



The patrimony office of the Consell de Formentera reports that at 7.00pm this evening, an exhibit of historic Formentera coins known as “the Hilario Serra collection” will take up temporary residence in the Ajuntament Vell exhibition hall. The exceptional display encompasses an array of periods in Formentera's past, from the wave of coins issued from Eivissa (then known as “Ibosim púnica”) in Phoenician times between fourth and first century BCE, to contemporary mints of the western and central reaches of the Mediterranean and coinages issued under Alfonso III and in circulation in the early nineteenth century.

The more than 600-piece collection includes a wealth of Roman coins from the reigns of 48 emperors of the early and late Roman Empire as well as a selection of previously unknown Arab and medieval coins. The series opened the door to realisation of a targeted study in which specialists from each period will participate, including Benjamí Costa (Phoenician coins), Santiago Padrino (Roman coins), Félix Retamero (Arab coins) and Toni Ferrer Abárzuza (medieval, modern and contemporary).

Patrimony councillor Raquel Guasch called the collection “a little taste of what we'll have on hand at Formentera's future museum”.

A joint project of the Eivissa-Formentera Museum of Archaeology (MAEF) and the Consell de Formentera, the exhibit will be open to public visits until 11 October.

The subject will also be discussed at the opening session of this year's Jornades d'Estudis Locals Joan Marí Cardona, a lecture series that runs 7 to 11 October in the conference room of the island's dependent care facility (Centre de Dia). Titled “Coins without people?” (*Monedes sense gent?*

), that session will be led by historian Félix Retamero Serralvo on 7 October.

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Hilario Serra's display of historic Formentera coins débuts today in Ajuntament Vell gallery

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