

Review of our 10th General Meeting

In Ischia, on May 14th, our 10th General Meeting was held. A major event, two intense and memorable days! So many memories shared with each other, a lot of joy to meet again and emotions. As always, warm reunions, sunny excursions, unforgettable moments in front of the Migrant Wall, and many projects to follow!

On May 14th, we were **56 participants** who gathered in the church of Fiaiano, including 33 members present and 14 others represented to take part in the votes. A detailed report was presented on our past activities, current and future projects, the good financial health of the association and the costs related to the Wall of Migrants. This 10th General Meeting was also an opportunity to present Guy ATTANASIO and Henri SCOTTO DI VETTIMO with a proclamation of recognition for their dedication and their work as volunteer members to our digitalization and indexing projects, to our events and to the realization of the Wall of Migrants.

You may review the documents relating to the General Meeting on our website in the "Events" section, namely:

- The **slides** presented on May 14;
- The **official minutes**.

The following **projects** were presented on May 14 at the General Meeting and all were voted unanimously:



You may also find in the "Publications" section the conferences and press articles published since:

- **Guy ATTANASIO's conference** on the itinerary of a genealogist from La Calle to Ischia;

- **Elisabeth WALZ's conference** on the various death certificates found in the registers of Procida and Ischia;

And also:

- The slides of my conference given in Italian for the first time in Procida on May 15th, as part of the **Roots Tourism** initiative;



Roots Tourism on May 15, 2024

- The **articles of the blog of Laura MATTERA**, from Ischia, who followed us for 2 days to understand and transmit precisely the emotions that bring our association and our projects to life;
- In the association's shop, the **souvenir notebook** of our 10th General Meeting and the Wall of Migrants, on sale at the price of 10 Euros.

I would like to thank in particular the Municipality of Procida for its support and hospitality, the Hotel La Luna de Barano for its welcome and personalized accompaniment throughout the week, the Blu restaurant in La Corricella which provided us with its premises for the conferences and a delicious lunch.

My thanks also to all of you, participants, speakers and/or volunteers for the installation of the new plaques of the Wall of Migrants and/or for the management of the excursions to Ischia Ponte, the summit of the Epomeo and Vivara.

Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO

**The Wall of Migrants
 pays tribute to 124 migrants**

On May 15, 2024 in Procida, with the participation of the General Consul of France in Naples, Lise MOUTOUMALAYA, and the Mayor of Procida, Raimondo AMBROSINO, we paid tribute to our migrant ancestors, represented on the Wall of Migrants by 124 of them, men and women, grandfathers and grandmothers of the members of the association, who one day made the difficult decision to leave their island for good for the hope of a better life beyond the seas and oceans.



Ceremony at the Wall of Migrants

I warmly thank the Consul and the Mayor for their encouragement and their words, which touch us very much, in recognition of the visionary action of La Grande Famille for more than 20 years. The twinning with Saint-Mandrier and the construction of the Wall of Migrants are fully in line with the Italian initiative of **Root Tourism**.



I also take this opportunity to thank Leonardo COSTAGLIOLA, Deputy of Tourism, and the National Association of Carabinieri for the opening of the Wall of Migrants to the public every Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning from mid-May to the end of September.



To be continued soon:

- The sending of certificates and photos of the plates to the subscribers;
- The publication of biographies and their translations online in the coming months.



124 migrants

On the program this year

A lot of work to come following our General Assembly and the latest digitalization work carried out by Guy ATTANASIO at the Archives of Naples in April, including the passport registers and the registers of marriage "processetti" recorded in the diocesan archives of Naples. They will be indexed and added to our database.

We are also planning our next meetings this autumn in Marseille. October 5 or 19 and location will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

To be continued...

New registers and index available

While waiting for the new passport registers digitalized in April by Guy ATTANASIO and the indexes of the diocesan archives of Naples, you will find below the next updates of the computerized registers and indexes:

Archives	Registers
FORIO Comune	Births 1809-1810 TN01 (Robert MATTERA)
PANTELLERIA Parrocchia	Marriages 1798-1831 M03 (Jacques LOMBARDO)
PROCIDA Abbazia San Michele Arcangelo	Censuses A14-1749 (René BARONE) A48-1865 (Michèle SCOTTO DI VETTIMO)
RESINA Comune	Deaths TD01 + 1814 (Yves BRISCIANO)
TORRE DEL GRECO Comune	Deaths TD02 + 1834-1835 (Mylène DEL BIONDO) TD03 + 1840-1841 (Hubert BLAZEJEWSKI)

I would like to thank all the volunteers for their wonderful contributions to our database.

In the press

You will find on our website in the section "Publications | Press" the latest articles published in May, including:

- Laura MATTERA's two articles on her blog "Al Tavolo di Amalia", one for each day:
 - La Grande Famille a Ischia
 - Turismo delle Radici
- The article on the website of the newspaper "Il Golfo" following the inauguration on May 15 of the new plaques on the Wall of Migrants.

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