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Last October 6th has been held in the town of Llers (Girona) a Journal Club on "The fire ecology and wildfires regime in landscape management", organized by the Association of Forest Protection Groups Alt Empordà (ADF) and Pau Costa Foundation, with the cooperation of the City of Llers, University of Girona and the University of Barcelona.ⁱ

The aim of the day was to think about the acceptance of the presence of wildfire in the Mediterranean ecosystem and the need for a change in perception from fire prevention to a fire-resistant landscape.

The Journal Club was developed on the territory, in different locations of the scenario burned in the last July wildfire of Jonquera. It has been sought participation of the assistants on the discussion moderated by a group of experts that introduced the various issues that have been debated: land use change, wildfire exclusion policies, severity and recurrence of wildfires, landscape resistant fire regime, coexistence with wildfires, self-protection and finally management and profitability of the forest estate as a tool to prevent wildfires.

It has had the participation of 85 people from very diverse areas; forestry technicians, forestry and biological research experts, extinction services, propriety owners, farmers, mayors, etc., which has contributed to enriching the debate with their contributions.

From the organization, we value this Journal Club as step towards agreement between technicians, professionals and administrators on the need to raise public awareness of what is a reality in our country: we must learn to live with wildfires and integrate them into our landscape, economy and society with a more rational, ordered and controlled policies.



Images of the Journal Club on Biure and Terrades scenarios.

ⁱ Department of Animal Biology, Conservation Biology Group.