

Encarnació Ricart Martí (URV) Appointed Secretary of the ICAC-CERCA Board of Directors

Dr. Encarnació Ricart Martí has been appointed Secretary of the ICAC-CERCA Board of Directors, succeeding our dear colleague **Antoni González Senmartí**, who passed away at the end of March 2024.

The appointment took place at the last **Board of Directors** meeting of the Institute, held (in hybrid format) on June 19, 2024.

Encarnació Ricart is the current **Ombudsperson of the Rovira i Virgili University (URV)**, with a term that began in November 2019 and will complete the established five-year period in November 2024.

Professor of Roman Law, she retired in 2019 with a long career in research, teaching, and management at URV. She was one of the driving forces behind the Faculty of Legal Sciences, the first director of the Department of Law, and the Vice-Rector for Society and Institutional Relations between 2010 and 2014. She has been the principal investigator on 5 projects for the Spanish ministry responsible for universities and has 4 research sexennials, 6 teaching quinquennials, and 3 management merits.

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This June 19 event was also the first Board of Directors meeting of ICAC-CERCA for Dr. **Laia Pellejà Puxeu**, director of the CERCA Institution since March 2024.

Additionally, the Board of Directors approved the **Institute's activity report** (which we will soon publish and disseminate through the usual channels), along with the financial closure of 2023, the anti-fraud measures plan, the renewal of the ethical code, and the new version of the equality plan. The session also served to inform about the actions and strategies for 2024. From ICAC-CERCA, we thank all the Board members for their dedication to this task, the work done, and their contribution to the good governance and functioning of the Institute.



From left to right, Josep M. Puche, Encarnació Ricart, Laia Pellejà, Maria Gradillas, and Josep M. Palet attended the Board of Directors meeting in person at the ICAC-CERCA headquarters on

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About the Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology (ICAC-CERCA)

The **Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology (ICAC-CERCA)** is a **CERCA center** established as a consortium in 2003 by the Government of Catalonia and the Rovira i Virgili University. It is a Catalan institution with an international scope, at the forefront of research and conservation of archaeological heritage. Its headquarters are in Tarragona, a city recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000. Its researchers work to understand the past through the study of archaeological remains and promote the preservation of the historical legacy. We are CERCA!

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