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New General Assembly of the AJD!

As announced in the Spring, the Association Jehan Dardel is setting up a new *Assemblée Générale* on Saturday, 12th November at 11 a.m., in a dual format, both face-to-face and by video-conference. You will have all the information by the end of September.

You are reminded that the AJD is open to all descendants of Jehan Dardel, allied families and sympathisers. The following reflection and exchange groups are open:

- Animation and communication
- Archives and history
- Genealogy
- Female branches
- Logistics and tools

Thoughts of a few AJD members

To encourage you to participate in the General Assembly and in one or more of these exchange groups, the current members of the AJD committee tell you why they are involved in the association. Enjoy your reading!

I first heard about the AJD when I received a message announcing the family event in 2013. I had known for some years that people were working on the Dardel genealogy, as I had the book containing some of the branches in my hands at a family Christmas. I explored it at the time with a cousin and introduced her to other cousins she had not heard of, as she was still very young.

The 2013 event made me realise how large my family was. I became involved in the AJD when the board called for volunteers on the last day of the gathering, with the prospect of exploring and getting to know other cousins, no matter how far away they may be in distance or in genealogy. I am also part of the “female branches” group to highlight those women figures in our family who helped build it.



Clémence

Clémence Dardel

My desire to be an “official” member of the AJD (Association Jean Dardel) board goes back to August 2013, on the occasion of the family event that took place in La Rouvraie, Switzerland. Before that, I had taken part in a few preparatory meetings for the 2013 event, notably in Moissac. I was already well acquainted with the Dardel genealogy, on the one hand as the daughter of Jean-Paul Dardel (the author of the book on the family), and on the other hand because I had already taken part in the other meetings and events (Moissac in 1995 and Saint Blaise in 1999). In 2013, after a critical change in my private life which allowed me to regain my freedom of action, I wanted to invest myself fully in the Dardel family.



Isabelle

This desire was also motivated by the death of my father in June 2012. I didn't want his work to go to waste. It was therefore also to pay tribute to him that I got involved. And I wanted this genealogy to be alive, geared towards exchanges with all our living cousins, close or distant, physically or genealogically.

Then, at the end of 2021, when we set up exchange groups focused on specific subjects, I wanted to be part of the group that would deal with the female branches. On the one hand, I had been frustrated that my children did not have an identifier in my father's book. On the other hand, it corresponded to my feminist side and my struggle to defend women's rights, which are so fragile and so often violated.

I also wanted to be part of the “archives and history” group because, after the death of my parents and at the time of the sale of their house in Hendaye, I had made a moral commitment (at least to my three brothers, if not more) to keep the archives created by my father as well as all the objects collected throughout his life. In 2021, in anticipation of my forthcoming retirement, as I had decided to live in Hendaye and no longer in Toulouse, I made sure that I bought a house that would allow me to keep all these archives and, if possible, to show them to their best advantage.

And, finally, I also wanted to be part of the “genealogy” group because it seemed quite natural to me, given my desire to make all these ancestors and descendants “live”. There was also the motivation to try, one day, to connect some “unattached” Dardels, a subject that bothered my father a lot... When he was alive, there were fewer computer tools, so I am hopeful that we will eventually make some further progress.

I would like to stress that it is exciting to browse through all these branches on the family's website dardel.info/famille/index.html. It is a real pleasure, especially as we have been able to post photos and comments on it. That is why I urge whoever is reading these lines to update the individual files of your relatives and to provide us with photos.

Isabelle Dardel

I am Sylvain, son of Philippe and Mady Dardel, and younger brother of Yann, Michel, Colette, Renaud, and Aline. We may have met in 1995 in Moissac (France) in the family house "Boningal", then in 2013 at La Rouvraie in Switzerland on the occasion of another of these Dardel meetings. I am now 61 years old, married to Chantal Denner (who is not a Swiss citizen) and father of Robin (27), Hugo (25) and Emma (21).



Sylvain

Since 2008, and after almost 30 years of tribulations on the African continent, we have chosen to settle near Montpellier, on the Mediterranean coast, without knowing that this region was the home to some Dardel members.

Somewhere in my genetic baggage is a taste for family. I have always heard and seen my father involved in family events, often talking to us about Saint-Blaise and Neuchâtel. My taste for exchange and my curiosity did the rest.

Hence I joined AJD in 2010 and took part in the first adventure launched by Amiod, Philippe, Jean-Paul, Matti. And already François, Laurent, Renaud and Monique, Benjamin, Louise, ...

For a year now, our core group (François, Clémence, Isabelle, Laurent, Renaud and me) has been trying to revitalise the AJD. One of the first ideas was the creation of «Exchange Groups», an initiative already discussed in this newsletter. I naturally opted for the communication group, to continue to exchange with my contemporaries within the descendants of Jehan Dardel. Because the mission of this group is indeed to «create links» between us, the children of the Swiss, Swedish, French, Australian, Chilean branches, etc. And yes, we are spread all over the planet. Such a richness must be maintained, and how else can this be done than through communication? As far as means (of communication) are concerned, we currently use three:

Exchange of e-mails

We would like to hear from you and your ascendants and descendants.

We propose that you meet us.

We invite you to join the AJD and one of the exchange groups.

we ask you to update your genealogical information, in order to feed our mine of information which is on the site <http://dardel.info/famille/>. Thanks to François for the enormous work done on this site.

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...to which each of you is warmly invited to contribute, in any form: a text of your choice and mood, a drawing, a photo,... We trust your imagination!

Meetings

Any type of meeting is a great opportunity to get together. Don't hesitate to look for a Dardel in your region or town, there may well be one.

The last meeting took place in August 2013 at La Rouvraie in Switzerland with nearly 300 descendants of Jehan!

We propose that the next one be held at the end of 2022 on the occasion of the General Assembly of the AJD. Let's hope that we will be there in large numbers, even if virtually.

Other means of communication are still to be used, such as social networks. We are seriously thinking about it, and for that your contributions will be precious, you have ideas to share, for sure.

Sylvain Dardel



Moissac, August 1995



Saint-Blaise, August 2013

Son of Janine and Jean-Paul, author of the book “La Famille Dardel”, I found eventually the desire to show an interest in all my cousins on the occasion of the Dardel reunion organised in Switzerland in 1999. It was very impressive to discover Saint-Blaise, the cradle of the family, accompanied by my three children, then aged 13, 11 and 9, and to get to know so many cousins. I still have a dazzling memory of it! Well, not easy to keep in touch with so many people. So when the idea of an association Jehan Dardel (our “famous” AJD!) was born under the impulse of Amiod, Jean-Paul and Philippe (creation of the statutes in Moissac in 2011 on the photo opposite), it is with enthusiasm that I joined this adventure.

It led to the organisation of the 500th anniversary of the signing of the concession of the Saint-Blaise mills in 2013, and the AJD office is continuing to organise various exchange groups in which each of our cousins can take part... so please don't hesitate to join us!

Laurent Dardel

The Jehan Dardel Association owes its existence to the three musketeers (who were four) Amiod de Dardel, Guy von Dardel, Jean-Paul Dardel and Philippe Dardel. As the son of one of them (Philippe), I resisted for a long time my father's benevolent injunctions to take interest in genealogy. Then meetings with Amiod and certain 13th cousins, at the beginning of the 2010s, made me wonder: what if this “Jehan Dardel culture” put forward by Amiod, built up over the centuries and spreading geographically, really existed? The question was raised, as family affinities were revealed during the various meetings that led to the creation of the Jehan Dardel association and the organisation of the 2013 family reunion. A core group (François, Laurent and I), quickly joined by Clémence and Isabelle, and then by Sylvain, allowed the association not to disappear, and then to start a new momentum; the recent creation of the exchange groups, open to all members of the association, is proof of this. But this new dynamism can only really be set in motion if other descendants, allies or sympathisers join us. And why not you?

Renaud Dardel



Laurent



*Amiod & Jean-Paul
Moissac 2011*



Renaud

The first Dardel reunion, organised in Moissac by Philippe Dardel with the help of Jean-Paul, and the second in Marin and Saint-Blaise in 1999 organised by Amiod de Dardel, were a beginning for me: I set out to transcribe most of the genealogy from the book “La Famille Dardel” into a database, and to publish it on the internet (dardel.info/famille/index.html) together with a history of the family and several documents written by or related to family members. These two subjects (genealogy and archives) are central to the activity of the association. The genealogy is regularly updated according to the new data we receive. And this is where we call on all of you to feed the database and send us new archives: photos, documents, images of any kind that we can publish on the site or incorporate into the genealogy.

We will also need help with the computer tools we use. We would also welcome a *Swedish-speaking* person to join us in handling the Scandinavian archives.

François de Dardel



François



*Amiod & Jean-Paul
Saint-Blaise 1999*

To be read (in French)

The little book about Fritz von Dardel’s trip to Norway in 1856 with the Swedish Crown Prince Carl (son of Oscar I), who was appointed Viceroy of Norway that year, has just been reprinted, and is available for € 15.00. The diary of this journey is written in French, as Fritz never fully mastered Swedish. It is richly illustrated with Fritz’s drawings and watercolours.

