

# Mori Family International Newsletter

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### Mori Family International work plan for 2017

The Work Plan approved at the Board meeting of February 5 still contains the 5 2016 targets, with some adjustments, but includes 2 new ones. For the complete plan, enter our website: [www.familia-mori-internacional.com/Juntadedirectores/Plandetrabajo2017](http://www.familia-mori-internacional.com/Juntadedirectores/Plandetrabajo2017)). Here is summary of the objectives:

<b>Objective #1: Generational replacement</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare a generational replacement so that they become the leaders of our organization and occupy the different positions established in the Regulations.</li> <li>• Prepare at least 20 young adults.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide four workshops</li> <li>• Identify candidates and make a call to participate in at least four workshop.</li> <li>• Invite them to participate in Board meetings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #1 – April 2nd</li> <li>• #2 – May 7th</li> <li>• #3 – June 4th</li> <li>• #4 – August 7th</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roberto Mori</li> <li>• Eva Mori</li> <li>• Roberto Mori</li> <li>• B. Caraballo Mori and Tony Mori</li> </ul>
<b>Objective #2: Growth</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieve growth in membership.</li> <li>• Increase member and non-members' participation in activities</li> <li>• Visit and enroll non-member descendants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enroll 100 new members.</li> <li>• 150 members and non-members attending the Annual Meeting of 2017.</li> <li>• Visit at least 10 homes monthly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept/2017</li> <li>• Sept/2017</li> <li>• In 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The whole Board and other leaders.</li> <li>• The whole Board and other leaders.</li> <li>• Visiting Committee with the Board, young adults and leaders.</li> </ul>
<b>Objective #3: Communication</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue the monthly publication of the Newsletter and the Webpage in order to be more effective communicating with members and other descendants of the Mori Patriarch.</li> <li>• Integration of youth through invitation of the Editorial Committee.</li> <li>• Establish an item in the Annual Budget to help pay for the monthly Newsletter and the Webpage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly communication with members and other descendants of the Patriarch.</li> <li>• Maintain a publication of at least 12 volumes in 2017.</li> <li>• Find donors to help keep the monthly newsletter.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Directors and the President</li> <li>• Editorial Committee: Roberto Mori (in charge)</li> </ul>
<b>Objective #4: Finances</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen the finances of our Organization.</li> <li>• Prepare a list of paying and non-paying members. Send a quarterly reminder.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive payment of fee before the Annual Meeting.</li> <li>• Determine who pays and does not pay before February 28, 2017. Make collections arrangement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throughout 2017</li> <li>• March, June, Sept. and Dec.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Committee</li> <li>• Treasurer/President</li> </ul>
<b>Objective #5: Corporative Status</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain the corporative status in conformity to legal requisites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To file the Annual Reports.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 15, 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Directors, President and Treasurer.</li> <li>• Verify the Officer who must file according to the law.</li> </ul>
<b>Objective #6: Assembly of Amendments</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss and approve the Amendments to the Regulation.</li> <li>• Issue the call.</li> <li>• Make an assembly of amendments.</li> <li>• Reproduce and circulate new changes, if any to the above-mentioned Amendments. New amendments to be submitted are still to be considered, if any, and circulate them.</li> <li>• Board meeting with the work committees to guide them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before May 31, 2017</li> <li>• 30 days prior to Assembly</li> <li>• July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017</li> <li>• Before August, 31<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>• Upon approval of work plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Directors and Amendments Committee.</li> <li>• Board of Directors</li> <li>• Assembly</li> <li>• Board of Directors</li> <li>• Board of Directors</li> </ul>	
<b>Objective #7: Historic investigation about the Mori Patriarch and the Mori Family</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate in order to update the historical information of the Mori Patriarch.</li> <li>• Strengthen communication with the different sources of historical information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create the Historical Research Committee in charge of Roberto Mori, Historian.</li> <li>• Plan a trip to Corsica for 2017 or 2018.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roberto Mori, Lisa Mori, B. Caraballo-Mori, Eva Mori and others.</li> </ul>

### The Board reports...

In its first ordinary meeting of 2017, held on Sunday, February 5th, 2017, in the Community Center of El Naranjo in Yauco, the Board considered and/or approved the following items:

- It was informed that on January 15, 2017, the special committee for the consideration of the pending minutes of meetings, composed of Bienvenido Caraballo Mori, Andy Mori, Roberto Mori and Tony Mori, met in Juana Díaz with that end, and submitted a report to the Board during this meeting. The report of the Committee was approved.
- The President, Bienvenido Caraballo Mori, presented the project for the work plan for the year 2017. Said work plan keeps current objectives, but added 2 new ones. The new work plan was approved as discussed and amended. (Check the work plan for 2017 in the left column of this newsletter).
- The budget report for 2017 was presented including the estimated earnings as well as the estimated expenses. The need to increase the sources of income was stressed. The budget was approved as discussed.
- Among other matters, and assistance and absence report of the members of the Board during 2016 was presented, as well as documents send from France about the ascendance of the Patriarch by a Mori descendant.

We enjoyed, as always, of a delicious lunch cooked by Nancy Pacheco Mori, as well as a nice gathering with some members of the family that accompanies the Board during meetings. The next meeting will be on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the Community Center of El Naranjo.

## Ascendance of the Patriarch Ignacio Mori Romani

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Good news! Recently, Mori Family International has established communication with a Mori descendant living in France, named *Marie-Hélène Pein-Lacombe*. Great-great-granddaughter of Domenico Matteo Mori, first cousin of our Mori Patriarch. She informed us that her grandmother is a Mori descendant and was born in San Gavino, Bastia, Corsica.

Through Marie-Hélène we obtained a genealogical tree of the ascendance (parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.) of the Patriarch, as well as photos of San Gavino di Tenda, particularly the house where the Mori family lived in that village. The genealogical tree seen on the left can be seen in more detail in the Mori Family website (*Historia de la Familia Mori/Genealogía de Familia Mori*), as well as the photos received and a map with the location of the villages where the ascendants of the Patriarch were originally from.

This is part of the tasks of the new objective of the work plan for 2017 about historical research of the origins of the Mori Patriarch and his descendants.

## The Historical Corner – The descendants of the Patriarch: Paula, Melín and Rate Mori Torres (*first of a series*)

This third *Historical Corner* about the descendants of the Mori Patriarch, is the first one of a series dedicated to 3 sisters of the Mori Family: Paula, Rate and Melín Mori Torres. Beyond the three common origins, we start with **Paula Mori Torres (1928-2008)**, whom we know through the information provided to us by her son, Bienvenido Caraballo Mori, current President of the Board of Directors of the Mori Family International.

Bienvenido narrates:

*My mother's name was Paula Mori Torres. The name comes from her grandmother Paula, the long-lived daughter-in-law of the Mori Patriarch that lived 105 years. Her parents were Serafín Mori Caraballo and María Ignacia Torres Santiago. Her grandfather was Francisco Antonio Mori (1867-1904). He was the first son of the Patriarch born in Aguas Blancas. He was married to Paula Caraballo Feliciano (1860-1965). His great-grandparents were Ignacio Francisco Mori-Romani, the Patriarch, and María del Carmen Román Galarza.*

*My mother's husband was Bienvenido Caraballo Mori (1924-1963). They were cousins through both families. Both were great-grandchildren of the Mori Patriarch. He was the son of María Inés Mori Caraballo, the centenarian granddaughter of the Patriarch. She also had her grandmother's name. She was married to her cousin Francisco Caraballo Ortíz. His maternal grandfather was José María Mori Romani (1862-1901), son of the Patriarch. He was born in Mayaguez. His grandmother was Francisca Caraballo Feliciano (1870-1904), the sister of the other Paula, the Patriarch's daughter-in-law. My father's great-grandparents were María Inés Romani, the Patriarch's second wife.*

*I remember my parents wedding. The town's priest went up to the neighborhood and married many couples in one ceremony. Six of Paula's children were already born, except for my brother Misael. My mother widowed when she was just 35 years old. This happened when we still lived in the Aguas Blancas neighborhood of Yauco, the small homeland of the Mori Patriarch.*

*I was 10 years old and remember like it was yesterday. Misael, the youngest, didn't get to know his father. He came very close to be born at the funeral. They took my mother out of the house that early morning, where my father's wake was taking place in Aunt Rosa's home, his older sister, in Palomas. I have photos of that wake. She was taken to Yauco's hospital where he was born before dawn. She couldn't go to the funeral and someone decided that we also couldn't go.*

*Misael was born the same day of my father's burial. He died on March of 1963, he was not yet 39 years old. He suffered from a kidney condition. He received treatment in Minillas Hospital of Santurce and the San Lucas Hospital of Ponce. There he died of a heart attack. This was the context in which we were born and Paula raised her children alone. Except for the youngest, all of them went to grade school in this neighborhood. We moved to Trujillo Alto three years later in 1966. It's been more than half a century. (This story continues in the next issue of the newsletter).*