Formentera's office for the elderly reports that 31 January will mark the start of the new round of a local lecture series geared towards islanders over fifty and hosted by the island's "Open University for Seniors" (Universitat Oberta per a Majors, or UOM). The UOM stages the talks across the island in Sant Francesc, Sant Ferran and La Mola in an effort to attract the maximum number of attendees.

The series starts 31 January with a ceremony scheduled to include administration chief Alejandra Ferrer; first vice-president and councillor for the aged Ana Juan; and UOM director Antoni Gamundí.

Consellera Juan encouraged the over-50 set to check the series out, describing subject matter as "a fascinating hodgepodge" and holding up "high-profile speakers" scheduled to lead the talks.

Lectures:
[31 January in Sant Francesc] ***Earth-smart agriculture: managing pests and promoting bees***, with Dr Mar Leza, professor of the biology department at UIB.

[21 February in Sant Ferran] ***Formentera: emigration and exile (19th-20th c.)***, with Dr Santiago Colomar, teacher at Marc Ferrer secondary school.

[13 March in Sant Francesc] ***Formentera history: 550 AD to 1750 AD***, with Dr Antoni Ferrer Abárzuza, historian and researcher.

[3 April in Sant Ferran] ***Unlocking the secret code of sicknesses***, with Dr Cassandra Riera, high school teacher.

[24 April in La Mola] ***La Mola: notes from the modern and contemporary age***, with Felip Cerir, director of the Eivissa-Formentera encyclopaedia.

[8 May in Sant Francesc] ***'Estampes'—imprints from another age and time***, with Antoni "Rota" Marí, retired teacher.

[22 May in Sant Ferran] ***Uncovering the roots of local family names***, with Joan Albert Ribas, philologist.
End of series.

The 5.00pm lectures are held at the Sant Francesc pensioners' and retirees' club, Sant Ferran's social centre for the aged and Casa del Poble in La Mola.

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