

Earlier today Alejandra Ferrer attended a presentation of Formentera Astronòmica, a first-time event whose participants, in the words of the Consell de Formentera premiere and tourism chief, “can take advantage of Formentera’s low light pollution to gaze at the stars from the privileged position our island affords us”. Also on hand at the presentation was Alessia Comis, organiser for Formentera Astronòmica, along with Santiago Jiménez, who heads collaborating group Astronomical Association of Formentera and AAF treasurer Jordi Alemany.

President Ferrer said Formentera Astronòmica would happen in the island’s low season, 11–13 June. She described it as “a chance for star-loving tourists and local families to enjoy and discover a world of excitement”.

Alessia Comis outlined the family-friendly programme of lectures, night-time expert-led stargazing sessions, VR intergalactic journeys, activities and crafts. She also highlighted a theme dinner under the stars in a special, soon-to-be revealed location.

Organisers have also announced renowned speakers like Imma Aguilar Nàcher, director-general of the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT), and Carlos Briones, researcher at the **Spanish National Research Council** (CSIC), both of whom will be on hand sharing experiences in an informative and accessible way. Speakers will explore questions about the existence of extraterrestrial life, the nature of space debris and fact and fiction in Sci-Fi films. Comis also touted “
El visitant de les estrelles
”, an online drawing contest for children and young people under 20 due to play out on social media.

Santiago Jiménez, for his part, hailed the freshly-created event and the promise of new opportunities it holds for AAF. “We’ll basically try to use the two days we have to explain what makes Formentera’s sky wonderful”.

Details about activities, speakers and signups, as well as the complete Formentera Astronòmica

programme, can be found at https://www.formenteraastronomica.com . Formentera residents benefit from a 50 % discount. Formentera Astronòmica is organised by the Formentera Office of Tourism in association with the Tourist Agency of the Balearic Islands (AETIB).

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