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AICS has obtained U.S. nation-wide recognition for CATALONIA by obtaining declarations proclaiming the Diada Catalana in September as Catalonia's Nation Day.

AICS will continue its publication of CATALONIA magazine, in spite of the difficult times that the Catalan Cultural organizations struggle with due to the current lack of grants forthcoming from Catalan institutions.

We are excited to bring forth a newly, revised magazine with a staff of award winning writers and collaborators and will feature interesting new sections, including :

Landmarks; Lifestyle; Gastronomy; Art; Music; Literature; History; Travel; Science; Sports; and Women.

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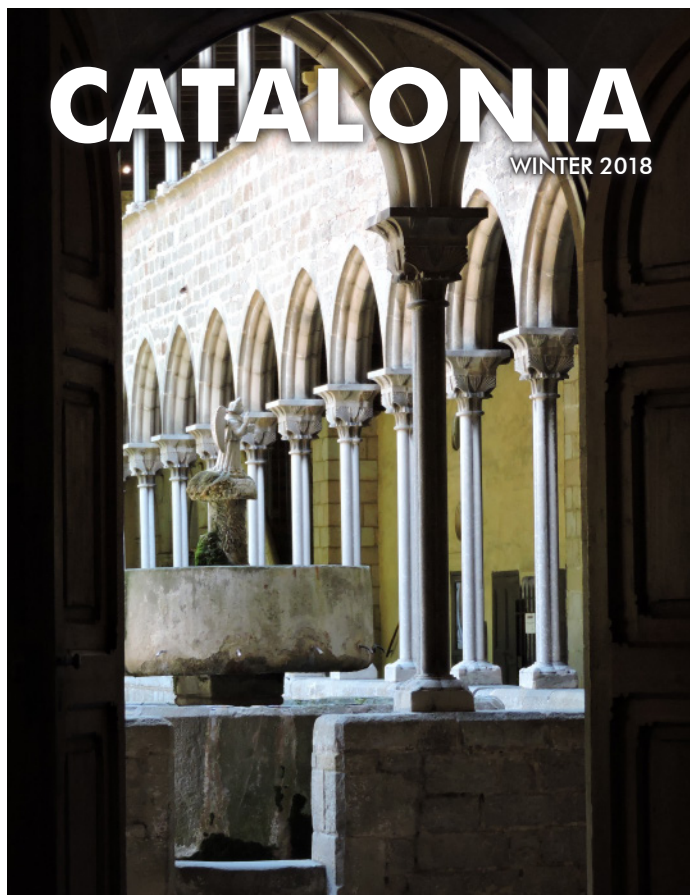
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