

MicroCon 2022 Press Packet

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LEADERS OF UNRECOGNIZED STATES TO CONVERGE IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Micronation conference expected to draw over 100 “world leaders”

Kings, presidents, barons, and grand dukes — all members of unrecognized countries known as micronations will attend MicroCon 2022, a biennial conference hosted by the Grand Duchy of Westarctica, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Attendees will give presentations, and feature displays with coins, banknotes, flags, stamps, and medals.

Represented nations include: the Grand Duchy of Westarctica, the Royal Republic of Ladonia, the Republic of Molossia, and the Empire of Slabovia, among many others. The main conference activities will occur in the Ponderosa Ballroom at Sam's Town Hotel and Casino from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, on Saturday, 6 August 2022. There will also be a formal gala ball on Saturday evening from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. Members of the press are invited to attend both events.

The conference attendees will be appearing in full ceremonial regalia, complete with medals, sashes, uniforms, and crowns (or tiaras). As “world leaders,” they dress to impress their fellow micronationalists, making MicroCon 2022 equal parts theater and international politics. Attendees will be granting interviews with the press and are happy to pose for photographs.

For more information, please visit: www.microcon2022.com

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What is MicroCon?

MicroCon is a conference of micronationalist government representatives, held biennially in odd years since 2015. MicroCon was first created by President Kevin Baugh of the Republic of Molossia as a venue for delegates of micronations around the world "to share their ideas, dreams and worlds with each other." Leadership of the conference has since expanded into a committee who rotate hosting duties across the continent.

Previous events have been held in: Anaheim, California (2015), Atlanta, Georgia (2017), and Hamilton, Ontario (2019). The 2021 event in Las Vegas was postponed due to concerns with Covid-19 restrictions, which make travel difficult for international attendees. Because Las Vegas is a major tourist destination, MicroCon 2022 is anticipated to be the largest gathering of micronationalists the world has ever seen with over 100 attendees from around the world.

What is a Micronation?

A micronation, sometimes referred to as a model country or new country project, is an entity that claims to be an independent nation or state but is not generally recognized by world governments or major international organizations.

Micronations are distinguished from imaginary countries and from other kinds of social groups (such as eco-villages, campuses, tribes, clans, and sects) by expressing a formal and persistent, even if unrecognized, claim of sovereignty over some physical territory.

Micronations are also distinct from true secessionist movements; micronations' activities are almost always peaceful enough to be ignored rather than challenged by the established nations whose territory they claim.

There are hundreds of micronations around the world operating at varying levels of seriousness. Some, like the Republic of Molossia are "backyard countries," created with a tongue-in-cheek, but treated like a real country that you can visit. Others, like the Empire of Slabovia, exist only in the hearts and minds of its citizens, but have robust social activities.

About Westarctica

Westarctica was founded in 2001 by Travis McHenry, an American author, while he was serving in the United States Navy. The micronation lays claim to 1/8th of the continent of Antarctica and administers this region, known as Marie Byrd Land, as an independent country, issuing stamps, coins, and banknotes.

In 2014, Westarctica was incorporated as a non-profit environmental charity devoted to preserving and protecting Western Antarctica. In 2018, it was granted federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The micronation currently has over 2,300 citizens and an advisory board that includes multiple PhDs. www.westarctica.info and www.westarctica.org

MicroCon 2019

Hamilton, ON CANADA - July 19 - 21, 2019 - Hosted by Slabovia



Conference attendees at MicroCon 2019 in Hamilton, Ontario - Photo courtesy Slabovia



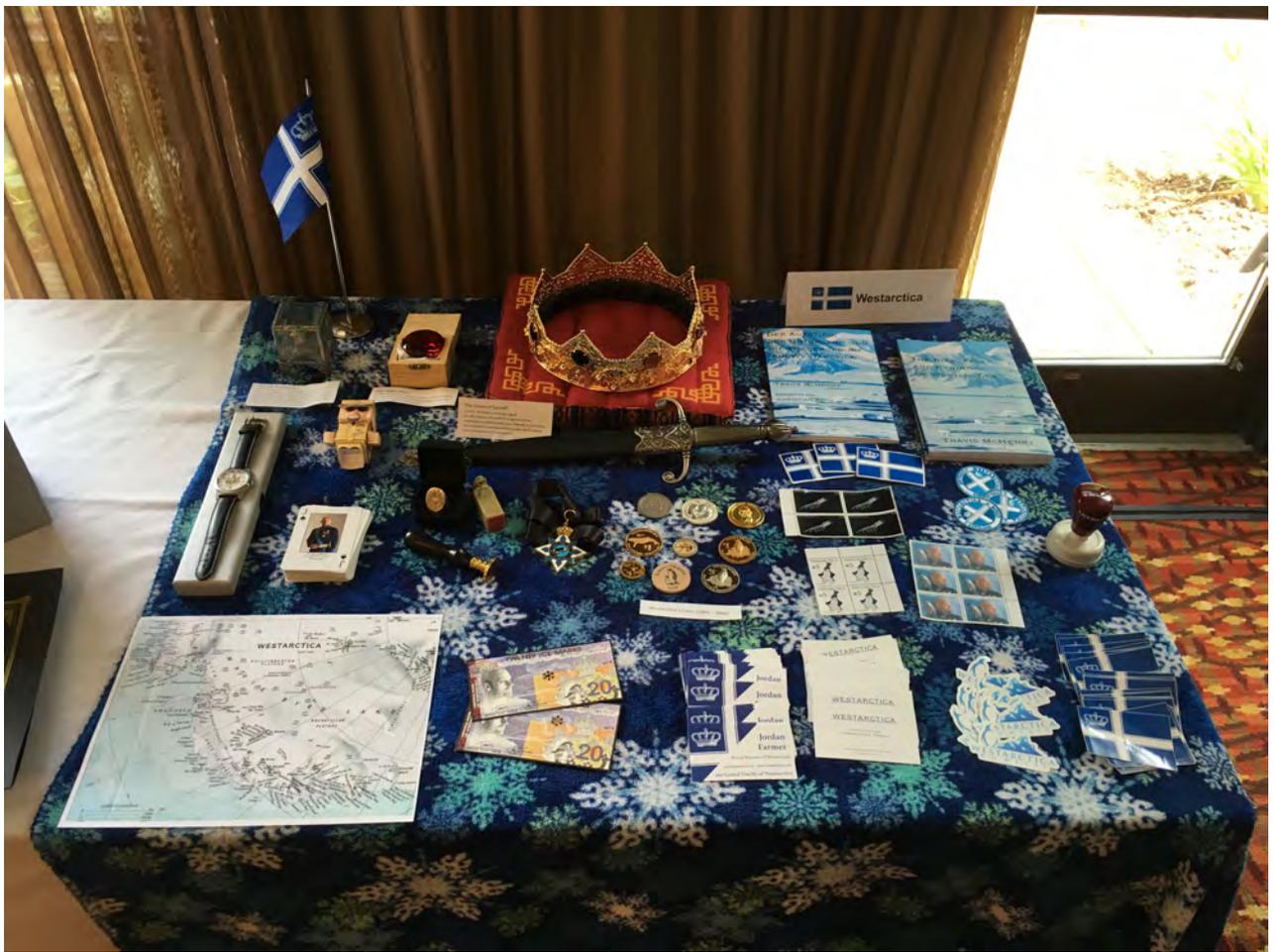
Grand Duke Travis of Westarctica speaking at MicroCon 2019 - Photo courtesy Westarctica



Grand Duke Travis of Westarctica, President Kevin Baugh of Molossia, and Chancellor Rankin MacGillivray of Slabovia attending a reception at the Embassy of Ruritania near Atlanta, Georgia during MicroCon 2017. Photo courtesy Westarctica.



Conference attendees at MicroCon 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia - Photo courtesy Westarctica



Display table at MicroCon 2019 in Hamilton, Ontario - Photo courtesy Westarctica



Prince Christopher Beyette, President Kevin Baugh, Grand Duke Travis, Prince Aurthur, and Commodore Jonathan Miller outside the Chinese Theater in Hollywood, California during MicroCon 2015 - Photo credit: Matt Roth