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## Agreement of Collaboration with the Agrupació de Colles Geganteres de les Illes Balears

The past day 30 of July, in the city of Barcelona, met Mr. Antoni Oliver, President of the Agrupació de Colles Geganteres de les Illes Balears, and Mr. Jaume Lopez, President of the International Circle of Friends of the Giant Puppets.

The primary reason of the encounter was the one to finish agreeing the different sections contained in the Agreement from Collaboration between both Organizations, by which, among other aspects, are decided to go together in the defense and promotion of the world of the giants, recognizing the International Circle of Friends of the Giant Puppets the Agrupació de Colles Geganteres de les Illes Balears like its referring one in the Islands, while the Agrupació de Colles Geganteres de les Illes Balears recognizes the main Circle like referring of the world of the giants outside its area.

By means of this Agreement existing relations for many years are made official and it is anticipated that from now on the two Organizations will begin to develop those activities that consider advisable for the world of the giants.

With the signature in this Agreement the Circle follows its work of union of the surroundings of the giants and it already has signed Agreements of Collaboration with Organizations of Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Chile, Aragon, Region of Tarragona, Puerto Rico and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Also it has Delegates in the Canary Islands, Germany, Ecuador, Uruguay, Brazil, Colombia, Galicia, Community of Madrid, Argentina, France, Country València i Portugal.

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## Relations with Costa Rica in 2009

The Colegio Universitario de Cartago (Costa Rica) and the International Circle of Friends of the Giant Puppets already are closing the program of activities that they will as much develop during the next year of joint way in our country as in Costa Rica.

First of them one will take place in the second fortnight of the month of June, when regional, local and university authorities of that one country are predicted that they head an expedition that took a groups of giants of Barva de Heredia and Cartago, accompanied by a wild one, in a tour by different localities from Catalonia, as return of the conducted visit, in 2007, by these groups to its localities.

Also in the course of this visit there will be a series of institutional and educational activities whose programming is concluding.

At the end of October and first of November, groups of giants of our country will return to visit Costa Rica and again the fusion between two festive surroundings will take place. Agreeing with this visit will be celebrated in Carthage: "The First Euroamerican Congress of giants, mascaradas and other manifestations of the Popular Culture" (Primer Congreso Euroamericano de gigantes, mascaradas y otras manifestaciones de la Cultura Popular) ; that we are jointly organizing the Colegio Universitario de Cartago and the International Circle of Friends of the Giant Puppets, which will count on the governmental support.



### Program of Activities of the Circle

- Until the 2 of November, in "Centro de Historia" of Saragossa: Exhibition "La Danza de los diferentes Gigantes, cabezudos y otras figuras". It organizes: Area of Culture and Education of the City council of Saragossa.
- 14 of September, in the morning, in Vallgorquina: Act and giant Celebration of presentation of both and the bigheaded one given by the friendly from Costa Rica to the Circle. It organizes: Circle the Friendly International of Gigantes and Geganters de Vallgorquina ([www.geganters.org](http://www.geganters.org)).

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