



**Improving Academic Standards in Education – Conference ISE 2015  
October 29-30, 2015  
Tbilisi, Georgia**

# **P R O G R A M**

**I Symposium  
How to Improve Project Development Skills in PhD Students and Young  
Researchers – Lessons Learned in TEMPUS PACT Project**

**PROJECT ACTOR  
CAPACITY TRAINING  
IN CAUCASUS**

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

According to the “Bologna Process” PhD programs form the third cycle of higher education, following the Bachelor and Master cycles as a tool to develop a “knowledge society.” PhD programs are based primarily upon the PhD student doing original, hands-on research; and they (students) have therefore become a source of future scientists; also the program must be a basis for providing persons with the skills needed to build a knowledge society. Although standards proposed in the relevant documents (European University Association- Council for Doctoral Education (EUA – CDE); EURODOC, ORPHEUS) have wide support as aims, it must be recognized that the standards are not currently fulfilled in a number of European and/or less developed countries.

In the framework of Tempus Project Actors Capacity Training in Caucasus (PACT): Caucasus countries have developed a handbook and curriculum for a basic course to teach young researchers how to develop their own ideas and structure them in order to find financial support for implementation. International project development skills and grant writing can be seen as the basic skills of PhD students and other young researchers for their other academic projects in the future.

In the framework of the conference, course organization, most important issues/topics of its content, developed in the framework of PACT project will be discussed in the context of the existing standards in higher education and its developing opportunities. Also curriculum development, delivery format and other current/modern topics will be discussed.

The additional goal of the conference is: evaluating the outcomes (from the stakeholders’ point of view) improving the results, including for the maximum dissemination of the experience received during the project, in Caucasus countries.

***We are looking forward to welcome you to the conference!***

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## October 29, 2015

Central Conference Hall,  
National Parliamentary Library of Georgia  
Gudiashvili Street 7, Tbilisi, Georgia

09:00	10:00	Conference Registration
<b>Opening Ceremony</b>		
10:00	11:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome Speeches</b></p> <p>Prof. Levan Tvildiani, Rector, David Tvildiani Medical University</p> <p>Prof. Giuli Alasania, President, University of Georgia</p> <p>Prof. Joseph Salukvadze, Deputy Rector, Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University</p> <p>Prof. Levan Midodashvili, Head of Quality Assurance Department, Gori State Teaching University</p> <p>Ketevan Darakhvelidze, Head of Development Office, Ilia State University</p>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>Development and implementation of International Projects</b> <i>Co-chairs: Prof. Levan Tvildiani, Nino Urushadze</i>		
11:30	12:00	<p>Keynote Speaker: <b>Tata Lordkipanidze</b>  <i>“EU Programs in Georgia”</i>  National Erasmus+ Office of Georgia</p>
12:00	12:30	<p>Keynote Speaker: <b>Veriko Mirtskhulava</b>, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D.  <i>“Program Evaluation Overview”</i>  TADR Test &amp; Evaluation Lead, Biological Threat Reduction Program, Branch of Battelle Memorial Institute in Georgia</p>
12:30	13:00	<p>Keynote Speaker: <b>Mag. Holger Bienzle</b>  <i>“Working together. Characteristics, Benefits and Challenges of European Cooperation Projects”</i>  dieBerater, Austria</p>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>

**Academic Standards: International Context and possibilities of implementation at  
Caucasian Universities**

*Co-chairs: Ketevan Boiko, Salome Shedania*

14:00	14:30	<b>Holger Bienzle</b> , <i>dieBerater, Austria</i> “Making projects last. Planning, implementing and evaluating European projects to achieve sustainability”
14:30	15:00	<b>Johnny Balterzen</b> , <i>UCC, Denmark</i> “Can a Bumble Bee Fly?”
15:00	15:30	<b>Joanna Szczecińska</b> , <i>SAN, Poland</i> “What Makes Research Application Different from other EU Project”
<b>15:30</b>	<b>15:50</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>

**Specificities of implementation and exploitation of “Successful Project Development”  
course in the universities**

*Co-chairs: Zurab Zurabashvili, Salome Bilanishvili*

15:50	16:00	<b>Raziya Isaeva</b> Khazar University, Azerbaijan “PACT Capacity Training in Khazar University”
16:00	16:10	<b>Tarane Mahmudova</b> Baku State University, Azerbaijan “Project Actors Capacity Training in Azerbaijan: What is the benefit of the project for Baku State University?”
16:10	16:20	<b>Alexander Markarov</b> Yerevan State University, Armenia “Internationalization as Strategic Goal for Higher Education Development in South Caucasus”
16:20	16:30	<b>Siranush Khachatryan</b> Gavar State University, Armenia “Implementation and Exploitation of PACT Trainings in Armenia”

16:30	16:40	<b><i>Ketevan Boiko</i></b> University of Georgia, Georgia “Specificities of Implementation of PACT Trainings at the University of Georgia”
16:50	17:00	<b><i>Khatuna Tskhadadze</i></b> Tbilisi State University, Georgia “Implementation of PACT at TSU; Sustainability of Project Results: Plans and Prospects”
17:00	17:10	<b><i>Zurab Zurabashvili</i></b> Gori State Teaching University, Georgia “Internalization of Higher Education in Georgia: Following the European Experience”
17:10	17:20	<b><i>Salome Shedania</i></b> Ilia State University, Georgia “Specificities of Implementation of PACT Trainings at the Ilia State University of Georgia”
17:20	17:30	<b><i>Ilia Nadareishvili</i></b> David Tvildiani Medical University, Georgia “LFA Based Research Proposal and Development Projects Writing in Medical and PhD Education”
17:30	17:45	<b><i>Nino Tabagari</i></b> David Tvildiani Medical University, Georgia “ Summarizing PACT Project Activities: Ensure Optimal Use of Results and Final Remarks during and beyond the life-time of the Project”

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October 30, 2015

Conference Hall, Hotel “Holiday Inn”  
26 May Square 1, Tbilisi, Georgia

09:30	10:00	Registration
10:00	11:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Poster Presentations and evaluation</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Evaluation Committee:</i> <b>Anne Kalaschek, Alexander Markarov, Johnny Baltzersen</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. "Effective Guidance of YSU Humanitarian Bloc Graduates to Labor Market", <b>Katerina Altunyan, Yerevan State University, Armenia.</b></li><li>2. “Antipsychotic Effects of Azadirachta indica extracts”, <b>Baba Sai Krishna Ambedkar, David Tvildiani Medical University, Georgia.</b></li><li>3. Changes in EEG Activity in Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders”, <b>Tamara Mgeladze, David Tvildiani Medical University, Georgia.</b></li><li>4. “Modernizing undergraduate Medical Education through Creation of New Interactive Blended Course in Local Language for Foreign Students in Georgia”, <b>Nana Gugushvili, Tea Motsonelidze, Lela Nadashvili. David Tvildiani Medical University, Georgia.</b></li><li>5. “Study of PCR Method as a Main Diagnostic Tool for Clostridium Difficile Infection’s Epidemiology”, <b>Iuri Migriauli, David Tvildiani Medical University, Georgia.</b></li><li>6. “Establishing new channels of information within ISU and sources of exchanging information”, <b>Liana Kupreishvili, Ilia State University, Georgia.</b></li><li>7. “Development of a Joint Study Master’s Program in Development Studies”, <b>Lali Giorgidze, Ilia State University, Georgia.</b></li><li>8. “Developing digital games for children with autism spectrum disorders – LFA matrix”, <b>Natia Tskhovrebashvili, Ana Mikautadze, Ilia State University, Georgia.</b></li><li>9. “Modernizing clinical clerkship/training program of MD curriculum through creating courses/training in rural Medicine”, <b>Mohamed Sheedh, David Tvildiani Medical University, Georgia.</b></li></ol>

		<p>10. “Psychological Support of Parents with Children with Special Needs”, <b>Nita Tchabashvili</b>, <i>Ilia State University, Georgia</i>.</p> <p>11. “Filling the gap in process of Accreditation/authorization to improve the quality assurance standards (FORCE)”, <b>Ketevan Gegiadze</b>, <i>University of Georgia, Georgia</i>.</p> <p>12. “Establishment of Summer School in Georgian Studies for Ethnic minorities in Georgia”, <b>Elene Khojevanishvili</b>, <i>Gori State Teaching University, Georgia</i>.</p> <p>13. “Establishment of Student Club at GSTU”, <b>Zura Zurabashvili</b>, <i>Gori State Teaching University, Georgia</i>.</p> <p>14. “Creation of a touristic-recreational database in Shida Kartli”, <b>Maia Azmaiparashvili</b>, <i>Gori State Teaching University, Georgia</i>.</p> <p>15. “Establishment of Students’ Club in GSTU”, <b>Nino Guashvili</b>, <i>Gori State Teaching University, Georgia</i>.</p> <p>16. “Creating student qualification database at TSU”, <b>Nino Macharadze</b>, <i>Iv.Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia</i>.</p> <p>17. “Promoting Foreign Language Teaching and Learning Excellence”, <b>Yegana Balamadova</b>, <i>Khazar University, Azerbaijan</i></p>
11:30	12:00	Coffee Break
12:00	13:30	<p>Students` Workshop:  “Successful Project Development” course, as a mean of Individual and Institutional Development  (Hall B)</p> <p>Moderators:  <b>Ilia Nadareishvili, Yegana Balamedova, Siranush Khachatryan</b></p>

12:00	13:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing TEMPUS Projects Experience, Networking and Generating New Ideas (Hall A) <i>Moderators:</i> <b><i>Salome Shedania, Ketevan Boiko, Khatuna Tskhadadze</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “Development of new modules for international bachelor and master programmes in sustainable tourism management”, <b><i>Tamar Mikeladze, Iakob Gogebashvili Telavi State University</i></b></li> <li>2. “A Network for Developing Lifelong Learning in Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine” – <b><i>Nino Korintheli, Iakob Gogebashvili Telavi State University</i></b></li> <li>3. “Innovating Teaching and Learning of European Studies”, <b><i>Natia Lapiashvili, Nino Lapiashvili, Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University</i></b></li> <li>4. “The development of a curriculum and establishment of a regional training platform for haematology in life sciences and medicine”, <b><i>Nino Chikadze, Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University</i></b></li> <li>5. <b><i>Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University</i></b></li> <li>6. “Promoting quality and recognition of transnational education in Armenia and Georgia”, <b><i>Irena Melua, Caucasus University</i></b></li> <li>7. “Promoting Internationalization of HEIs in Eastern Neighborhood Countries through Cultural and Structural Adaptations”, <b><i>Alexander Markarov, Yerevan State University</i></b></li> <li>8. “Master in Higher Education Management: Developing Leaders for Managing Educational Transformation”, <b><i>Natela Doghonadze, International Black Sea University</i></b></li> <li>9. “Biomedical Engineering Education Tempus Initiative in Eastern Neighbouring Area”, <b><i>Irina Gotsiridze, Georgian Technical University</i></b></li> <li>10. “Promoting educational organizations through people”, <b><i>Lela Kelbakiani, Kutaisi University</i></b></li> <li>11. “RETHINK - Reform of Education THruINternational Knowledge exchange” <b><i>Nino Chachava, Georgian Technical University</i></b></li> <li>12. “Establishment of the Supra-Regional Network of the National Centres in Medical Education, focused on PBL and Virtual Patients”. <b><i>Nato Alavidze, Akaki Tsereteli State University</i></b></li> </ol>
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13:30	14:30	LUNCH
14:30	15:30	<p>Round Table</p> <p><i>Moderator: Alexander Markarov, Raziya Isayeva, Salome Bilanishvili</i></p> <p><b>Prof. Irine Khomeriki</b>, <i>Georgian Branch Office of International Science and Technology Center, Georgia</i></p>
15:30	15:40	Summary of Students Workshop: ” <i>Successful Project Development</i> ” course, <i>as a mean of Individual and Institutional Development</i>
15:40	15:50	Summary of “ <i>Ongoing TEMPUS Projects Experience, Networking and Generating New Ideas</i> ”
15:50	16:00	Summary of “ <i>Round Table</i> ”
16:00	16:30	Coffee Break
16:30	16:45	Discussion, Q&A
16:45	17:00	Conference Consensus Document

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