

Elements of a collective approach

1. As a first step, we are hoping Familysearch will index the Corato 1754 *Catasto onciario*, which should not pose any privacy problems, but requires the authorisation by the 'sovrintendenza'. We believe that if Familysearch agrees to do this, it will lead to the Diocese of Trani accepting that Familysearch could also digitally index by AI the Corato parish archive indexes. Both these documents are on our Google Drive database : <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1jpa3uXt1GS8jYwQVKmlC0ctZfOCuWCe7> with a search engine devised by Rafael Caterina and Giancarlo Mainardi : <https://corato.dreamhosters.com/viewer/>
The parish records themselves were digitised by Pierre Marzocca back in 2008, when there was no prohibition on the part of the Italian bishops' conference.
2. The *Ciao Italia* exhibition owned by the French National Museum of the History of Immigration with the three new panels that we produced on emigration from Corato can be presented to the mayors of the Alta Murgia towns. Marina Labartino, representing the Corato branch of the ArcheoClub club, and our project partner since 2018, has agreed to make these approaches. In this, I believe she will be well aided by Vincenzo Tota : they can probably make the journey together in Vincenzo's car.
3. When they make contact with the mayor of each town, they will also be able to encourage him or her to write to Dr. Adriano Buzzanca, the state archive director in Bari, to ask him to support a request to:
 - index the 1754 Catasto Onciario of the town (see attached list);
 - digitise the town's 1911 to 1938 Stato Civile registers.
4. Marina and Vincenzo will also be able to emphasise that :
 - a. the Atelier Généalogique can train digitization volunteers at the State Archive in Trani to use the 2 digitizers that are kept by Rita Anelli at the Centro Italo Venezolano in Corato. We will also need the mayor's support for finding volunteers among the population of his/her town, including retired people, students and people with physical handicaps. Our information drive could include public history meetings, with the cooperation of the ArcheoClub and Familysearch.
 - b. that the worldwide dissemination by Familysearch of genealogical information concerning their town could lead to the development of Roots Tourism. The Corato branch of the Archeoclub will be responsible for developing a Roots Tourism program that will include aspects of Alta Murgia culture and religious traditions. Roots Tourism can also be a way of recruiting foreign students for voluntary digitization counting towards the achievement of diplomas.
5. Finally, from a purely genealogical point of view, it would serve the longevity of our respective family trees if they were transferred to Familysearch as CET trees focusing on the 11 Parco dall'Alta Murgia towns (see attached repertory).