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Invitation

Seminar in Commemoration of Constantin Karadja,
a great European intellectual,
in the tradition of Count Folke Bernadotte and Raoul Wallenberg

Constantin Karadja, a European diplomat

The Embassy of Romania, in cooperation with the Folke Bernadotte Academy, invites you to a seminar to be held in commemoration of Constantin Karadja (1889-1950), grandson of the great Swedish industrialist L.O.Smith, distinguished diplomat in the Romanian Foreign Ministry (1922-1947), victim of the communist regime in Romania, honoured as "Righteous Amongst Nations" by Yad Vashem, in 2005.

Among others, the Secretary of State at the Ministry for Education, Amelie von Zweigbergk, members of the Romanian Academy, and the authors of the volume "Constantin Karadja, bara ett liv till" will bring to life a great European personality and his legacy.

Educated in Sweden, the Netherlands, France and the UK, Constantin Karadja was one of the great intellectuals of his time. He spoke fluently and wrote in eight languages (Swedish, Romanian, Turkish, English, German, French, Latin and Greek) but Swedish was his mother tongue. It is estimated that he saved from deportation and extermination over 51 000 persons, while acting as Romania's Consul General in Berlin. Constantin Karadja is the author of one of the first Consular Handbooks ever published in Europe.

Where: Conference room *Sverigesalen* on the 3^d floor at the Folke Bernadotte Academy, Drottning Kristinas Väg 37. Please follow directions at the entrance.

When: 15.00-17.00hrs on Wednesday March 9 2011

To register please send an e-mail to: stockholm@mae.ro

With best wishes and highest regards,

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