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*Dear Korczakians and Friends!*

The Mission of the Republic of Poland along with the International Korczak Association have the honor to invite you to the international seminar in Geneva, devoted to Dr. Janusz Korczak, to be held on Saturday, 8 of June 2013 in the premises of the Permanent Mission of Poland.

Dr. Janusz Korczak was a Polish-Jewish pediatrician, children's author and educator. He became famous for his innovative approach to pedagogy and for his personal sacrifice for the children, especially orphans and problematic ones. A concept he was advocating for, was that children have rights to be respected and that they should be free to form and to express their own view and to strongly influence their lives at home. He is therefore widely recognized as a pioneer of the concept of the rights of the child and of the Convention adopted in 1989, which is now the most widely ratified legally binding human rights instrument.

This year we'll hold the 5th seminar in Geneva devoted to Korczak's legacy and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, with the focus on Article 31:

1. States Parties recognize the right of the child to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.
2. States Parties shall respect and promote the right of the child to participate fully in cultural and artistic life and shall encourage the provision of appropriate and equal opportunities for cultural, artistic, recreational and leisure activity.

We cordially invite you to take part in the seminar and to give a lecture on a relevant subject in accordance with your experience and activities.

If you wish to contribute to this International Meeting at **8 June 2013**, please forward your topic no later than **March 31, 2013** to Batia Gilad, Chairperson of the International Korczak Association, at the address: [batia.gilad@gmail.com](mailto:batia.gilad@gmail.com) The program will be sent to you in May.

*While appreciating your kind cooperation we look forward to meeting you*

Remigiusz A. Henczel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Remigiusz A. Henczel', written over the printed name.

Ambassador