Formentera's councillor of sport, Jordi Vidal, appeared today in the plenary hall of the Formentera Council to announce details regarding the fourth year of Formentera's triathlon, which is slated for Saturday October 8 in es Pujols. Vidal was joined by his department's staff specialist, Daniel de la Dueña, as well as Núria de la Torre, a representative from Trasmapi, a company that is sponsoring the sports event.

Next Saturday between 220 and 230 triathletes —over 50 more than last year's event— will take part in three trials: olympic, sprint and a group trial. At 2.30pm sprint and group participants will set out on a 750-metre swim in the es Pujols bay, followed by 20 km by cycling ride and, lastly, a 5-km run. Participants of the olympic trial will start at 4.15pm with a 1,500-m swim, then move on to a 40-km bike ride and a 10-km run.

Interested individuals have until Thursday to sign up on the elitechip website, or additionally have the option of registering the Saturday of the event between 9.30am and 1.00pm in es Pujols' plaça d'Europa. Participants' numbers will also be handed out at that time.

Traffic interruptions

Between 2.50 and 7.00pm the road that links es Pujols and la Savina will be closed to traffic up to Ses Illetes. Councillor Vidal presented his apologies to island residents, who will need to use alternate routes during that time.

Vidal also thanked Trasmapi for its sponsorship of the triathlon —included as part of Discover Formentera in October, a bid to attract off-season tourists— for the fourth year running. He also expressed his gratitude to the Guardia Civil, local police and all the other volunteers whose contribution will make the event possible.