

Roots Tourism Photographic exhibition in Marseille 23-24 January 2025



Visit of the exhibition with Raimondo Ambrosino, Mayor of Procida and Leonardo Costagliola, Deputy Mayor for Tourism

After the inauguration of the Migrant Wall in 2022, we inaugurated on January 23, 2025 at the Italian Cultural Institute of Marseille our photographic exhibition produced jointly with the City of Procida. This exhibition is open until 20 March before leaving for Procida and opening there on 10 May.

It pays a new tribute to our ancestors in Procida and Ischia, those first migrants, men and women, who decided to leave their native island, courageously, willingly or by necessity, to cross the sea and settle permanently elsewhere with the hope of a better and prosperous future for themselves and their families.

With the sole objective of truth, the construction and finalization of the exhibition, including the writing of the texts, the geographical maps, the choice of photos, was a considerable work over time, research, discussions,



discoveries and questioning. Work carried out jointly with Katia Cerullo, President of the association La Fenice and Prof. Raffaella Salvemini, whom I warmly thank.

I would also like to thank the members of La Grande Famille, friends and cousins, who contributed to almost all of the photos and documents in the exhibition, highlighting the variety of migrations from Procida and Ischia to different Mediterranean destinations, from the South of France and the coast of North Africa.

The photographs on display thus allow us to tell the reality of their trip to the Mediterranean, their reality. We are both their heirs and their legacy. It is thanks to them that we live in France today, with the courage and pride they have passed on to us, to face the trials of this world turned upside down and through this exhibition to try to pass on to future generations our roots and our history, but also our values of humanity and solidarity.



Lunch with the members at the restaurant Les Arcenaux

On our website, you will find a page dedicated to the exhibition, where important documents, interviews, press articles and next steps will be published.
<https://procida-family.com/www/events-racines.php>

Our goal is to take this exhibition to France in 2025 and 2026, if possible, in order to continue to tell our story. Dates and places are still to be confirmed but could include Saint-Mandrier-sur-Mer, Vendôme or Paris?

To be continued...

Racines – the Mediterranean voyage



Scotto di Vettimo - Oneto family, Mers-el-Kébir 1914
(Henri Scotto di Vettimo)

A big thank you to all our contributors who with their photographs have made it possible to tell our story and make this exhibition the representation of the truth:

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**To continue our journey, inscribe
your ancestor on the Wall of
Migrants to pay tribute to their life
and courage**



A new round of migrant registrations is open. The next plaques will be installed in anticipation of the May events in Procida for Root Tourism. You can find the registration form on www.murodeimigranti.com.

New registers and index available

you will find below the next updates of the computerized registers and indexes by our volunteers:

Archives	Registers
FORIO Comune	Births TN04 + years 1847 and 1848 (Jean-Pierre LUBRANO LAVADERA)
ITALIE Archivio Diocesano di Napoli	"Processetti" + years 1753 to 1758 (Pascal SCOTTO DI VETTIMO)
PROCIDA Abbazia San Michele Arcangelo	Newborns and abandoned children (appendix to the register of souls) NA48 1865-1868 (Sylviane MORIAU)
TORRE DEL GRECO Comune	Deaths TD03 + year 1849 (Hubert BLAZEJEWSKI)

The work continues thanks to the volunteers!

In the press

Find on our website:

- The articles published in the December issue of ProcidaOggi, and in particular the story of the Scotto-Aiello family, by Vincent Sermet.
- The first articles about our photographic exhibition "Racines" in Marseille.

**** Final reminder ****

Renouveler votre soutien pour 2025

If you have not yet renewed your support for the Grande Famille and would like to continue to receive our information, continue your research, or participate in our initiatives, I remind you that memberships expired on December 31, 2024. So don't wait any longer and send us your minimum membership fee of 40 Euros.

Your annual contributions are essential for the proper functioning of our association, our website, our meetings and our many cultural projects such as the Wall of Migrants or the Roots Tourism exhibition in 2025.

Thank you in advance for your support!