

Loss of Jean Tschumi

1962

After Jean Tschumi's sudden death early in 1962, responsibility for the project was given to Pierre Bonnard



Jean Tschumi



Obituary of Jean Tschumi



Start of construction

24 May
1962

At the cornerstone ceremony a document recording important dates and decisions in the history of the building was placed in a canister along with the WHO Constitution and a list of the then 115 Member States and Associate Members



Director General Candau places canister in cornerstone



Banner in front of the future entrance to WHO Main Building

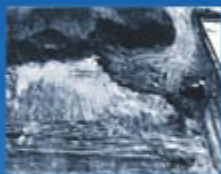


1962
1963

Construction of foundation: 66'000 cubic metres of earth moved



Ground breaking



Aerial view of early stages of construction



View of foundation showing pillars

1964

Main structure completed: 22 pillars representing Swiss cantons support 1750 tons including 16'000 square metres of glass and aluminium



View of Interior



Exterior view of construction skeleton without windows



Aerial view of building under construction



Construction of Executive Board room