An archaeological excavation by ICAC-CERCA has identified new sections of a Roman aqueduct within the municipal area of Puigpelat (Alt Camp, Tarragona).

The latest archaeological excavation campaign of the ICAC-CERCA Roman Aqueducts project has allowed the definition of a new section of the route and the determination of the connection between the aqueduct from Pont d'Armentera and the Aqua Augusta aqueduct.

The Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology (ICAC-CERCA), in collaboration with the **City Council of Puigpelat** (Alt Camp, Tarragona), has recently concluded an archaeological intervention focused on the remains of the Roman aqueduct that runs through the municipal area. The purpose of this campaign was to precisely outline the layout and characteristics of an extensive non-visible segment located in the Espous area, south of the population center.

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With a duration of two weeks, the campaign involved the use of specialized personnel and machinery, employed for the opening of trenches and the execution of excavations. Through these efforts, the Roman conduit was identified in relatively good condition in some sections. In other cases, however, the findings were negative.

> The results obtained are enlightening, as they have allowed for the precise definition of the aqueduct’s route through the Espous area, covering a distance of 1 km. Additionally, it has been determined that the connection between the aqueduct from Pont

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d'Armentera and the Aqua Augusta aqueduct is situated further downstream than previously believed, specifically at a point closer to the southern limit of the Puigpelat municipal area.

This archaeological campaign is part of the Roman Aqueducts study project conducted by ICAC-CERCA for several years, under the direction of Dr. **Jordi López Vilar** (MIRMED research group).


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