

INVITATION

to the Unveiling Ceremony of the Jan Masaryk Monument

*as part of the restoration of Parc Rigot by the
Canton of Geneva*

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Secretary-General of the World Federation of the United Nations Associations (WFUNA)



PROGRAM

- Introduction by **Pierre Allan**, President of the Jan Masaryk Foundation.
- Addresses by several **honorable guests**.
- Reflections on Masaryk's family by **Libuse Paukert-Lehar**.
- Speech by **Jaroslav Havelka**, Honorary Chairman of Beseda Slovan and Co-chair of the Association of Czechs and Slovaks in Switzerland.
- Placement of the Commemorative plate of Czechs and Slovaks.
- Unveiling of the restored Jan Masaryk monument.
- Concluding remarks, toast and small refreshment.
- *Honorable guests are invited to the dinner at the Hotel Intercontinental. Other participants may join the dinner at their own expense (please confirm in RSVP).*

LIFE OF JAN MASARYK

Jan Masaryk, born on 14 September 1886, was a Czech diplomat, politician and son of the first President of Czechoslovakia T.G. Masaryk. From 1940 to 1948, he served as the Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia. From 1946 to 1947, he served as the first President of the World Federation of the United Nations Associations (WFUNA) in Geneva.

JAN MASARYK FOUNDATION

Established 1956 in Geneva by WFUNA. Its objectives are: to contribute to the promotion of international understanding; to help organise courses and research on the UN and its Specialized Agencies in Geneva; and to preserve the memory of Jan Masaryk.

BESEDA SLOVAN

Beseda Slovan is an association of Czech and Slovak compatriots living in Geneva. It was established in 1901 with the initial objective to facilitate their leisure activities. Later, it also engaged in the political fight for freedom and democracy and supported the efforts of Tomas Garrigue Masaryk during his exile in Geneva.

FORMER UN SECRETARY- GENERAL KOFI ANNAN

said in Prague 1999 about Jan Masaryk:

"As foreign minister and head of the Czechoslovak delegation to the San Francisco Conference, Jan Masaryk was, in the fullest sense, one of the founders of the United Nations. More than that, in him the values enshrined in the United Nations Charter -- values of democracy, human rights, and peace based on collective security -- found one of their most ardent and committed advocates."