Ninth Excavation Campaign at València ‘la Vella’ Uncovers New Insights into Late Roman Settlement

The ninth excavation campaign at Valencia “la Vella” has successfully concluded after two weeks of intense work.

On this occasion, a team from the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, led by Dr **Jenny Abura**, collaborated closely with the Late Antiquity team at ICAC to deepen our understanding of the site.

This campaign focused on studying sector 6200, where the structures of a Late Antique building were better defined. It identified two construction phases and a compacted earth floor, offering valuable insights into the configuration of one of the buildings.



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Significant discoveries included a Palestinian amphora of the LRA 4 type, as well as ceramic fragments and coins, shedding new light on the use and occupation of this area in Late Roman times. Ground-penetrating radar studies were also conducted in other areas of the site to improve understanding of the settlement's urban layout.

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One of the campaign's highlights was the institutional visit of the mayor of Riba-roja de Túria, Robert Raga, and the councillor for Tourism and Heritage, Esther Gómez, who welcomed the German team and expressed their gratitude to ICAC for its collaboration. During this visit, Dr. **Josep Maria Macias** (ICAC), project leader, presented the progress and future goals of this long-term research.

> The team wishes to express its gratitude to the professionals and students who made this campaign possible, as well as to the Riba-roja de Túria City Council for its continued support in preserving and promoting this valuable archaeological heritage.

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