



## LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA

### Newsletter #60 – October 2013

#### Meeting in Saint-Mandrier on Saturday 2 November 2013

On June 29, we participated in Saint-Mandrier to the inauguration of the "Procida Square" followed on June 30 by the ceremony of signing the twinning charter between Procida and Saint-Mandrier.



Vincenzo CAPEZZUTO and Gilles VINCENT  
Signature of the twinning charter on June 30, 2013 in Saint-Mandrier

In order to strengthen the launch of this project in our memories and facts, we had agreed with the local associations "Les Racines Mandréennes" and "L'Atelier Provençal" and in collaboration with the Mayor of Saint-Mandrier, to organize the next meeting of the enlarged "Grande Famille" in Saint-Mandrier on **Saturday 2 November**.

The programme of the day is available on our web site at the "News" section. Here is the overview:

- Projection of a film about the twinning
- Conference « **From Procida to Saint-Mandrier** »
- Lunch
- Assessment of our projects
- Discussions and genealogical research

The inscriptions have now closed as we have registered 110 participants including 70 for our Association!

**On Sunday 3 November**, we will be attending the ceremony by the veterans of the Italian Army at the Franco-Italian Necropolis in Saint-Mandrier. Maria CAPODANNO, Deputy-Mayor of Procida and member of our Council, will also be present during this weekend and will be laying flowers.

I look forward to meeting you in Saint-Mandrier!

**Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO**

#### A new cultural dimension

Last June, the City Council of Procida has delegated to us the cultural and tourist promotion of the island in France (in particular). Our action is based on the following principles: **Promote while preserving the historical, cultural and natural heritage and reinforcing our devotion to our roots.**

Our first actions were:

- Initiating the relation between the various key contacts for the different ongoing projects following the **twinning with Saint-Mandrier** and in particular the school exchanges and the idea of organizing a boat rally from Procida to Saint-Mandrier.
- Holding a stand at the **Forum of Associations in Vendôme** in order to create visibility for the islands in our home area.



Forum of associations in Vendôme on September 7

- Becoming a member of the **association « Italia in Rete »** which gathers the Italian associations of the Paris region.
- Planning to participate in 2014 to the **Forum of the Italian Associations in Paris** and work with the Italian language teaching societies to present Procida and Ischia.
- To help us with this activity, we designed and released a **new brochure inviting to a travel to Procida/Ischia**. You can find it from our home page (currently in French only).

Please let me know if you have suggestions or wish to help us with the promotion of the islands in your area. Thank you in advance for your support!

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## New registers digitalized

This summer, the following registers have been digitalized and added to our collection:

Archive	Registers
<b>BARANO d'ISCHIA</b> Comune	<b>Registro di popolazione ~1890:</b> This is a census for Testaccio including people born between 1830 and 1890.  <b>Nati 1924:</b> FamilySearch did not digitalize this birth register probably because of its very bad state (damaged and sparse pages). This was a very painful and long work (3 hours!) but it will now be easy to reorganize and use.
<b>PROCIDA</b> Nautical Institute "Francesco Caracciolo" [1867-1923]	The digitalization of these registers has made very good progress this summer with <b>18 registers</b> and 3000 images for the years 1867 -1923. These registers contain the students, their marks, diplomas, and the school staff. It is thought to digitalize another 15 additional years in 2014.

## New indexes available

Please find below the list of new and updated indexes that have been imported in our database:

Archive	Registers
<b>BAGNI d'ISCHIA</b> San Vito e Spirito Santo	B03, D01 (Carole GENZANO)
<b>BUONOPANE</b> San Giovanni Battista	B06 (Rosemarie LONGOBARDO) D03 (Carole GENZANO) D04 (Colette GAUTIER)
<b>ISCHIA</b> San Vito e Spirito Santo	B02.1 (Jean-Pierre FERRARI)
<b>PROCIDA</b> Comune [1810-1899]	N86, N87, N89 (René BARONE) N90 (Jean-Marie DUFOUR)
<b>Maritimes Archives of ALGERIE</b>	Bône: IM207, 208, 211, 212 (Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO)

I am still looking for volunteers to assist me with:

- Indexing the parish registers of SERRARA and FONTANA.
- Accelerating the indexing project of the towns of SERRARA FONTANA and BARANO with FamilySearch,

The table below gives you a status on the progress made with the indexing project with FamilySearch:

Project	Total Images	% indexed	% arbitrated
Serrara Fontana 1809-1929 (part. 2)	4 484	18,84%	18,22%
Barano 1809-1929	17 439	46,30%	46,01 %

Data updated on 7 October 2013

Thank you in advance for your help.

## A new genealogical dimension

On May 5, 2013 at our General Meeting, we approved the project for transforming our web site into a new web genealogy portal for the islands of Procida and Ischia, including the ability to browse the registers online. Next year, we will create new types of membership with limited or full access and propose charged services for members and visitors.

- The reprogramming steps will start at the end of october!

## The new membership brochure

I have the pleasure to announce the release of our **new membership form for 2014**. Its look (the same for the last 10 years) has now been updated and modernized to include progressively part of our coming association changes.

- You will not that there is no longer mention of "prepaid records" but "**prepaid points**" which will be used to obtain records and documents, as well as pay for genealogical or other kind of services.
- A new question asks for your **occupation**. This information will remain confidential and may be used in the future for new types of projects.

**I invite you to review this form and if possible to use it for the renewal of your membership in 2014.**

Thank you for your support.

## Indexing and preserving the photographs of our families

Our new project for storing and indexing the old photographs of our Italian families has received very little contributions from members these last couple of months.

**Please digitalize your old photographs and send them to us in order to index and store them safely.**

Many thanks in advance for your active contribution to this project, which will become a great gift for future generations.

## Recovering your Italian Citizenship

This new charged service is currently being set-up in order to be available early 2014. It will be mainly a helpful way for our English-speaking members who are able to recover the Italian Citizenship lost by their ancestors during their integration in their new host country.

The Association will become a trustful intermediary with the Towns of Procida and Ischia to obtain the official birth certificates necessary for the Italian Consulates.

To be continued...

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