



## LA GRANDE FAMILLE DE PROCIDA & ISCHIA Newsletter #73 - June 2016

### Meeting members in Marseille

We were 55 attendees in Marseille on May 21 and the outcome is always the same! A warm meeting full of sharing, fraternity and pleasure to meet at last. Many of you are willing to meet again soon, so why not in autumn this year...



In the meantime and for those who were not able to attend, you will be able to download the presentations of the conferences from our web site at the "News | Events" section.

The following topics were discussed during our meeting with enthusiasm and interest:

- **Projects** discussed during our last General Meeting in October 2015
- Latest changes on our **web site**
- New **documentations** published and those to come ("Looking for an ancestor in North Africa")
- Publication on our web site of your **family trees**, another way for seeking potential cousins
- **Genetic research** for La Grande Famille. This project could allow us to discover our genetic roots such as those from the Vikings, Greeks or Ottomans.
- **Announcement of the date for our next General Meeting in ISCHIA on Tuesday 11 April 2017!!** ☺

To be continued...

**Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO**

### Michele MALTESE and Marianna CAPUANO from Forio to America

You will find on our web site at the "Publications" section the family story (in English) by **Carole GENZANO**, who lives in New-Jersey, America. Here is the beginning:

I have been a member of La Grande Famille de Procida & Ischia for 6 years. My grandparents, Michele MALTESE and Marianna CAPUANO were born on the Island of Ischia and I would have never been able to learn about my family if Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO was not so generous with his time to film all these records.



Michele MALTESE was born in Casamicciola on July 2, 1886 and Marianna was born on June 29, 1891 in Forio. They married on March 25, 1909 in Forio and left shortly after their marriage arriving in America on April 30, 1909. Having visited the beautiful Island of Ischia, I have no idea why they left.....

### "La fée de la Terra Murata"

Published in 2016, this story is the biography of Clementina, the mother of Patrick SPINELLI, who was a member of La Grande Famille back in 2005.

Nous sommes à Procida, sur les hauts de la Terra Murata, et les cris de joie incroyables de la grand-mère paternelle à la naissance de sa petite-fille la promettent à un destin de fée. Une vie dorée, mais aussi l'audace de croire que quelque chose à l'intérieur d'elle est supérieur aux circonstances que la vie lui impose.



Price: 2,99 Euros in download on the Internet

Le témoignage d'une histoire pas si ordinaire, marquée par un évènement singulier dès sa naissance conditionnant à jamais sa manière d'envisager son chemin de vie...

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## Evolution of our web site

The following evolutions for our web site in 2016 have now been completed:

- [COMPLETED in January] Enable members to manually hide or confirm cousin's links if the records they ordered was theirs or not;
- [COMPLETED in January] Optimize the algorithm for linking the online images to the indexed records;
- [COMPLETED in March] Allow the ability to grant a member access to only one subset of the database and digitalized images;
- [COMPLETED in March] Review the security settings and access rights of the web site;
- [COMPLETED in May] Optimize the management of the members' origins (profile, search and statistics).

Do not hesitate to share your thoughts for improvements and new features, they will be discussed at our next General Meeting.

## Published in the press

You will find the following articles:

- "Korcula and Procida, two Mediterranean islands" by Yann BONGUARDO already available on our web site in French has now been published in Italian in the recent issue of ProcidaOggi
- "Looking for your ancestors" is an article prepared by René BARONE and published in a local newspaper in Marseille in order to advertise La Grande Famille...



- Curiously this month in the issue of GEO Magazine: "L'Italie d'île en île" with Procida on the first page, ISCHIA and PONZA inside!

## Our next General Meeting in ISCHIA

**Following the announcement last May in Marseille, our 7th General Meeting will be held in ISCHIA on Tuesday 11 April 2017, probably in BARANO...**

I will go to Italy this summer to finalize some of the details of this event. The next steps will be:

- Organization of the excursions
- Launch of the registrations in September
- Booking of flats and hotels during the winter
- Program of the conferences

Volunteers are welcome to present their family stories or other research projects. Please let us know as soon as possible and send us your ideas and suggestions to [info@procida-family.com](mailto:info@procida-family.com)

Thank you in advance for your help.

## New registers and index available

Please find below the list of new coming updates for the online registers and indexes:

Archives	Registers
<b>France</b> Archives Maritimes	<b>IM169, IM173 - ALGER</b> (Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO)
<b>PROCIDA</b> Comune	<b>D14</b> (Jean-Marie DUFOUR) <b>D37</b> (René BARONE) Additional death records (1823, 1846) added to the existing registers
<b>CASAMICCIOLA</b> Santa Maria Maddalena	<b>B11</b> (Jean-Pierre FERRARI)

## Upload your family tree and find cousins

Since our last newsletter, several family trees (including mine) appeared on our web site and you are now able to review those from the list of members.

Please take a moment to create yours using the Excel file we prepared for you. Download the template from the "Cousins" section. Send it at [info@procida-family.com](mailto:info@procida-family.com).

It will then get published in PDF format in the members list next to your name. To make it work, do not forget to tick the box "I wish to participate to the cousins project" in your profile.

Thank you in advance for your collaboration.

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