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FRIDAY, JUNE 1
1:30 pm:
CONFERENCE OPENING AND AMBASSADOR’S REMARKS
His Excellency, Dr. Peter Kmec, Ambassador of Slovakia

SESSION 1, 2:00-5:00 pm
Celebrating Creators and Paris Conference Participants
2:00
President Woodrow Wilson’s Strategic Vision for a Post World War I Europe
ELIOT SOREL, MD, Professor of Global Health, George Washington University
2:30
Influence of Congressman Adolph J. Sabath on Woodrow Wilson’s Creation of New Europe
MILA RECHCIGL, Scholar in Residence, Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences
3:00
Who Understood the Geo-politics of 1918: Wilson or Pilsudski?
MIECZYSLAW BISKUPSKI, Professor of History, Central Connecticut State University
3:45
BREAK: Sponsored by Mrs. Marianne Kabes Crane in memory of her parents Mr. Vladimir Kabes and Mrs. Otilie Kabes
4:15
T.G. Masaryk and the Pittsburgh Declaration
GREGORY FERENCE, Professor of History, Salisbury University
4:45
The Pittsburgh Agreement and Its Role in Inter-War Political Life in Slovakia
MATEJ HANULA - Embassy of Slovakia/Slovak Academy

5:30
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SATURDAY, JUNE 2
9:00 am:
AMBASSADOR’S REMARKS FOR MORNING SESSIONS
His Excellency, Dr. Hynek Kmonicek, Ambassador of the Czech Republic

SESSION 2, 9:15-11:00 am
World War I Diplomacy
9:15
World War I: Challenges of Polish Diplomacy 1914-1919
TOMASZ PUDŁOCKY, Professor of History
9:45
Romania and Its Relations with the U.S. Delegation at the Paris Peace Conference (1919)
LIVIU MAIOR, Professor of History
10:15
President Wilson’s Czech’s Pillars for Peace: Charles J. Vopicka and the Konopište Spy
ANNA COOKOVÁ, Owner & Founder of CzechTalk.com and President of Wisconsin Czechs, Inc.
10:45
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SESSION 3, 11:00-12:30 pm
Celebrating New National States
11:00
KEVIN J. MCNAMARA, Associate Scholar, Foreign Policy Research Institute
11:30
Slovakia: 100 Years and 6 Regime Changes
ZUZANA PALOVIC AND GABRIELA BEREGHAZYOVA, Public Policy Researchers, University of Surrey, United Kingdom
12:00
The Making of Romania
IOAN-AUREL POP, Professor of History, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca
12:30-1:30 pm
LUNCH: Sponsored by The Wilsonian Club and the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in Washington (SVUW)

SESSION 4, 1:30-3:00 pm
Tomorrow’s Challenges
1:30
Post World War I Treaties: Joys and Tears
KENNETH JANDA, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Northwestern University
2:00
October 28, 1918: Break with the Past, or Continuity?
HUGH AGNEW, Professor of History and International Affairs, George Washington University
2:30
Slovakia and the Making of Czechoslovakia: Controversies and Legacies
CAROL SKALNIK LEFF, Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois
3:00
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SESSION 5, 3:30 -5:00 pm
Geopolitical Challenges of Today’s New Europe:
3:30
Ukraine’s European Aspirations: from Dreams to Reality; Reflections on the Centennial of the 1918 Rebirth
PETER VOITSEKHOVSKY, Researcher, US-Ukraine Foundation
4:00
The World of Two Legations: Establishing Czechoslovak-U.S. Diplomatic Relations
MILADA POLITIENSKÁ, Professor of History and International Relations, Anglo-American University, Prague
4:30
American Security Interests and Policies in Early 21st Century Europe
EDWARD TURANSZKY, Professor of History, University of Washington
5:00 pm:
CONFERENCE CLOSING AND AMBASSADOR’S REMARKS
His Excellency, George Maior, Ambassador of Romania