11 February – International Day of Women and Girls in Science

On December 15, 2015, the General Assembly of the United Nations proclaimed **February 11** as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

«To rise to the challenges of the 21st century, we need to harness our full potential. That requires dismantling gender stereotypes. On this International Day of Women and Girls in Science, let's pledge to end the gender imbalance in science». — UN Secretary-General António Guterres

> At present, less than 30 per cent of researchers worldwide are women. According to UNESCO data (2014 – 2016), only around 30 per cent of all female students select STEM-related fields in higher education.
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> Long-standing biases and gender stereotypes are steering girls and women away from science related fields. As in the real world, the world on screen reflects similar biases—the 2015 Gender Bias Without Borders study by the Geena Davis Institute showed that of the onscreen characters with an identifiable STEM job, only 12 per cent were women.

— *More diversity, better science (UN web)*

One more year the **ICAC** gives its support to this cause by collaborating with the **Spanish citizen initiative February 11** and **Divulga Tgn**, an association for scientific dissemination in the area of Tarragona, with whom about 30 researchers will participate in different activities during the week.

With the participation of **Núria Romaní** (02/11, La Cantonada, Tarragona), **Diana Gorostidi** (02/11, Tarragona Radio, Tarragona) and **Mayte Salagaray** (02/14, Biblioteca

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