



New ambassadors

Grand Duke Niels has appointed 9 new ambassadors, that will represent Flandrensis for a period of 2 years. The function of Ambassador is especially symbolic and the main task of an Ambassador is to assist the Grand Ducal Cabinet with translations, to promote Flandrensis, promote Environmental Awareness and to be committed to the environment and its preservation. Congratulations Everyone!!!!



Name: L. Bosman
Age: 18
Embassy: Chilliwack



Name: F. Cardenas
Age: 47
Embassy: Lima



Name: C. Søndergaard
Age: 59
Embassy: Roskilde



Name: P. Bekaert
Age: 67
Embassy: Saint Cirice



Name: M. Kalter
Age: 47
Embassy: Overath



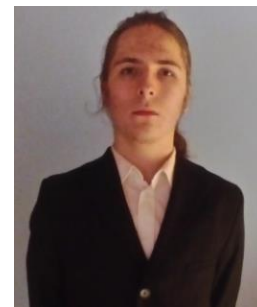
Name: S. Fratinni
Age: 48
Embassy: Livorno



Name: R. Grundy
Age: 40
Embassy: Glossop



Name: G. Korakakis
Age: 41
Embassy: Motala



Name: J. Poplawski
Age: 17
Embassy: Lisewo

After the December publication, we received many applications from non-citizens who wished to be Ambassadors, but Flandrensis is not a place for collectors of micronational titles or positions. So, if you want to represent Flandrensis as an ambassador you can always send your application to the Grand Duke. The conditions are that you've been a citizen of Flandrensis for a minimum of 3 months, you're at least 16 years old, you must live in your country and have no citizenships in other micronations. We look forward to hearing from you!

New ecological charter for micronations?

After the Alcatraz Environmental Accords in 2015 and the ecologic charter between Flandrensis and Aigues-Mortes was signed, Flandrensis took the initiative for the "Micronational Ecologic Charter against Global Warming", a new charter that is open for all micronations in the world to sign. Already there are 38 micronationalists that participate in the discussion for this new charter. They already defined 9 topics: Water conservation, soil conservation, recycling, reducing Co2, green or energy friendly alternatives, local food and personal auto sufficiency, protection of the local fauna, promotion of ecological issues and ethical treatment of live animals. The main goal is to describe small, realistic and easy actions that micronations and their citizens can accomplish. After all, small actions together can make a big difference.

Micronational summit in Luxembourg

The organization "La MicroFrancophony" is organizing a micronational summit in the head capital of the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis... uhm we mean Luxembourg on April 14-15, 2017. After Brussels in 2014 and Aigues-Mortes in 2016 this is the third official meeting of the Francophone micronations. The host of this meeting is Prince Clement of the micronation Surland.



Flandrensis Mania: What is your game?

As a gamer, I'm interested in the story of other people. What turned you into a gamer or even more: a gaming fanatic? I assume that you are one, otherwise you wouldn't be reading this. My first experience was just like so many others, Nintendo. This console offered so much and Super Mario was my first guide. Quickly I switched to PlayStation where I loved the first-person shooter Medal of Honour: hours and hours I spent in front of the TV but still this wasn't enough, so I started with PC games and that changed my life. One of my first games was Age of Empire 2 where I spent not just hours, days, weeks, or months but years of my life. I played that game when I was at home. At school, I talked about it with my friends and during the boring lessons I made plans and strategies. This was only the beginning: from Minecraft to Battlefield



from Shooter to Role Playing; I can't imagine any genre that I didn't play. So, my question to my fellow Flandrensisian gamers: What was your first game addiction, what's your top game and wildcard? Just send your story to the redaction of the Flandrensis Times and maybe we will publish your game experience.

Prime Minister Hein of Giddis: who is the man behind the Grand Duke?

Since 2008 Hein of Giddis has been the Prime Minister of Flandrensis. He is the right hand and the back-up of Grand Duke Niels. If something happens with the head of state he will replace him temporarily and have access to his passwords, e-mails, documents, computer, etc. and manage the finances. Therefore, it's important that the Prime Minister lives near the Grand Duke and is someone who he trust. But more and more citizens don't know him, therefore the Flandrensis Times asked the second man of Flandrensis some questions.

You have been in charge since the foundation of Flandrensis, so you have experienced the complete development of Flandrensis from political to cultural and later into ecologic. What achievement are you the proudest of? And what do you miss from the past?

I'm the proudest that I was part of Flandrensis since the beginning. But I miss the political simulation in Flandrensis because for me it was part of our culture and it shaped Flandrensis.



You're not active in the online community of Flandrensis, therefore some consider you as the Prime Minister of only the "Belgian Flandrensisians". Is there a reason why you're not online active?

The main reason why I'm not active online is because I consider Facebook chaotic. I can't spend a lot of time on the computer so it is very difficult to follow and keep up with so many reactions on different topics. That doesn't mean that I'm not interested. The Grand Duke keeps me very well informed about everything in Flandrensis and I try to assist him with good advice.

Since 2008 you missed only one cultural activity and you were present at all meetings. So, you're very active in the real-life community of Flandrensis. Therefore, most the Flandrensisians don't see your achievements. Can you give some examples?

I'm a team player, that means that all achievements are accomplished in group and not by me individually: since we formed our first constitution until what Flandrensis is today and will be in the future.

In other words: you're literally the man behind the Grand Duke. Do you have some personal message for all 423 citizens?

Thank you for joining Flandrensis and supporting our project. Thank you to everyone who has helped and Thank you to our over 1,000 Followers!

The Weather



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- 35 C°



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- 35 C°



Maher Island
- 35 C°

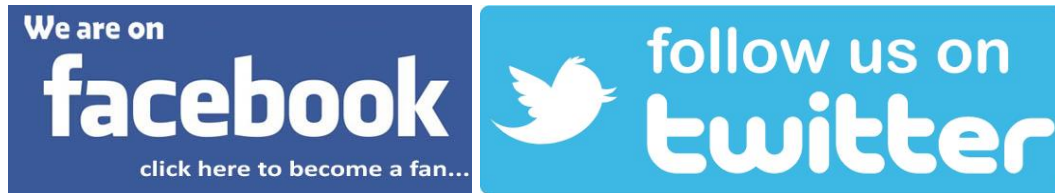


Pranke Island
- 35 C°



Cherry Island
- 35 C°

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Job Vacancy: new Grand Ducal Cabinet

In March the Grand Ducal Cabinet celebrates one year so it's time to re-open all positions because every citizen has the right to send his/her candidacy in for the next year. The Grand Duke already sent an evaluation to all current members of the Cabinet and he was very satisfied: "Since 2008 this was one of the most stable governments I've had and I'm very happy with all your help and commitment".

For the new Cabinet the positions available are:

Minister of Media &

communication: To tell the Flandrensisian story and spread our mission communication is very important. The Minister is responsible for the communication strategy, promotion and is the CEO of the Flandrensis Times.

Minister of Antarctic affairs, environment & climate change:

The problems of global warming and climate change are central components of the Flandrensisian agenda. The Minister promotes the importance of the white continent and develops the Flandrensisian policy on Antarctica.

Secretary of National

Happiness: This Minister is dedicated to "putting a smile on every face". It is important that our citizens are proud to be part of Flandrensis, that they are satisfied with the government and feel welcomed and appreciated in our community.

Secretary of Foreign Affairs:

The Secretary of Foreign Affairs advises the Grand Duke in diplomatic relations with micronations. One is specialized in Western micronations and the other in Eastern micronations, but both are a team that assist the Grand Duke.

Minister of Justice, Human Rights, Diversity: Flandrensis is a worldwide community with a huge diversity on sexuality, gender, religion, etc. and we're proud of that. This Minister investigates intolerant behaviour like racism or illegal activities that could damage the reputation of Flandrensis (in Flandrensis but also in our foreign policy)

Minister of Internal Affairs:

When the Prime Minister is the right hand of the Grand Duke, this one is the left hand. This Minister assists the Grand Duke with the development of Flandrensis on any level.

Secretary of Heraldry: Inspired by medieval heraldry, this art form has become an important element of the Flandrensisian culture and traditions. Every citizen has the right to his / her own personal coat of arms. The Secretary assists the Royal Family with new designs or with updates of existing symbols.

Secretary of National Safety:

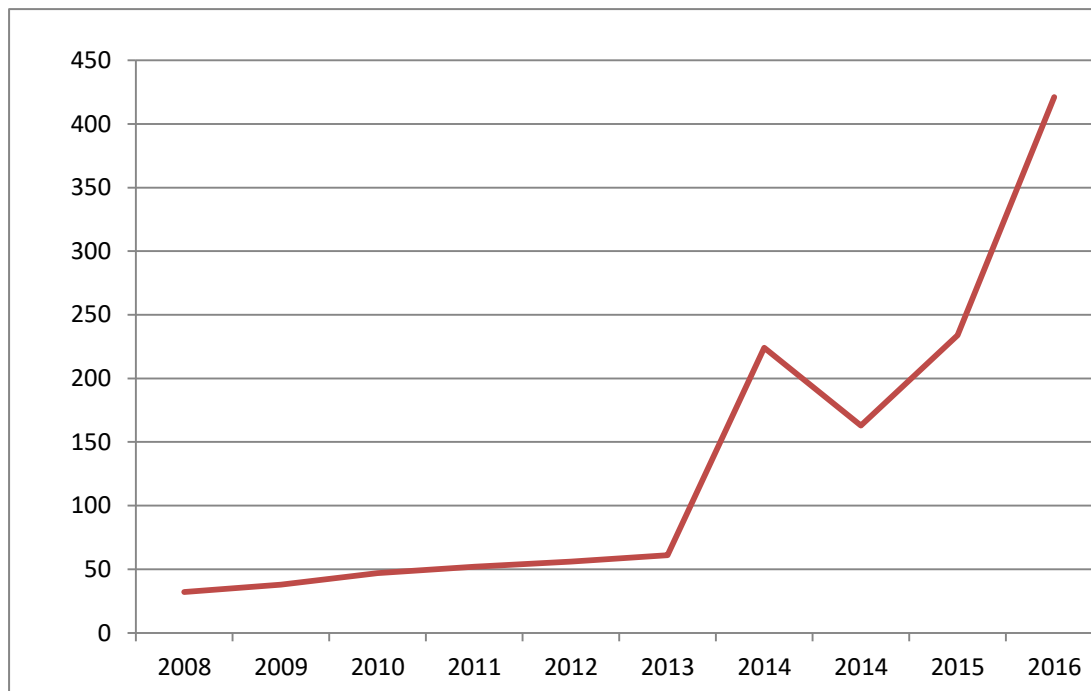
Flandrensis follows the principles of eternal neutrality. Still some people have hostile feelings toward Flandrensis, some immature micronationalists create fake identities to join other micronations, etc. This secretary protects the neutrality and integrity of Flandrensis.

Minister-without-portfolio:

The Grand Duke can appoint some citizens as member of his Cabinet based on their qualities, dedication and talents.

Flandrensis: a worldwide community!

2016 was an amazing year for Flandrensis, in one year Flandrensis almost doubled its number of citizens. Some numbers: 423 people, 52 nationalities, 33% females, 47% Anglophone speakers, 140 Americans, ... But from where did that huge interest in the Grand Duchy come from? The answer: the "Greatest International Scavenger Hunt the World Has Ever Seen" (GISHWHES), a 7-time Guinness World Record breaking scavenger hunt hosted by actor Misha Collins. One of the 180 tasks were to join one of the countries with the smallest number of citizens without having to pay for it, and so Flandrensis has had the honour of welcoming almost 200 new citizens and if the website didn't crash it would be probably more.



May we dream the same success for 2017? Let us stay realistic. Micronationalism remains an unknown phenomenon, still several hobby-micronations get mentioned in international press because of their hard work and enthusiasm. However, most media only give attention to micronations with a fancy story or in other words: imposters who fake all their information to have attention or those who profit from other people... fraud and scamming are not our trademark. But let us hope to reach the historic number of 500 Flandrensisians at the end of 2017!

Interview with a Flandrensisian: Silvia Fratini (Italy)

Silvia, can you describe for the readers of our newspaper what your short life time goals are?

I already live two years in Belgium and have been studying Dutch. I only recently started a job (temporary) but still must take some little steps in my professional career

Great! How did you end up in Belgium?

I married the love of my life, who accidently appeared to live in Belgium.

How did you two lovebirds come in touch with each other?

We already were friends on Facebook and met each other a few times in person and so, we fell in love.

And of course, THE QUESTION! How did you come in touch with Flandrensis?

I was on vacation in Alcatraz (Umbria). At the same time, there was a micronational conference in Alcatraz and so I discovered Flandrensis. Since I was young, I shared the same passion for Antarctica as Flandrensis does.



Interesting! Which city would you like to visit in Belgium? Or which city do you like the most?

I would like to visit Bruges; I've never been there but I'm a great fan of Antwerp. It has a unique atmosphere and is modern and vintage at the same time.

Which song, would you like to wake up to every morning?

'Enjoy the Silence', Depeche Mode. When I'm a little tired this song gives me the right energy to keep going.

Sweet choice! Doesn't the weather in Belgium bother you too much?

Hahaha, No! It's a question a lot of people ask me, but I lived for 17 years in a small village in the mountains of Italy, it's much colder than in Belgium and, maybe hard to believe, but there was also more rain in Italy where I lived then here.

**Ready for a little game, Silvia?
Ryan Gosling or Matteo Simoni?**

Without any doubt, Ryan Gosling!

Cinema or Restaurant?

I'm currently on a diet, so you may assume Restaurant!

Men with a beard or without a beard?

Without a beard! And with long trousers, no shorts!

Polar Bear or Penguin?

Oooh, this is a difficult one! Both isn't possible?

You get a bonus, both is perfect!

Christmas or New Year's Eve?

Christmas! Because of the delicious Italian cuisine on Christmas!

If you had to describe yourself as an ice cream flavor, which one would it be?

Stracciatella, a little bitter, a little sweet, so am I!

To end this interview, what do you wish Flandrensis for the future?

I hope we can send a message with Flandrensis and make more people aware of the problem of global warming.

Earth's protector

Nature,
In all its pride and glory
moving, like a purple rose
In a field of clovers

All that glory will soon be shattered
Under humans and their false regime
We think that we are born as rulers
Where we fail as earth's protector

Yet a soothing silence at the event horizon
lays waiting before the impending storm
And as blinding throughout the ages
Begins the downfall of men

Time will show what the future holds
If mother earth will once be saved
Or if it will perish like grains of sand
That gently slips through silken hands

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Sudoku

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Flandrensisisscopia

In this edition of Flandrensisisscopia we discuss the fate of the people who were born during the months January and February. We welcome our Italian medium Diétro Derridizzchi to do the job.



- Ram Indeed, school results aren't what you expected, but don't let it bother you too much, follow your heart
- Bull Stop pushing around your loved ones. Time to take their beliefs and concerns more serious. When you start listening a pleasant surprise will come your way!**
- Twins If your girlfriend/boyfriend has the flu...STOP KISSING! You will get sick when she's cured. Afterwards, she gets sick when you're cured! It won't stop!
- Fish Time to buy a bigger cage for your pet! Don't you think?**
- Lion For the men: Start growing your hair, women are crazy about these new hairstyles. For the women: Stop shortening your hair! Yeah, it's practical, yeah, you spend less time in the morning getting ready, but don't believe your partner when they say: 'Hmm, beautiful'. They only say it to not hurt your feelings! All they want is your long girly hair to play with while you sleep.
- Virgin Your life's going great! But the universe sees one danger for you, backstabbers...watch out!**
- Scale Since you've done nothing rare over the last weeks, please, start a hobby, go to an event. Your housemates are tired of stories about your work.
- Scorpion Tinder is not going to help you to find your soulmate. Time for the old-fashioned way! Offer someone a drink!**
- Sagittarius For the smokers: Do you honestly think you can stop tomorrow??
For the non-smokers: Help your (girl)friend realizing he's addicted!
- Capricorn How long has it been you told someone in your family there important to you? Hmm...? I rest my case.**
- Aquarius I feel for your liver, give it some rest if you want to see 2020.
- Lobster Wear gloves during the month February when you go out, when you fall you won't bruise your hand.**

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