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Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2013 11:09 AM
Subject: POSTPONED -Shimon Samuels lecture

Dear Sirs & Madams,

Dr. Shimon Samuels is sending his sincere apologies that due to unexpected work exigencies he has to leave Lithuania urgently and his lecture scheduled on August 12, 4.30 PM has to be postponed until his next visit to our country.

Sincerely,

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From: Žilvinas Beliauskas [mailto:zilvinas.beliauskas@vilnius-jewish-public-library.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 6:08 PM
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Subject: Shimon Samuels lecture – Anecdotes from the Anti-Racist Arena

We kindly invite You to a lecture by **Dr. Shimon Samuels**, Director for International Relations of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, based in Paris,

“Anecdotes from the Anti-Racist Arena“

Venue and time of the event:

Vilnius Jewish Public Library, Gedimino pr. 24-9, Vilnius

August 12 (Monday), 2013, 4.30 PM

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About the lecturer: **Shimon Samuels**

Born in England in 1945 and graduated high school in London. B.A. in Political Science and History from Hebrew University of Jerusalem; M.Sc. (Econ.) in International Relations from London School of Economics, combined University of Pennsylvania/Paris Sorbonne doctoral program in Latin American Studies; diploma in Holocaust Studies from Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

Currently, Director for International Relations of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, based in Paris and responsible for issues of contemporary racism and antisemitism in Europe, Latin America and international organizations, including the United Nations, UNESCO, OSCE and the Council of Europe.

Chair of the Journal for the Study of Antisemitism –

<http://www.jsantisemitism.org>. and its laureate of the Jabotinsky Award

Lead Editor of "Antisemitism: The Generic Hatred. Essays in Memory of Simon Wiesenthal", a book co-sponsored by UNESCO, published in English by Vallentine Mitchell, London, and in French, Spanish and Russian language, with Arabic edition in preparation.

Formerly, Jerusalem representative of the American Jewish Committee and European Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Samuels has been a lecturer on international politics at the Colegio de Mexico, Sophia University in Tokyo, Pennsylvania Military College and Bar-Ilan University in Israel. He has been a researcher at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia and was Deputy-Director of the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations in Jerusalem.

He has reported as a journalist throughout Latin America and Eastern Europe and has published some three hundred articles on combating racism and prejudice, with special reference to antisemitism.

Who's Who in World Jewry notes that when asked of what personal experience he was most proud, Samuels responded: "to have been invited to lecture at a major Arab University. It was Cairo and the subject was 'Prospects for Peace in the Middle East', two years before the Egypt-Israel treaty became a reality".

He has been involved, among other issues, in containing resurgent antisemitism in Europe and Latin America, restitution claims against banks and insurance companies, Vatican diplomacy and countering NGO incitement in international fora. His cardinal philosophy is best summarized in his chapter on "Applying the Lessons of the Holocaust" in the book *Is the Holocaust Unique?*, edited by Alan Rosenbaum, published in 2000.

Affiliated to the C-100 dialogue between the West and the world of Islam of the World Economic Forum (WEF). Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, granted by President Jacques Chirac, he has been elected a Member of the European Jewish Parliament based in Brussels

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