

# BRUSSELS' MANNEKEN-PIS BECOMES A POLAR EXPLORER



Brussels' world-famous icon, the mischievous [Manneken-Pis statue](#) of the "little peeing boy", turned into an Arctic and Antarctic adventurer this morning, when he was presented with a polar expedition suit by Belgian polar explorer and International Polar Foundation president Alain Hubert, to mark the tenth anniversary [since the creation of the organisation](#).

The official [presentation of the Manneken-Pis polar costume](#) took place in the beautiful Militia Room of Brussels City Hall - aka the Hôtel de Ville or Stadhuis, in the Grand Place. After the ceremony, the foundation team procession departed to the Manneken-Pis statue with members of the [Order of Friends of Manneken-Pis](#) and officials from the City of Brussels.

The Manneken-Pis was veiled by the city flag when we arrived, but when the curtain was pulled away, a strong jet of water was sent forth the Manneken, soaking some of the crowd! Bemused tourists and puzzled passersby stopped to follow - and join in with us in the celebration.

[Read more about the Manneken-Pis](#) - including the costumes.