**MicroCon 2017**

On 23, 24 and 25 June 2017 XL the Republic of Molossia was honored to participate in the second major intermicronational get-together and conference, MicroCon 2017. Hosted this year by the Kingdom of Ruritania, MicroCon is a meet-up of micronationalists from around the world. The evening before the event began many micronationalists gathered at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Ruritania for a diplomatic reception. This allowed the leaders of the assembled nations to gather socially, exchange ideas and generally get to know each other. Most micronationalists come from locales far from each other and the opportunity to meet and greet at the Embassy was a welcome one.

The conference proper began the following day at the Tucker Reid H. Cofer Library, in Tucker Georgia, and from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm, delegates from 26 micronations gathered to share their ideas, dreams and worlds with each other. Throughout the day presentations were given on a wide variety of micronational topics, ranging from micronational citizenship, sustainment, territorial versus non-territorial... (Continued on Page 2)
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state models, micronational currency and postage, micronation constitutions and history, the mental state of the iconic Emperor Norton (as well as our own mental states) and even the danger of squirrels. Breaks were taken, including lunch, to allow time for networking and socializing - and of course many photo-ops in front of each nation’s information display. The media was also in attendance, including Vice Television, a delegation from the Republic of Saugeais and of course stalwart micronational photographer Matt Roth. After an all too brief five and a half hours the conference adjourned and the delegates departed to prepare for the evening’s event, the MicroCon Gala.

The MicroCon Gala was a semi-formal ball, arranged as a soirée following the convention. Attendees arrived at Maggiano’s Little Italy restaurant in the Perimeter Mall at 7:30 PM, dressed in their finery for an evening of dining and hobnobbing. After a magnificent dinner, awards were presented by various micronational leaders to their peers and associates. Among the presenters were Grand Duke Travis of Westarctica, the Prince and Princess of Aigues-Mortes, The King of Slabovia, The President and First Lady of Molossia, and Prince Arthur of Homestead. His Excellency, The President was honored to receive the Pink Flamingo from Aigues-Mortes, the Order of Slabovia from Slabovia and both The President and First Lady received the Distinguished Micronational Service Medal from the House of Homestead. Following the awards ceremony dining and socializing continued until the evening wound down and each leader and their party took their leave. Thus ended this year’s MicroCon event. MicroCon 2017 was an even greater one than the first event in 2015 and the next MicroCon is already being planned for Toronto in 2019. Until then the memories of this remarkable MicroCon will remain with all for a very long time!
Ourania State Visit

On 17 June 2017 XL, His Majesty King Immanuel X of the Kingdom of Ourania visited Molossia for the first State Visit between our two nations. Ourania’s current base is in Las Vegas, with additional claims on La Encarnacion and San Juan Bautista Islands in the Pacific. His Majesty arrived at 10:39 AM MST and was immediately escorted to Republic Square, where Ourania’s flag was raised alongside that of Molossia. Subsequent to the playing of both nations' national anthems, His Excellency awarded Molossia's Friendship Medal to the King, customary for visiting Heads of State. King Immanuel X presented The President with a variety of unique gifts from his nation. Following the ceremony, The President, First Lady and Chief Constable took His Majesty on a tour of Molossia, accompanied by a small group of tourists, visiting from Las Vegas. During the tour the group saw all the sights of our nation. Following the tour our other guests bid farewell to Molossia as they returned to their homes, and King Immanuel X sat down with His Excellency in the Office of the President to discuss micronational matters, especially regarding the development of Ourania. Thereafter, His Majesty departed Molossia, thus ending a successful diplomatic meeting, a milestone for both of our great nations.

In Other News...

In the wake of US President Trump’s ill-advised and unfortunate decision to withdraw his nation from the Paris Climate Agreement, Molossia nevertheless remains committed to climate change action and pledges not only to strive mightily to reduce carbon emission in our own nation but also to work with others for the betterment of the environment.

The Transhumanist Party Recognizes Molossia

The United States Transhumanist Party includes as a part of its party platform recognition of the sovereignty of the Republic of Molossia, Sealand and Liberland.

Section XXII of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Platform reads: “The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts at political, economic, and cultural experimentation in the form of seasteads and micronations. Specifically, the United States Transhumanist Party recognizes the existence and sovereignty of the Principality of Sealand, the Republic of Molossia, and the Free Republic of Liberland, and supports the recognition of these entities by all governments and political parties of the world.”
Hello Friends! July, yes July, is upon us! Boy, time flies when you're having fun and here in Molossia we have been having a ball! Our family went on vacation to Atlanta, Georgia last week and we were able to see many sites including the Georgia Aquarium, Kennesaw Mountain and Stone Mountain but most importantly we attended the most regal meet up of the year, MicroCon 2017!

What a treat to be surrounded by great leaders who share the same vision as you do. We met so many fantastic individuals and were able to collaborate, share ideas and comments on each other's countries and ways of life. Just having the chance to be around everyone and feeling all of their excitement really reenergized our passion for Molossia and sparked many ideas for our nation. I think I can speak for most people at MicroCon when I say that the friendships that were formed over these last two conventions are irreplaceable and add such value and depth to not only our lives but to our nations as well. If you ever have the chance to attend a MicroCon convention you will not regret it. We walked away from this weekend with new ideas, new friendships and a new found vigor for life in our small but mighty country.

Thank you all and until next time…

Find the passion that reenergizes you!

~Adrianne