

International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2005 UNIC Warsaw

To mark the observance the International Day of UN Peacekeepers on 29 May the Polish Association of the Veterans of the UN Peacekeeping Operations in cooperation with the RC office in Warsaw and UNIC/Warsaw organized two events: a wreath-laying ceremony and a posthumous medal ceremony.

The wreath-laying ceremony took place at noon at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Warsaw. The wreaths were laid by representatives of Polish Government, local authorities, Polish peacekeers and the army. Ms. Anna Darska, UNIC Director laid the wreath on behalf of the UN Family in Poland.

The posthumous medal ceremony took place in the afternoon at the Polish Association of the Veterans of the UN Peacekeeping Operations. Ms. Anna Darska made an opening statement in which she informed on the International Day of UN Peacekeepers and the Dag Hammarskjöld medal. Ms. Darska also gave a speech addressed to the family of a soldier who lost his life at the Golan Heights. Both the medal and the printed version of the speech were presented to the soldier's family.

The two speeches were prepared by the RC office and UNIC/Warsaw. UNIC Warsaw prepared a press release in Polish language on the observance, distributed it to the media and placed the information on its home page www.unic.un.org.pl.