



Backed by the Formentera Department of Heritage, the recently-published volumes 5 and 6 of “Formentera” highlight lectures at the 2015 and 2016 Joan Marí Cardona Local Research Round-Tables.

Heritage councillor Raquel Guasch said FDH hoped the new issues and revamped look and feel of the review would “elevate the science around local cultural heritage”. While Covid-19 forced cancelation of the Joan Marí Local Research Round-Tables in 2020, Guasch said the associated articles would be included a forthcoming publication, and indicated an in-person format for the event could be back by October.

The Joan Marí Local Research Round-Tables have historically encompassed a multiplicity of fields, with an overarching focus on the humanities and social sciences.

Volume 5 of “Formentera” features work by Fanny Tur Riera on local teachers and the island’s first schools; Ángel Custodio Navarro Sánchez focuses on hometown efforts to defend the civil law of the Pine Islands; María José Escandell Torres shares findings from an archaeological study of restoration efforts at the Sant Francesc rectory; Francesca Tugores Truyol takes an in-depth look at the work of Archduke Louis Salvador of Austria, and Virgilio Martínez Enamorado gives an update on an Arabic epigraph discovered on the island.

Volume 6 finds Maria Bofill Martínez enlist research on macrolithic tools in reflecting on the lives of Formentera’s prehistoric inhabitants. Fellow archaeologists Enrique Aragón Núñez and Javier Rodríguez Pandozi parse the *S’Espardelló* wreck in an attempt to unpack maritime relations in the Balearic Sea up to decline of the Roman Empire. Turning the focus to seafarers of the modern age, Santiago Colomar Ferrer studies how Formentera became a base for North African corsairs. Back on land, Olga Cardona Guasch approaches road and easement ownership from a legal standpoint and, lastly, Enric Ribes i Marí delves into the subject of local place names.

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