## *Korzybski in North America:* A reading from the forthcoming biography *Korzybski* <sup>©</sup> By Bruce I. Kodish To be presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference of General Semantics Arlington, Texas, October 27–28, 2006

## (Abstract)

In order to understand a book or a body of work, study the author. This was one of Korzybski's main pieces of advice for reading and for making sense of a subject matter. Studying the life of Korzybski provides great rewards for anyone who wishes to make sense of Korzybski's work. For many, it may lead to seeing his work in some surprising and different ways. In this presentation, veteran general-semantics scholar and teacher Bruce I. Kodish, will give a reading from his forthcoming biography *Korzybski*. The reading will depict some events in Korzybski's life in North America in 1916 and 1917. It will include some revealing stories about the lasting effects of Korzybski's heritage as a Polish nobleman, about his interest and talent in invention, and about his lifelong interest in management and human relations.