

2018 Open Talossalympic Games

The newly-established (unofficial) Talossan Olympic Committee has announced beginning of the 2018 Open Talossalympic Games. Everyone is encouraged to participate! Engage in games of mind with your compatriots!



The first Talossalympics are going to be a testing ground for future annual events of this kind. There's no hurry here: there's plenty of time for everyone to be registered (because activity levels are now quite low, this is expected to take from one to three months) and then the Games will start and proceed until the last set of medals finds its' home!

What games are going to be played? Well, since Talossa isn't eligible to participate in real Olympics (yet) and doesn't have an ability to engage in real-life sports (yet), the intellectual or near-intellectual games will be played that both have a nature rooted in reality and can be played online. This includes board games such as chess, checkers and Go, card games such as Poker, even change games such as Rock-Paper-Scissors (this is going to be fun!). Also, traditional Talossan games such as Talossopolia and Talossan Fantasy Football are expected to be played. TOC really hopes there's enough people to participate! Another expected discipline is RISK, of which there has already been a failed attempt. New rules will need to be established, so that the medals could be properly played.

If there's enough interest, Battleship and Online Curling will be included in the schedule. If the Games prove successful, the next event can be a bigger one: Talossa could invite participants from micronations, unrecognized nations, or even UN nations if the event is advertised. That could be an awesome instrument of both bringing activity to Talossa and letting people know about its' existence and affairs.

You can register for participation in the Talossalympics in the special thread on Witt or by contacting TOC head, your friend Alèxandreu Soleighlfred.

Cézembre: Maps and Symbols

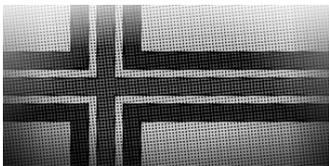


Sometimes the provincial Sénéchal of Cézembre, whom some people know as Alèxandreu Soleighlfred, gets preoccupied with petty things in his province, because everything else works just perfectly!

This time he looked at the provincial flag and had a sudden realization: the flag is *absolutely identical* to that of the french region of Brittany! Now, that's valid and obvious that there's cerain Brezhoneg heritage in Cézembre that has to be preserved. But the flag of Benito, for instance, isn't full copycat of the Italian flag. Everything in Talossa is it's own and original, but that the Cézembrean flag simply went untinkered is weird.

Quite obviously, Cézembrean flag is awesome even as it is. But Sénéchal made a call to at least consider revamping it. His idea consists of changing eleven ermine-spots to two ermine-spots and a crown, to reflect that Cézembre is a crown territory. Two ermine-spots are meant to symbolize two cantons: Zoneu Intredit and Zoneu Auporisat. As of now there was no reaction yet to this proposal.

Another proposal, though, had a vivid support from our newest citizen, Thor Deyaert. He, as an aspiring archaeologist, wants to practice in map-making: expect a joint effort in clarifying Cézembrean borders and topography!



Maricopa Cabana

Composition still unclear

As far as Zoneu Auporisat understands, rules on provincial assembly composition are rather lax in Maricopa. For instance, Cabana consists of Cleivi, an assembly where anyone can participate and there's no strict rule on how many seats there are, and a Premier, the Leader of the Cleivi, who must be either re-elected or elected anew each Cosa.

The thing is, a new Premier can be elected at any time, so the leader of the current Cleivi, S:reu Bénédictsch Ardpresteir, stands in position as of now.

This January, though, the Call to the Cabana has been made and there are candidacies. Citizens who experssed their wish to serve in Cabana as members of Cleivi (so-called «soft» seats) include: Bénédictsch Ardpresteir, O.SPM., Sir C. M. Siervicül, Pon Txoteu É. Davinescu, Munditenens Tresplet, Danihel Txechescu.

S:reu Ardpresteir and S:reu Davinescu are also to compete for the Premier seat. However, things were very quite recently and it is unclear when the elections are to happen.

Meet Our New Citizen

Thor Deyaert

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The Kingdom of Talossa and la Provinci Soveran de Cézembre both welcome our newest citizen: Thor! Zoneu Auporist decided to continue our good tradition of interviewing people who either are aspiring to become Talossans, or have just found their Talossan home.

ZA: It took a lot of time for your citizenship to be ratified! It's a systematic glitch which happens sometimes, so no worried about this. What do you feel now that you've become a Talossan?

THOR: I am happy that I can finally call myself a proud citizen of Talossa, I have been looking forward to it for a few months now.

ZA: You are interested in politics, so am I. What do you think about the political system of Talossa as it is now? Do you like how it's built?

THOR: It certainly is extensive, that is for sure. I will have to spend many hours more delving into the Organic Law to get a good grasp of everything, and I have heard that they are changing everything again. But from the looks of it, it is very interesting. As a Belgian, I am used to living in a constitutional monarchy, and Belgium has a complicated political structure as well, with as many as 6 parliaments and executive bodies to go with it. So I am looking forward to get involved in the politics of Talossa.

ZA: Archaeology is a very interesting field. What historical epoch and what geographical region are the most intriguing for you and why? What would you really want to research?

THOR: The region I am most interested in is the Mediterranean, and especially the Greek and Roman period, so the Classical Age. The Mediterranean has a lot of different sites to offer, and besides that good food and weather. Besides that, the Classical Period in my own region, Belgium and extended, the Lowlands, are also very interesting, as they encompass the Roman border in those times. The dynamic of the migration of the Franks during the Late Classical Period is also one of my fan favourites. I would love to really get involved in the research of these periods.

ZA: Now you're a Talossan and you can do anything you want. What are your plans? Join/make a political party? Become a legislator? Anything else?

THOR: I am first going to try to get involved with the politics of my new home, the province of Cézembre. If I will join a political party, I am not sure yet. I haven't looked that much into their programs. Maybe for the time being I will act as an independent.

The next big event I am looking forward to is the Talossan Olympians. The Rock-Paper-Scissors competition is already looking to be the most fierce one I have yet seen.

ZA: If I wanted to go to Belgium, what would be the most important thing I should do there, the most interesting place I should visit, and the best meal I should try?

THOR: The best meal I can advise you is something called Stoofvlees or a stew, generally eaten with fries (don't call them French fries 😊). Another famous dish are mussels, also eaten with fries. Basically we eat fries with everything. And everybody from Talossa is welcome to come to Leuven, my university's town, to drink a beer with me.

New Citizen Watch

Zoneu Auporisat continues to watch and register who and when has become our new citizens. Last time we did that in Issue #1, and, though that's quite sad, despite a really impressive amount of prospective citizens, only two have fulfilled their way to the best thing money can't buy in its' full.

November, 22, **Istefan la Tzara** became a citizen of Benito.

March, 12, **Thor Deyaert** became a citizen of Cézembre.

The Kingdom of Talossa warmly welcomes it's newest citizens!

Marta Mätista 2018 Talossan Bracket Challenge

S:reu Muditenens Tresplet has announced the beginning of the annual Talossan Bracket Challenge. Participants had time until March, 15 to register for the play.

This «is a tournament bracket challenge wherein you pick the outcome of each of the games of the 2018 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament.»

The event takes place at CBS Sports, and those who have previously taken part in the competition have already recieved there invitations. Keep in mind that you can contact S:reu Tresplet directly to be registered.

ZA wishes everyone a good luck!

The Icy Column

Welcome to the Icy Column! This is going to be a personal column by your friend, Alèx S. This is not even going to be about Talossa. For Talossa, I have news and feature articles.

I'll talk about what I find interesting as a person, not as a citizen. Being human is what we have in common, along with our Talossanity. I hope this fancy font doesn't scare you out of reading! (It if does - let me know).

I also want this column to be a dialogue, a talk, not a monologue. Want to talk about something? Need an advice? Have a question or a topic you want to discuss? You can PM me or write e-mails, either anonymous or signed, to zoneuauthorisat@inbox.ru with «Icy column» in the topic. Don't worry, even if you never write us, I'll go on writing random stuff in my column. (But I'll feel lonely).

Well, now is March and, after a year of working without rest, I have my month of vacances and I'm going to a beautiful city of Saint-Petersburg. I've never really been there so I'm looking forward to it. This is also why I've decided to release the third installment of this newspaper so early: I want things to happen while I'm away, and then I'd return and describe them in a yet new issue.

Also, my time at Saint-Petersburg will be a good experiment at reduced Internet usage, because my laptop stays home, and I don't have any other Wi-Fi capable device (I use a dumbphone and my tablet, well, I broke it long ago). People who know me, also know my weird relationships with technology. When I'm back, I will use this column to tell about both experiences: my time in Petersburg and my time offline. Stay tuned and have a good day!

Alèx

Organic Law Reform News

In the last issue we have mentioned that the idea of the newly proclaimed Organic Law is currently floating in the air, with multiple approaches emerging to this endeavor.

S:reu Viteu Marcianüs is currently the most active in this field: recently he has announced that he is going to soon release the **Draft V** of his, completely rewritten, version of the Organic Law. It differs substantially from the current Organic Law: for instance, it refers to the King as to the Monarch, and this wording is consistent throughout the document. There are many more differences of course, and everyone who wants to get acquainted with the text should proceed to a special collective document made by S:reu Marcianüs.

The link to the document can be obtained from the «A new draft Organic Law» thread on the Wittenberg.

There are citizens who actively propose their ideas and corrections for this project, such as Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, Lüc da Schir, Miestrà Schivâ, UrN, Ián Tamorán, S.H. and Eðo Grischun.

Another proposal recently made was a new **Covenant of Rights and Freedoms** by Gödafriëu Válcadác'h, which he believes should be a foundational document for the future of Talossa. The document consists of 19 covenants, and is available on Witt. The current Covenant as it is consists of 13 covenants. In his proposal document, S:reu Válcadác'h has proposed an extensive commentary on the current Covenant and explained why he did make his changes.

Zoneu Auporisat doesn't see it appropriate to publish either of these proposals here because they're both pretty long and are

works in progress. Should any of these be accepted as laws of our nations, of course, they will be duly published.

S:reu Viteu Marcianüs has provided his extensive feedback on the Covenant proposal which makes for an interesting read in itself. Also in response to this proposal, which quickly morphed into a separate discussion, S:reu Marcianüs has published «A Short Thesis on Bifurcation». In it, S:reu Marcianüs argues that there are two approaches to how the law should function: the approach of legal positivism and the natural law approach. He derives evident reluctance by some US-based Talossans to consider majorly amending (or writing anew from scratch) the nation's Organic Law from this stance of «deifying» the Constitution of the United States to a point that it is considered sacrosanct and exempt from scrutiny.

S:reu Marcianüs proposes a certain «*bifurcation*», in which the defining document of Talossa becomes the Covenant of Rights and Freedoms, which unifies the two approaches, being both a «natural law» containing common rights that are intrinsic to our understanding of humanity, and is «silent on structure of the State», and a highest law of the nation in accordance with the legal positivist approach. Organic Law defines the State and how it operates, then, and Talossa would have two constitutional documents - that is bifurcation.

You can comment on the idea in a special thread opened by S:reu Marcianüs.

TalossaWiki

wants YOU to update it!

- TalossaWiki is situated at talossawiki.com and is a big source of information on our Kingdom. This information needs to be maintained, and who can do this better than Talossan citizens?
- ZA encourages every citizen who is interested to read our Wiki and help update it! It's both fun and educative.
- If you don't have an account yet, contact TalossaWiki administrators on Witt, or let us know and we'll forward the request.

Get your coins!



Talossan Treasury has ordered a mintage of 333 Talossan coins, 5 Louie (1 5) each. Yours faithfully has ordered one, and it arrived safely.

Louie is the national currency of the Kingdom of Talossa, it's nominal rate is around \$1,5.

What better way there is to have a piece of Talossa in your pocket? Zoneu Auporisat strongly encourages you to get one or more (is you still haven't). It will cost you \$5 plus shipping. Who knows how much more this rare coin will cost in the coming ages?

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Doubtful Humour Club

Why was 6 afraid of 7?
Because 7 ate 10.
OK just kidding. 7 actually ate 9.

- How many programmers does it take to screw a bulb?
- One. Programmers are people too.

One young man was very interested in science in general and physics in particular.

This young man's name?
Albert Einstein.

A man opens the door and sees a slug at the doorsteps.

He takes the slug and brings her to the other side of the street.

A year later, the man opens the door and sees the same slug.

He says: «You're starting to be *intrusive!*»

- Knock-knock.
- Who's there?
- Doctor Who.
- I KNEW

Look forward for Issue #4!

In the 4th Issue this April (maybe) you'll read:

* *Apocalypse this year (again): do what you like while you still can!*

* *Interview with Justin Trudeau: «Who are you and what are you doing in my house?»*

* *Fake news on the rise: how to distinguish a genuine article from a blatant hoax?*

...and many more (or something else at all).

Weather Report for Pengöpäts

It was pretty cold and windy in Pengöpäts in the first weeks of this March. All visitors are advised to dress properly in accordance with weather conditions.

It is going to be pretty windy and cold in Pengöpäts for the rest of March. All visitors are advised to take the weather conditions into account and dress accordingly.

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