all in 2005:

- A « *Members* » section has been created on the Web site allowing you to publish your genealogy, share your family stories and your passion in our origins... Please do not hesitate to write and send me your stories in Word format along with a couple of photos. The Association and our Web only exist thanks to you. We will next discuss together the opportunity of publishing some of your stories on the local Press of Procida and Ischia.
- Access to the online catalog of « *Libreria Graziella* » allowing you to order and get some literature from Procida through the Association, acting as an intermediary.

« Libreria Graziella »



Thanks to our sponsor in Procida, the « *Libreria Graziella* », you may now browse their online catalog on our Web site and order some of the books that are presented through the Association.

Make the most of it and order now if you want to receive them before Christmas. I will bring them back from Procida with me on my last trip and send them to you by post when I return. You will send your payment to the Association, along with the cost of postage.

I want to thank Patrizia Barone and Raimondo Lubrano Lavadera for having lent us many of these books for the event in Nice and allowing you to discover them there.

New registers



This month you will notice new and updated indexes as work goes on and verifications are made. Three new registers have been completed and are available on the Web site:

- Marriages n° 3
- Baptisms ° 15
- Deaths n° 8



Regarding Ischia, I thank you again for your patience as the digitalization of the registers will start at the end of October for Barano d'Ischia and Forio.

To conclude, I am very pleased to be able to say, after having discovered with emotion the first real tracks of my ancestors at the Corricella in 2001 and in Forio in 2002, that the Great Family of Procida and Ischia has become today a lot more than the sole name of our Association.

Thanks again everyone for your support in 2004.

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