

The 14th International Young Archaeologists' Conference dedicated to
the 160th anniversary of Ekvtime Takaishvili's birth



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PROGRAMME

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Ekvtime Takaishvili (5 January 1862 — 21 February 1953)

Georgian historian, archaeologist, educator, public and political figure, academic of Georgian National Academy of Science (1946), professor at the Tbilisi State University (1918,1945). Preserver of the Georgian treasure taken to France, which returned to Georgia on April 11, 1945 (1921-1945). The session of the Holy Synod canonized Ekvtime Takaishvili as a saint (2002).

E. Takaishvili had a significant impact to improve the social, cultural, scientific, and political life of Georgia. He made a great contribution to collecting, preserving, and disseminating materials such as original written documents, historical documents, and manuscripts.

In 1917, he was among the founders and professors at the Tbilisi State University. He led three lecture courses; one was for the first-course students and included an introduction to Georgian antiquities. At the same time, the scientist read the epigraphy and church history of Georgia and was the head of the archeology department at the Tbilisi State University.

Ekvtime Takaishvili's first scientific steps were encouraged by the historian Dimitri Bakradze, whom Ekvtime met a year after he started teaching at the gymnasium. In 1889, together they founded the Episcopal Museum of Georgia. They often traveled together to different parts of Georgia, searched together, collected old Georgian church books, artifacts, and manuscripts, and studied and worked on compiling the history of the Georgian Church.

Since 1902, Ekvtime Takaishvili has been conducting archaeological work in all parts of Georgia, which aimed to collect and study archaeological and epigraphic materials, inscriptions, icons, and other church artifacts and manuscripts. A significant part of the results of these archaeological expeditions was published in Paris in the second half of the 1930s.

1 June

09:00

Departure from Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi
State University Tchavchavadze Avenue 1.

Main building of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Back exit
of main building of University)

Excursion:

Numismatic Masterpieces in Gori Museum

11:30 – 12:30

Lunch

Archaeological Museum of Akhaltsikhe

Arrival at Vardzia

20:00

Supper

2 June

10:00 Breakfast

11:00-12:00 Vardzia Architectural

Complex Tour 12:00-12:30 coffee break

13:00

Opening of the Conference Greetings:

Professor Vakhtang Licheli

Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

Professor Jaba Samushia

Rector of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

Professor Michael Vickers

Jesus College, Oxford

Professor Annegret Plonke-Leuning

Friedrich Schiller University Jena

Senior Members of Vardzia Conference:

Professor **Vakhtang Licheli**, Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
[the Instigator of the conference)

Professor **Michael Vickers**, Jesus College, University of Oxford
(Chairman of the conference)

Professor **Walter Kuntner**, Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck
(Head of the Austrian-Georgian Joint Expedition to Khovle Gora)

Professor **Sandra Heinsch-Kuntner**
Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck

Professor **Eberhard Sauer**, Edinburgh University
(Head of the British-Georgian Joint Expedition to the Dariali Pass)

Professor **Paolo Biagi**, Ca'Foscari University of Venice
(Head of the Italian - Georgian Joint Expedition to South Georgia)

Professor **Anegret Plontke Leuning** - Friedrich Schiller University of Jena
(Head of the German-Georgian Joint Expedition to Lesale)

Professor **Askold Ivantchik** — CNRS, Bordeaux.

Speakers

13:30 Session 1

1. Tekla Ugulava /Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University/
"Issues with classification Neanderthals on classical and non-typical groups"
2. Katharine Steinke / University of Edinburgh /
"Integrating globalization theory into zooarchaeology"
3. Zviad Sherazadishvili / Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University /
"Wall painting in Kura-Araxes Culture on the territory of South Caucasus: new evidence from Gudabertka settlement"
4. Gvantsa Vachadze/Georgian National Museum/
"Glass types in Early Iron age Colchis: discussing the local and external influences based on stylistic innovations in the product morphology"
5. Mariam Amiryan /Institute of Archaeology & Ethnography of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia/
"Kura-Araxes Tradition in Sevan Lake Basin, Armenia"

15:00 Lunch

15:30 Session 2

6. Aleko Zavrashvili / Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University /
"Experimental study of Trialeti Petroglyphs"
7. Gvantsa Vachadze, Nino Kobalia, Gela Gobejishvili, Nino Chkhartishvili, Maia Kublashvili / Georgian National Museum /
"Beads from Brili Cemetery: Cultural and Chronological Characteristics (preliminarily report)"
8. Ana Davitashvili / Sapienza University of Rome /
"Investigating diet at Nogarole Camponi (Northern Italy) through carbon, nitrogen, and sulfur stable isotope analysis of animal bone collagen"
9. Lapa Chologauri / Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University/
"Silver bowls from Magraneti and Khovle rich burials"

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19:00 Supper

3 June

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 Session 1

1. Tamar Giorgadze/Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University/
"Early Consumption of Iron: Case Study of bimetallic weapons from Shida Kartli"
2. Walter Kuntner / Sandra Heinsch /Vakhtang Licheli / University of Innsbruck /Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University/
"Results of the Georgian-Austrian Excavations in Khovle Gora"
3. Sandra Heinsch / University of Innsbruck /
The "Pottery assemblage of Khovle Gora Level V"
4. Hasmik Simonyan, Benik Vardanyan, Ashot Pitiposyan /Institute of Archeology and Ethnography NAS RA, Armenian State Pedagogical University after Khachatur Abovyan/
"The interpretation of the collective burials (according to the data of the Late Bronze Age burials of Kanagegh, Sevan Basin)"
5. Ana Tetrushvili, Tina Davadze, Davit Dolaberidze /Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University/Independent Scholars/
"Experimental study of grinding installation"
6. Vardanyan Benik, Simonyan Hasmik, Mkrtchyan Levon / History Museum of Armenia, Shirak Center for Armenological Studies of NAS RA, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography of NAS RA, Service for the protection" SNCO /
"Archaeological Evidence of Privilege and the Transformation of Political and Social Landscapes in Late Bronze Age Kur-Araxes Interfluvial Societies"
7. Tamar Chogovadze /Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University /
"For definition the function of the seals discovered in Georgia (second half of II millennium BC and first half of I millennium BC)"

8. Krystian Luczak / The Museum of the Kujawy and Dobrzyń Land in Włocławek/

"The excavation research of the Wielbark culture burial grounds in Kołat-Rybniki, Poland "

13:00 Coffee break

13:30 Session 2

9. Alisa Semenova / Institute of Archaeology of the National Academy of Science of Ukraine /

"Bone Artifacts from Olbia Pontica"

10. David Gagoshidze, Nikoloz Gobejishvili / IV. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Ot. Lordkipanidze Archaeology Institute, Georgian National Museum /

"New Radiocarbon Data from Doghauri Burial Ground: For the Chronology of Late Bronze-Early Iron Age Transcaucasia"

11. Saba Bugianishvili / Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University /
"Whetstones or Balance Weights?! (Preliminary results of the latest study)"

12. Iryna Chechulina / The Institute of Archaeology of the National Academy of Science of Ukraine /

"Attic Black-Glazed Pottery in the Antikensammlung (Altes Museum, Berlin, Germany)"

16:00 Lunch

17:00 Excursion

Visit 10th -11th Century monastery of Zeda Vardzia

20:00 Supper

4 June

13:30 Session 2

10:00 Breakfast

11:00 Session 1

1. Ana Gabunia / Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University /
"An Interpretation of the XRF Analysis of the Bronze and Silver Finger Rings from the Georgian National Museum Collections"
2. Anna Mária Rekemová / Department of Archaeology and Museology, Brno, Czech Republic /
"Finding the lost settlement. Case study based on application of nondestructive archaeology"
3. Nino Tavartkiladze /Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University/
"The origin and spread of the practice of artificial cranial deformation during the Late Antique-Early Medieval period in Georgia."
4. Martin Košťál / Department of archaeology and museology, Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University /
"Virtual 3D reconstruction. Theories, methods and concepts at basis of medieval rural architecture"
5. Agnieszka Schreiber / Independent Scholar/
"Ancient hack'n'slash. Roman battle sarcophagi"
6. Mariam Kokhraidze; Tatia Mamalashvili / Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University /
"A platter with the image of a beast from the church of Softades"

13:00 Coffee break

7. Ines Ferjan / University of Edinburgh /
"The Roman Sarcophagi Trade in the Inland Balkans: Local Production, Imports, and Transport"
8. Jakub Šimík / Archaia Brno; Masaryk University, Czechia /
"How to build a medieval village without using a stone? The results of rescue excavations in South Moravia"
9. Michala Pribylová / Archaia Brno z. ú., Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic /
"Medieval and Postmedieval Leather Tannery in Brno"
10. Nino Kobalia / Georgian National Museum /
"Goldsmithing of the Pre-Classical period Colchis: Chronological and Typological Classification"
11. Katarína Adameková / Masaryk University /
"Man and river in the Middle Ages: A geoarchaeological prospection of a unique sequence of floods, human occupation and soil formation in the floodplain of Morava River (Czech Republic)"
12. Christine Shavlakadze / Georgian National Museum /
"Gold earrings from the first collections of the, "Museum Caucasicum"

16:00 closing the conference

19:00 Banquet

5 June

10:00 Breakfast

11:00 Departure from Vardzia



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