

The Formentera Council's Office of Tourism has announced details about this spring's Formentera Fotogràfica, now in its fifth year. From April 28 to May 1, photo and video fans from Spain and further afield will descend upon the island for conferences, workshops, documentary screenings, portfolio reviews and shot-scouting outings across Formentera.

To date some 40 people have registered and signups are being held through April 20 at the local tourism board (Patronat Municipal de Turisme; carrer Mallorca, 15, in Sant Ferran) or the following link:

http://formenterafotografica.com/inscripcio_formentera_fotografica.html .

Tourism councillor Alejandra Ferrer framed the early season event as a magnet for visitors and a way encourage snapshots showcasing the island's natural beauty. She urged all photo lovers, locals included, to come out strong for the premiere festival.

Speakers

Participating speakers include Joan Fontcuberta, a photographer who is recognised as Spanish photography's "great renovator" and the winner of the 2013 Hasselblad award (photography's Nobel prize). Travel photographer Gonzalo Azumendi will be there to shed light on his day-to-day and share some of his own personal tricks. Txema Salvans will chat with festival participants about his projects and give details about the production, concept and design that go into publishing a book. Besides welcoming José Benito Ruiz, Spain's most renowned nature photographer ever, this year's Formentera Fotogràfica will also play host to a special guest: Manu San Félix, a specialist in underwater photography and long-time resident on the island.