

23.06.2017 Evviva u pòpulu corsu!

Three spectacular sweeping victories including an unexpected win with Paul André Colombani easily beating Camille de Roca Serra in Portivechju. And the “grand slam” was within our grasp as in Aiacciu, as elsewhere in Corsica, the potential was there for a fourth victory!

Pè a Corsica accomplished an amazing feat in these legislative elections. The message sent to the new leaders of the French State is powerful and inspiring. Corsica is experiencing a historic change.

The heroes of this tremendous landscape are the Corsican people!

They provided a three-fold demonstration in this election: the demonstration of their existence as a historic people striving for institutional recognition; the demonstration of their maturity that with unexpected force swept away the forces of the clans that had been stifling democratic expression up until now; and the demonstration of their “hopes for the future” of their national project that takes form day after day in support of the Corsican Territorial Collective.

À pòpulu fattu, bisogn'à marchjà! This motto has never been more relevant than it is now: the Corsican people are on the move!

This momentum was clear to see on Sunday. The first round was a first step, the second round was a hurricane.

Michel Castellani, with 60.81% of the votes, headed the pack in 35 out of 45 municipalities. In Bastia, he won hands-down [63.83%], and in Siscu, Patrimoniu, Olmeta di Tuda and Ugliastru, he took more than 80% of the votes.

Jean Félix Acquaviva, with 63.05% of the votes, lead in 141 of 191 municipalities. He swept up the votes in Balagna [75.71% in Calvi, 74.23% in Lisula, and more than 80% in Calinzana, Belgudè, Galeria, Lavatoghju, Mansu, Olmi-Cappella, Montegrossu, Pigna] and he amassed impressive results inland, particularly in Niolu [83.56% of the votes!].

Paul André Colombani, with 55.22%, won in 46 out of 76 municipalities. He finished significantly ahead of Camille de Rocca Serra in Aiacciu, in Sartè and he even beat him in Portivechju. In 10 municipalities he obtained 75% or more, with some peaks at 85%, even in large municipalities like Vighjaneddu and Eccica-Suaredda.

Last Sunday, Corsica voted for itself, and this vote is in itself a democratic affirmation, a constitutive act of a process of self-determination. There is still a long way to go, but following the victory in Bastia in March 2014 and the CTC victory in December 2015, the election of three nationalist MPs on the 18 June 2017 will go down as a key accomplishment in the history of Corsica. The people of Corsica have made their choice. They are on the road to autonomy and emancipation. What will they come across on this road?

They will find support, in Europe, in ultra-maritime territories, and in France from those who respect their democratic expression. They will also come across opponents, direct or more insidious. The French State will find it very difficult to concede autonomy to Corsica but the balance of power today will make this prospect so natural and obvious that they will have difficulty in stopping it from happening.

In this type of progression process, the most important thing to remember, as the “David” in the power balance, is to always value the advances made. Our MPs need to be supported and need to be active in a parliament that will try to marginalise them in the name of regulations, through a media cover, by multiplying obstructions. But, in synergy with the Executive of the Collective of Corsica, a political force ready to tackle any challenges is now being built.

Sunate lu cornu!