



LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA

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It has been two years already since the foundation of the Association and I am very happy to be here today with you after ending another year on these very beautiful days spent together in Procida and Ischia for our first General Meeting! ☺

You'll discover now the results of our second year of activity and our General Meeting, in a new look newsletter and new Web site!

Our second anniversary ...

On 15th October 2003, I created the Association. Today, two years later, ending another fiscal year, we count **169 members!!** (You were 85 in 2004, i.e. the double).

What a satisfaction for me to have succeeded in getting together so many people around this great objective: preserving our origins of Procida & Ischia. Unbelievable!

Where are we up to today?

During our first General Meeting, we have been able to review together what we have achieved so far, what are the next steps, and voted the following decisions:

- The name of the Association has been officially changed within the statutes. « *La Grande Famille de Procida* » has become « *La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia* » strong of its success and our capacity to carry out our projects.
- You reelected me President until the 15th October 2008 to unanimity. This will allow us to continue our projects without being bothered with administrative constraints next year.
- We have decided to open negotiations in 2005/2006 with the towns of Monte di Procida and Casamicciola d'Ischia.

Many thanks to you all for your trust and support.

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

The First General Meeting!

On 10th September 2005 was held in Procida our First General Meeting. Far beyond my hopes, this week-end of festivities was a lot more than just a simple associative meeting.

As a matter of fact, emotions of all kinds got together during this week-end of reunion and remembrance, in an atmosphere extraordinarily warm and in family.



It is for me impossible to find the right words to explain what really happened there. To learn more about this event, I invite you to go on our Web site. You will find: the official documents, the speeches of our hosts, the newspaper articles, the messages of the members present and a selection of photos.

The NEW Web site!

Discover the new Web site completely reorganized, clearer and richer, based on a easy navigation using tabulated pages, allowing an easy and more intuitive access to all our information and services.

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The digitalization progresses

It is ending for Procida where only the second half of the registers of souls remains.

It has been completed for Barano and will start next for Testaccio. It will also continue for Forio (San Vito) and has started in September for **Ischia Ponte** digitalizing **27 registers** out of 75!

Today, **144 registers** have been digitalized, i.e. **25000 photos** or **16 Gb of data** on disk.

The computerization also goes well, thanks to fifty volunteers, and hard working members. The first index of Ischia Ponte is even already on line!

The requests for certificates

The requests for certificates have largely increased in 2005: **2013 certificates have been sent to you, and 543 have been translated!** This represents **more than 100%** increase with regards to 2004. Knowing that it takes 5 minutes to locate and extract a certificate, and 20 minutes to translate it, I let you calculate the amount of work this involves!!!

Reminder

In order to reduces the times for processing the certificates, I wish to remind you the 2 following important rules:

- Ensure to use the format of your request as shown on the Web site and clearly indicate the required information.
- Send imperatively your request to the following email addresses created for this purpose :
 - actes@procida-family.com
 - actes@ischia-family.com

The email address info@procida-family.com is reserved for all other correspondences. Thank you.

To read on our Web site

- The encounter of Marie-Lyse VADO with Ischia and her origins... [section Members – Personal Web]
- Anne-Marie MAGRO and Sylviane ROSSANO looking for commons ancestors in Barano! [section Members – There are cousins]

Renewal 2006

Here we go! The new years starts for us and you can now renew you membership for 2006 whenever, or if not become a member earning a couple of months free.

You will find on the Web site the **brochure 2006**, all tariffs, including a new prepaid of 50 certificates. The tariffs of the translation have been also updated to better reflect the reality of the associated work load.

You are a **voluntary member**? Therefore when renewing, you will get the following benefits, if you have computerized in 2005:

- At least 1 full index: you obtain the title of member benefactor in 2006.
- At least 2 full indexes: the Association credits you 5 free certificates per index computerized.

When renewing, do not forget to send me your membership form, filled in and signed.

Genealogy days on 8 and 9 October

This event was held in Le Cannet and was organized by the "Cercle Généalogique du Pays Cannois". Our stand was managed by a few members alongside our friends of the Corsican Association.



Thank you to Jean-Pierre & Nicole FLORIO, Valérie & Frédéric ASSANTE DI CAPILLO, Danielle LIMA-BOUTIN and Christiane PADOVANI for their help and the great representation of your Association.

- « *On est tous des enfants de Procida* », an article of the René BARONE in « *La Provence* » published on 9th October. [section News - Press]
- For information, a few books of Bernard SASSO: « *Contes et récits d'un village d'Algérie (Stora)* » has been stocked. [section Shop - History]

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