# The ICAC in a shell, 2022

The ICAC publishes the Activity Report 2022, with a new format that focuses on the synthesis of information and visual presentation of results.

We invite you to explore the summary of activities of the Institute during 2022; from research projects and scientific production to several actions that contribute to the preservation and dissemination of classical archaeological heritage in Catalonia.

We are a research center
located in Tarragona with an
international vocation.

The ICAC is a dynamic and highly active research center, focusing on antiquity both geographically and temporally, encompassing classical and pre-classical societies and cultures of the Mediterranean and European regions.

**2022 has been an extraordinary year for the ICAC**. If one data point had to be highlighted above all, it would undoubtedly be the success in competitive calls for research projects and personnel. This has resulted in a significant increase in research staff, especially postdoctoral researchers, and the number of projects funded through European calls (MSCA from the European Commission), the State Research Agency (I+D, Ramón y Cajal, and Juan de la Cierva), the AGAUR (Investigo program), and the Department of Culture of the Government of Catalonia (quadrennial projects).

> The study of the Ancient world provides us with pleasure and the tranquility of knowing that we are here thanks to the long journey taken over so many centuries. Nothing is eternal. We live in a world in transformation.

In absolute figures, the funding obtained by ICAC personnel through competitive calls exceeds 2 million euros, representing 58.3% of the total budget liquidated from income generated during the year. In 2022, the basic contribution from the Generalitat represented

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only 40.5% of the total budget!

We celebrated the 20th anniversary of ICAC in a positive context of growth, success, and international recognition.

These are extraordinary data both quantitatively and qualitatively, and they gain even more relevance when examining some details: the arrival of a new research professor (R4) ICREA (which also signifies the stabilization of a Ramón y Cajal researcher – R3); the consolidation of two postdoctoral researchers at ICAC (R2) through the Ramón y Cajal program; and the recognition of a total of three consolidated research groups through the Support for Research Groups call from AGAUR (SGR).

**We will continue working to ensure the center's growth is balanced and sustainable**. ICAC is already a mature research center, fully recognized internationally. In November, we passed the periodic evaluation of the institute coordinated by the CERCA institution and obtained a B+ rating, surpassing the B obtained in 2019.

> ICAC has surpassed the 40% funding threshold through competitive calls for the fifth consecutive year.

It is important to highlight that **this activity report introduces a new and refreshed format** compared to previous years. We have worked to provide an attractive design and a clear structure that allows easy access to relevant information. In addition to new features that facilitate document navigation, we have included graphics and infographics to visually present the results of our work in a clearer and more concise manner. These visual resources help us better understand the scope of our activities and the impact we have on the scientific community and society at large.



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Here you will also find information about our advanced training, outreach, transfer, and communication activities, aimed at bringing classical archaeology closer to society and awakening curiosity and interest in young people. We have carried out various actions with the goal of sharing our knowledge with an increasingly broad and diverse audience.

In summary, **the activity report of the Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology is an opportunity to learn about our work, successes, and the challenges we face in the preservation and dissemination of archaeological heritage**. We are proud of the path we have taken and excited to continue working in research and knowledge transfer.

We invite you to explore this renewed activity report and discover firsthand the tasks and contributions of ICAC in the field of classical archaeology. With the hope of continued growth and collaboration with the community, we thank you for your presence and constant support.

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Group photo on the day of the celebration of the 20th anniversary of ICAC (October 2022). Photo: ICAC (CC 4.0).