

2ND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF EL BORN CCM

**The Rec Comtal: a city mapped by water.
Barcelona, from the 1st-21st century**

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We are pleased to announce that on 15, 16 and 17 March 2018, El Born Centre of Culture and Memory will host the 2nd International Archaeology Symposium at El Born CCM, which aims to promote the study of Barcelona's Rec Comtal.

The Rec Comtal is one of the most important water infrastructures in Barcelona's history. We do not know exactly when it was built, however what we can say is that it has its origins in the first-century Roman aqueduct and remained in operation until 20th century.

Water is a vital element in the development of community life. In this sense, water collection and control has always been one of the main concerns of human communities. Namely, the Romans were great hydraulic engineers and architects who planned and built a substantial network of water-related structures: aqueducts, pipelines, fountains, thermal baths, sewers and so on.

The Rec was an open air canal spanning across 13 km of the city from the Montcada springs to the sea. Various settlements sprang up around this large waterway which now form some of Barcelona's current neighbourhoods, with Rec Comtal passing through five districts of the city. It developed over the course of many political and social changes that left their mark on this region, from the late Middle Ages to the 20th century, when the Rec disappeared as a structure, but not in the community's memory.

The Rec Comtal is just one of many. Various terms and activities enable us to explore it in more detail: water management, agriculture, the economy, employment, urban development, engineering, leisure, heritage, knowledge and so on.

From this perspective, Barcelona City Council is currently working on a project to restore and give value to the Rec. Through the 2nd International Symposium on Archaeology at El Born CCM, we would like to highlight all of the research that has enabled us to understand the Rec Comtal from various perspectives, as a living memory of our past in the present day, as well as a source of knowledge for various fields.

A second newsletter, which will be published in late September, will include the names of some of the speakers and the titles of their presentations.

<http://elbornculturaimemoria.barcelona.cat/simposiarqueologia2018>

Poster presentation

There will be space at the 2nd International Archaeology Symposium at El Born CCM, "El Rec Comtal: a city mapped by water. Barcelona, from the 1st-21st century", for a poster exhibition associated with the Rec Comtal in a broad sense: ranging from architecture and urban planning, to history and archaeology, through signposting, documentation, landscape recovery, dissemination and engineering.

Poster rules

The Scientific Committee of the 2nd International Archaeology Symposium 2018 at El Born CCM will be in charge of selecting the posters for exhibition from all of the proposals received and, from these, the authors who will also be awarded presentation time.

The committee will make its selection from the **briefs submitted to the symposium's technical secretariat**.

Briefs should meet the following requirements:

- **The brief must have a maximum of 1,500 characters (including spaces) in 12 pt Arial.**
- **It must be accompanied by a short CV regarding the author of the presentation, with a maximum of 1,500 characters (including spaces) in 12 pt Arial.**
- **It must be submitted to the technical secretariat by email (ethio@bcn.cat) before 4 November 2017.**

The Scientific Committee will notify all candidates by email before 1 December 2017, about whether or not they have been selected, and whether they will be able to give a presentation on 16 March 2018.