



Her Excellency

**Simona Mirela Miculescu,
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative to
the United Nations**

Before being appointed to her current position as Ambassador of Romania to the United Nations in 2008, Simona Mirela Miculescu served as the Director of the Department for Communication and Public Diplomacy within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania.

During her 18 year diplomatic career, she served twice as Spokesperson for the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as Senior Media Advisor to the Minister (1993 and 1999), Director of the Press Department within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1994), Press Secretary of the Romanian Embassy in Washington D.C. (1994-1998), and as Senior Public Information Officer at the Mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and in Kosovo (1999-2000). Between 2000 and 2004, she served as Foreign Policy Adviser to the President of Romania, becoming the first woman in Romanian diplomatic history to be granted the rank of Ambassador. Between 2006 and 2007, as part of Bearing Point, she acted as Senior Advisor for Public Outreach to the Government of Iraq.

Miculescu also has an academic background, as well as extensive experience in public communication. Starting with her PhD in Literature, her academic career as a professor of International Public Relations at two Romanian universities, and as publisher of several books and tens of articles, goes in parallel with her evolution in diplomacy. In Romania, she is known as one of the best experts in the area of management of international public relations and developed the first curricula on this topic, which is now used in several Romanian universities.

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ROMANIA



Romanian Flag History:

The colors of blue, yellow and red were found on the late 16th century royal grants of Michael the Brave, the prince of Wallachia and an important figure in Romanian history. They were also present on the revolutionaries' flags of the Wallachian uprising of 1821, a movement which tried to establish Romanian independence from the Ottoman Empire. In 1866, after gaining independence, the tri color flag became the official flag of Romania.

Romanian Flag Meaning:

The three equal vertical bands of blue, yellow and red were modeled after the flag of France. The colors are those of the principalities of Wallachia (red and yellow), and Moldavia (red and blue), which united in 1862 to form Romania.

Information taken from wikipedia.org and CIA factbook.

- The name Romania comes from the Latin word "Romanus," which means "citizen of the Roman Empire."
- With 21 million people the capital city of Bucharest is the sixth largest city in the European Union.
- Bucharest's Palace of the People is the world's largest and most expensive civil administration building in the world, according to the World Records Academy.
- Approximately half of Romania's Jewish population died in World War II.



- Irish author Bram Stoker based his horror novel *Dracula*, on the fifteenth century Romanian prince, Vlad Dracul. His castle (pictured left) still lies in Romania and is a very popular tourist attraction.
- Romania's Danube Delta is one of seven UNESCO World Heritage sites in Romania, and is the second largest delta in all of Europe.
- Gheorghe Marinescu, a Romanian professor at the Faculty of Medicine in Bucharest, was the first person to see living nervous cells in a microscope.
- Romania has a traditional sport called Oină, which is unique to the country and has similarities to baseball.
- Although the country has no official religion, the vast majority of people are Christian. About 87% of the population identify themselves as Orthodox Christian.
- Romanian, Nadia Comaneci was the first gymnast in the world to get a perfect score of 10 in an international competition.
- Insulin was discovered by a Romanian physiologist.



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