



***Message from the Universal Esperanto Association on  
the occasion of Esperanto Day, July 26, 2023***

In Warsaw on this date in the year 1887, Ludovic Zamenhof published the first small book that outlined his new international language, Esperanto, which was intended to act as a relatively easy second language for all people around the world. Dr. Zamenhof's language was soon adopted by internationalists not only in Poland and neighboring countries but also in China and Japan, Brazil, and many other countries. From modest beginnings it grew into an international movement that helped promote peace, brought together professionals in many fields, and developed its own literature and intellectual exchanges.

In a few days, the 108th annual Universal Congress of Esperanto will open in Turin, Italy. Last year, the congress took place in Montreal, Canada; next year it will take place in Arusha, Tanzania.

Esperanto is a well-known element at the United Nations, and its efforts to promote understanding are recognized by UNESCO. The Universal Esperanto Association considers the recognition of human rights as an essential foundation of its work. It cooperates with all people and organizations of good will that aim to realize a more peaceful and sustainable world based on international understanding and cooperation.

Happy Esperanto Day!