



This morning, the president of the Formentera Island Council, Jaume Ferrer, signed collaborative agreements with the three clubs for the aged on the island as well as with the Formenterers Solidaris association.

The signing of the agreements was made official by the signatures of Catalina Ribas, representative of the Club de Jubilats de la Savina (The Retirees Club of La Savina), the president of the Club de Jubilats de Formentera (The Retirees Club of Formentera), Margarita Sanchís, and the president of the Club de Jubilats de Sant Ferran (The Retirees Club of Sant Ferran), Rita Costa, who also signed as a representative of the Formenterers Solidaris association.

Formentera's councilor of Social Welfare, Youth and Equality, Dolores Fernández, was also in attendance at the press conference to represent her office, which works closely with the associations in question.

Given the importance of expanding the care options available to the elderly and promoting the social welfare of this portion of the population, increased attention has been given to such

collaborations in recent years; this is the third year that the accords have been signed. The Council works to guarantee these kinds of associative and community actions for the aged of Formentera.

These activities, as well as the maintenance of the centres where the activities are held, require collaborative action to ensure financing. In this way the associations are able to effectively carry out their work and meet their objectives.

For this reason, the collaborative agreement signed between the Council and the island's senior citizens' associations establishes a quantity of 6,500€ for the Centre Social i de Majors (Social and Elderly Citizens' Centre) de Sant Ferran; 4,500€ for the Club de Jubilats i Pensionistes (Retirees and Pensioners Club) de la Savina; and 9,000€ for the Centre Club de Jubilats i Pensionistes (Retirees and Pensioners Club) de Formentera. These figures are determined by the number of members at each centre, which, in the case of Sant Francesc, approaches 700. In Sant Ferran club members total around 270, and in La Savina there are some one hundred.

These clubs have committed to organising activities tailored to the aged, whether the focus be training, recreation, culture or education. Many such activities offered by the clubs throughout the year have been conference series, or else have touched on topics like computers and basic computer use, or have focused on still other issues.

The ultimate goal is to establish among Formentera's retirees and pensioners a sense of unity, solidarity and cooperation and thus defend their moral and material rights; to promote, by all available means, the incorporation of member individuals into active lifestyles, and this, through collaboration with any and all entities devoted to creating projects of interest for the elderly.

Accord with Formenterers Solidaris The accord signed with Formenterers Solidaris has a value of 3,000€ (an increase on last year's figure of 2,000€) and establishes the use of this aid toward funding cooperative and developmental projects in developing countries, programming informative lectures, round-table discussions, forums, exhibitions and conferences, and in the organization of awareness-raising projects in Formentera over the course of 2013, of waste-collection campaigns and of international fundraising for places in need.