

What has the l'Atelier Généalogique done to support our project entitled '*A Tale of Two Twinned Cities : Corato and Grenoble*' since our 2022 general meeting, (postponed to 16 January 2023) ?

-On 20 January, genetic genealogy application developer Greg Clarke, from Wikitree (USA), announced the publication of the "X-friends" application that we had developed together during 2022. The aim of this application is to overcome problems posed by endogamy (too many cousins and namesakes) for genetic genealogy research, by making it easier to identify people and the relationships between them.

This is based on the very specific transmission of the X chromosome, because it passes from the father to his daughters and from the mother to all her children. As a result, you don't need to have taken a DNA test to use it: the application identifies potential carriers of the same X chromosomes as the 'source person', upwards to the 'terminal ancestors', then downwards to people alive today. We are seeking to adapt this application to the identification of 'transnational families', those whose members have dispersed to different parts of the world. To conduct this work, we have set up a 'Corato One Place Study' at Wikitree:

https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Corato%2C_Puglia_One_Place_Study

- On 13 February, at a dinner at his flagship hotel, Brown's, in London, I described our project to Sir Rocco Forte, CEO of Rocco Forte Hotels. He expressed interest in the proposal made to CRIAT (Centro di Ricerca Interuniversitario per l'Analisi del Territorio) to create an international database on emigration based in Bari in Apulia, and I undertook to keep him informed. The idea of the database had been suggested to me in September 2022 by Professor Guido Bonsaver, Professor of Italian Cultural History at Pembroke College, Oxford.

- On 15 February, in Oxford, I had another one-and-a-half-hour meeting with Professor Bonsaver and with Brian A'Hearn, an economic historian specialising in Northern Italy.

- On 20 February, at a zoom meeting with the management of Grenoble Ville Ouverte, The Atelier Généalogique was encouraged to submit a project for funding by the city of Grenoble. This was done on 18 May (see below).

- On 15 March, at a meeting at Corato municipality, in the company of Professor Biagio Salvemini of CRIAT, the lawyer and local councillor Concetta Bucci suggested the creation of a legal framework for cooperation between the municipality and CRIAT.

- On 17 March 2023, at a CRIAT conference in Bari, I was invited to make a presentation proposing that CRIAT create in Bari the international database on migration from Puglia mentioned above. The President of CRIAT, Professor Angela Barbanente, replied that CRIAT accepted this proposal "with enthusiasm".

-On 21 April, on the telephone, I met Christelle Balducci, a historian, who agreed to research the participation of the Coratini in the French Resistance during the Second World War. This could be the subject of a public meeting towards the end of the end of 2024 (or in 2025).

-On 18 May, I applied to the city of Grenoble for funding of €1,000

(granted in October), out of a total of €15,933, to cover the organisation of a one-day Symposium on migration from Corato; printing a new version of the exhibition 'Ciao italia' exhibition, from the Musée National de l'Histoire de l'Immigration's "Ciao italia" exhibition with the addition of three new panels on migration from Corato; and lastly, the organisation of two public meetings, including one with the cooperation of the Musée Dauphinois in Grenoble.

- On 6 and 7 June, 2 zoom meetings were organised with our scientific monitoring committee to discuss the organisation of the Study Day, which should take place in October 2024, probably at the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Grenoble, as part of a cooperation between the University of Grenoble and CRIAT.

- On 23 June, Professor Salvemini met the Mayor of Corato, Corrado de Benedittis, who confirmed his agreement to the digitisation of four registers containing passport applications from would-be emigrants. During this meeting, Professor Salvemini handed over our project document in Italian to the Mayor of Corato.

-On 16 July, our project was submitted for funding by the department of Isère, in the Culture and Heritage section, under the heading "Memory and human rights".

- On 18 July, we created a link on our website www.emigrazione-corato.org to the inventory of expired residence permits (series W2973), held at the Archives de l'Isère: <https://www.emigrazione-corato.org/pages/arbregenealogique-et-bases-de-donnees/cartes-de-sejours-perimees.html>

-On 8 August, I got in touch with Maxime Brun, an Italian teacher at the Lycée Emmanuel Mounier in Grenoble, who expressed an interest in developing cooperation with a school in Corato.

-4 to 6 September : Mission to Grenoble, for meetings with the Musée Dauphinois, with Corinne Pinchon from Grenoble Ville Ouverte, Christelle Balducci and Maxime Brun, Pierre MARZOCCA (on the possibilities of voluntary digitisation), and with Joseph Argento from the Isère department.

-From 8 to 16 September, mission to London: meeting with Sir Rocco Forte (13 September), and with Oxford University professors Guido Bonsaver and Brian A'Hearn (September 14).

On 14 September, I met with Mel Houldershaw, head of the Oxford Grenoble Alliance in Oxford.

-On 7 November, Rocco Forte Hotels agreed to fund our project to the tune of €3,400.

-18 October to 10 November: mission to Corato and Bari, at the invitation of CRIAT. Meeting with the CRIAT board on 30 November: creation of two working groups, one on the organisation of the Symposium ('Journée d'Etudes') with the University of Grenoble, the other to setting up and sharing information between the Atelier Généalogique and the international database on emigration from Puglia.

-3 to 7 November: at the invitation of the Mayor, digitisation of 4 registers containing passport applications from 1920 to 1960.

7 November: the Mayor suggested that I present a project for a "turismo delle radici".

8 November: accompanied by Biagio Salvemini and Giulia Mastrodonato for CRIAT, meeting in Barletta with Michele Grimaldi, recently retired director of the National National Archives in Bari. CRIAT will request authorisation to digitise, on a voluntary basis, Corato's civil status records from 1911 to 1938 held at the National Archives in Trani.

9 November: contact with Professor Vito Roberto Santamato at the Faculty of Economics at the Aldo Moro University in Bari on the subject of turismo delle radici.

During this mission, I had a number of discussions with Elena di Lernia, director of the CISLA language school in Trani, on the organisation of a turismo delle radici programme, including intensive Italian language courses for foreign university students.

I also met up again in Corato with our project partner Marina Labartino, and with Michele Iacovelli, president of the Corato branch of the Archeo Club, Rita Anelli and Nicola Arresta. The latter two confirmed to me that they are willing to do voluntary work as part of a "turismo delle radici" programme. The former, who used to be an employee of the comune, to help descendants of emigrants obtain documents from the Stato Civile; the second, recently retired, was director of the Corato cemetery for 26 years and is willing to help us locate graves. These two voluntary actions require permission from the Mayor of Corato.

-14 November: with Christelle Balducci, meeting at the Maison de l'International in Grenoble with Corinne Pinchon (Grenoble Ville Ouverte) and Marie-Christine Simiand, from the Alliance Grenoble Oxford. I explained to them what I was planning to do to create an academic consensus around writing the history of emigration from Puglia and voluntary digitisation in the region's archives.

-16 December: completion of genealogical research on 41 Coratini who took part in the French Resistance during the Second World War.
