



New royal baby in Flandrensis

The Grand Ducal family of Flandrensis is very pleased to announce that Grand Duchess Delphine gave birth to a boy on September 16th, 2017, – the same date as their first child - at the Jan Yperman hospital (Belgium).

The Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Flandrensis have named their son Joppe. He weighed 3,850 kg, and the Grand Duke of Flandrensis was present for the birth, “Her Royal Highness and child are both doing well”, he said.

The baby will be known in Flandrensis as His Royal Highness Prince Jakob de Saint Gilliens, Duke of Cherry.

Prince Ferdinand is very proud on his little brother: the best birthday gift ever!



9 years Flandrensis: speech from the Grand Duke



On September 4th, 2017, we celebrated Flandrensis Day for the 9th time! Like every year, the Grand Duke gave a small speech on Flandrensis TV with a summary of the past year.

In his speech our Grand Duke used a lot of numbers: We have 447 citizens from 52 different nationalities, 47% of them have English as their first language. The biggest group in our community are the Americans with 145 people, followed by the Belgians with 86 citizens. And comparing to many micronations we have many female citizens, 33%!

Furthermore, our Facebook page has 1.167 likes

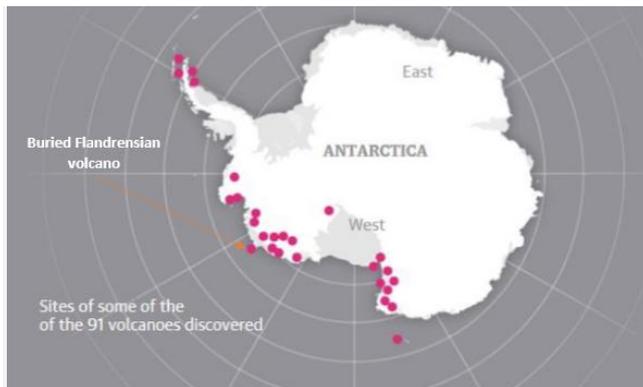
and 126 citizens are members of our Facebook group. And the last fact: our newspaper The Flandrensis Times has around 1.500 readers each edition. More information, watch the complete speech [here](#).



New volcano in Flandrensis!

On September 7th, 2017, The Department of Antarctic affairs, environment & climate change published a report of negative effects on recent Antarctic discoveries in Flandrensis territory.

Flandrensis has one active volcano on Siple Island (Mount Siple). Recently scientists discovered 91 buried potentially active volcanoes below the Antarctic ice sheet, including one on Cherry Island. The unnamed volcano is currently covered by up to 2km of ice, maintaining a pressure in the hundreds of megatons on its cap. As ice melts by global warming, the pressure is progressively diminishing, which could in the long run, lead to unstable volcanic activity. The fauna and flora of our islands is in an even more precarious situation than we believed up to this day.

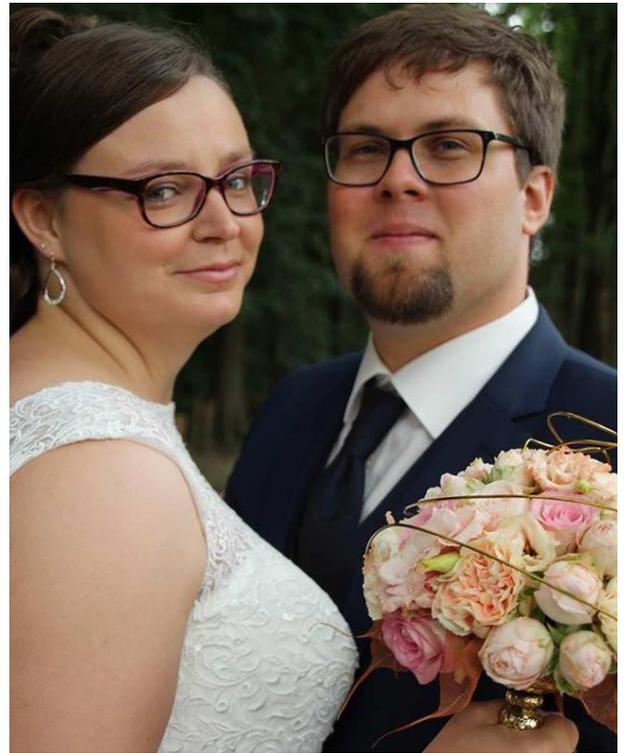


Message from Minister Brewer-Bunnell

The week of 14th September was the Suicide Prevention Week and I wanted to make sure that I stopped in to our lovely micronation to extend the "if you need help, someone to talk to or a place to turn" then please know that there are resources. If you need help getting in touch with those resources, I would be glad to help!

Congratulations!

Prime Minister Hein of Giddis and formal Minister of Finances & Economy Countess Gwendolien de Loungville finally got married on July 1st, 2017!



And Count Bekhruzbeq Ochilov, secretary of State gave his "yes" to Julia Drucka-Lubecka on September 13th, 2017. Congratulations to the Happy Couples, we wish you both the Very Best!!!



Visits at the Embassy in Belgium

On August 9th, 2017, our embassy was visited by a delegation from the Empire of Angyalistan. Photographer Thibaut Plaire will travel from France to Mongolia in a mobile home together with his wife and baby, we want to wish him well with Project Horizon.



On August 8th, 2017, our embassy was visited by Loïc Thaler, a student from the School of Arts Brussels. He interviewed our Grand Duke about Flandrensis and micronationalism for his graduation project. This is the 3rd time that Flandrensis has helped out students.



The Weather



Siple Island
- 35 C°



Carney Island
- 35 C°



Maher Island
- 35 C°



Pranke Island
- 35 C°



Cherry Island
- 35 C°

New foreign policy

Since August 8th, 2017, Flandrensis has held a two Tier Bilateral Cooperation treaty system.

Tier 1: A Treaty of Mutual Friendship, in 6 months Flandrensis will evaluate the development and corporation of the other micronation. After positive advice from the Cabinet, the treaty will be upgrade into Tier 2.

Tier 2: A Treaty of Friendship & Mutual Recognition. Recognizes a micronation as a serious and long-time partner in the micronational world. This also means that the micronation is aligned with our basic micronational policies with regards to ecology, and a peaceful and amicable foreign policy.

Furthermore, when a micronation offers diplomatic relations to Flandrensis, they must demonstrate that their state has existed actively for at least one year (instead of 6 months) and has not drastically changed their form of governance in the last 6 months from date of application. The micronation must renounce war as an instrument of foreign policy and prove that the micronation is active outside the internet.

Sudoku

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2				4	8			
	3			1	2	6		
	8		7	2	9	4	1	
	5		2	6				
	2	8		9	4	1		
	7	9	1		8	5	3	

Cartoon

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"Most of us fall in love and get engaged, but nobody ever gets married. Cold feet!"

To Be an Equal: a day in the life of Michelle

Te Cuidas...En Dos (o Mas) Idiomas: I read an article once about a man coping with his wife's mental breakdowns and how she would switch languages whenever she became depressed. I remember thinking "Wow! I can relate!" and not really understanding that there were people who suffered in only one language. I mean, obviously it's entirely acceptable and completely normal to use the language you are comfortable with and fluent in to express yourself.

For me, bilingualism is a tip off that I'm about to become depressed. Think of it like listening to the radio. When you're happy, you listen to songs about fun and happy times. When you're sad, like when you're getting over a break up, you listen to sad songs, songs you can cry to and scream at. But my "playlists" turn to a whole different language. Don't get me wrong, I love being able to use multiple languages in a general setting. It helps me professionally, it gives me access to other cultures and some excellent foods. But when my heart is breaking, when the deep clouds of depression are hovering, my own language fails to live up to my needs. English leaves something to be



desired. I notice the change very abruptly. Instead of involving myself casually in another language, I will switch entirely from English into the other one. My music will become entirely Latinx, for example. Or I will only read in Cyrillic. Sometimes it will be a little more gradual and I'll switch my recipes to all Kenyan, then start writing myself notes in Swahili. And then I will refuse to speak in English, I'll write my grocery list in something else and I will immerse myself in this entire other state of being. It is then that I realize I need to double-down for some self-care time and take care of myself. When I start pulling out of my depression, I can go back to enjoying those same activities, but without the despair that anti-manía brings. Those extra cultures give me a safe place to go so I can start to heal.

In the realm of mental health and self-care, it's common to hear about things to look out for: an increase in impulsive behaviour for manía, apathy for depression, paranoia for psychotic episodes and more. Physical symptoms take a forward presence in your overall health, the life-threatening symptoms next and then the ongoing symptoms. Signs you're about to enter a "danger zone" come in lists, self-help articles and off-handed comments. But it's much harder when no one talks about potential tip offs that aren't as common-but still just as serious.

When I was learning other languages, I was told that they would be keys to a door. I didn't ask what that door would look like because I thought it was "to other cultures". It turns out, it was a door to self-expression and the way I know I need to prepare myself for the pending breakdown.

Whatever your tip offs, you shouldn't doubt yourself. And you should always invest in your own self-care. You know yourself best.

Inactive micronations

Just like in 2015 the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis organized an activity census amongst recognized micronations. We regret to inform that 42 micronations didn't react or are disbanded. This means that from the 178 micronations who signed a treaty with Flandrensis, 123 of them don't exist anymore! Main reason for inactivity are the small number of active citizens and the balance between school, work or family with micronationalism. The complete list of recognized and inactive micronations is published on the Flandrensian website.

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In this edition of Flandrensisiscopia, sadly our Italian medium Diéto Derridizzchi saw nothing in our futures for August-October this year. Hopefully, our Holiday Season will look brighter.



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