



**General Milan Rastislav Štefánik** (1880-1919) was a Slovak scientist, astronomer, diplomat, pilot, traveller and co-founder of the Czechoslovak Republic in 1918. During the Great War he helped to create the Czechoslovak Legions in France, Italy and Russia. The work of Štefánik for Czechoslovakia is less known than the one of T. G. Masaryk and Edvard Beneš also because of his premature death at the age of 39. Hence, it is a subject of intensive research and wide public interest in Slovakia today.

The event is organized on the occasion of the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of M. R. Štefánik.



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## **Milan Rastislav Štefánik, *Co-Founder of Czechoslovakia and Slovak National Hero***

**by Dr. Michal Kšiňan**

**Monday, October 26, 2020**

**at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern time, US and Canada)**

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In his 45-minute presentation, Dr. Kšiňan will highlight Štefánik's life, achievements and analyse the process of how he became a Slovak national hero. He will also answer questions from participants.