

Earlier today the CiF Office of Heritage announced the specifics of the department's upcoming round of conferences titled Joan Marí Cardona Jornades d'Estudis Locals. As explained by department head Susana Labrador, the series, now in its fourth year, “began in 2011 as a way to promote field research on subjects relevant to Formentera's cultural heritage”. The seminars will run from Monday April 11 through Friday 15 and be held at 8.30 pm in the Sala d'Actes of the Formentera Office of Culture.

Conferences

First up, a presentation by Maria Bofill Martínez, PhD candidate at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, concerning her study of lithic and osseous artefacts left by the prehistoric communities of Formentera. A specialist in archaeology, Bofill was awarded the CiF's research grant in 2014.

Next, Javier Rodríguez Pandozi and Sebastià Munar Llabrés present their study of the *S'Espar delló*
remains in Formentera's surrounding waters. On Wednesday, historian and Formentera-native Santiago Colomar will present his research concerning the smaller of the two Pitiüsa islands as a “forgotten frontier”, describing the island's use from 1571 to 1650 as a base for North African pirates, or, as they were once commonly known, “corsairs”. Next day, Dr Olga Cardona Guasch will lead a conference on the use by easement of local roads. Finally, on Friday, Enric Ribes Marí will present an approximative look at local toponymy.

Labrador reported that this year for the first time, Formentera's teacher resource centre (CEP) has opened up participation in the Joan Marí Cardona conference series to local teachers. Attending staff from educational centres will now have the possibility of receiving credit from the Govern Balear's Regional Ministry of Education. CEP head Ariadna Soler pointed to the interest local educational staff have already showed in the series. The morning presentation of the Joan Marí Cardona Jornades d'Estudi was also attended by Jaume Escandell, a staff specialist at the Formentera Office of Heritage.