

## 1<sup>st</sup> EURASIAN MULTIDISCIPLINARY FORUM

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The First Eurasian Multidisciplinary Forum (EMF) was held in Tbilisi (Georgia) with the cooperation between Grigol Robakidze University (Georgia), European Scientific Institute and University of the Azores (Portugal). The Forum gave floor to researchers from 35 countries: **Georgia, Lithuania, UK, USA, Russia, Latvia, Macedonia, France, Italy, Spain, Finland, the Netherlands, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Lithuania, Latvia, Romania, Ukraine, Greece, Jordan, Iran, KSA, Ghana, etc.** The EMF was a three-day meeting in 2013 (from October 24 to October 26), where many themes significant for economic development were discussed. The main topics of the forum were as follows: the impact of financial crises on economic growth, banks' activities' importance for economics, high education reforms and students' mobility and inter-disciplinarity, medicine, nature, etc.

Mamuka Tavkhelidze, the rector of Grigol Robakidze University, Nino Kemertelidze, the vice-rector of Grigol Robakidze University, and Jovan Shopovski, the president of European Scientific Institute welcomed the participants and wished them to present their researches successfully, accumulate new information and deepen their knowledge in the field of their interests.

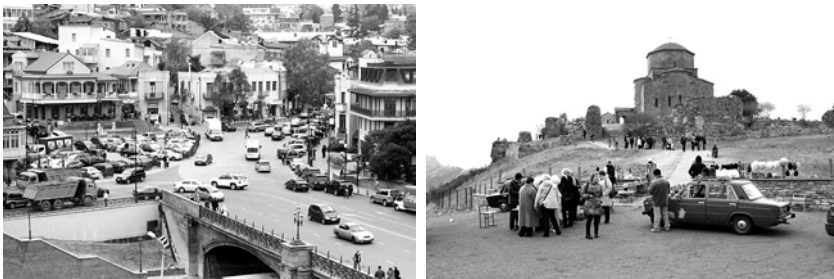


After the welcome speeches, the keynote speakers Dr. Kirby R. Cundiff from Rochester Institute of Technology in the USA and Dr. Jan Walkeens from Stenden University in the Netherlands presented their researches. Dr. Kirby R. Cundiff presented

the research based on analysing climate change in the United States, using record low and record high temperature data. In fact, all the participants of the Forum were really interested in the research, as climate change is a very important problem of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Dr. Jan Walkeens spoke about possibilities of free trade in Eurasia. Hence, an interesting and thoughtful discussion was held after Dr. Kirby R. Cundiff's and Dr. Jan Walkeens' speeches.



After the opening ceremony, all the participants were invited to a sight-seeing tour. The Members of the Conference visited the most famous places in Tbilisi and nearby, such as Mtskheta – the old capital of Georgia, which is included in UNESCO World Heritage List, Monument to the founder of Tbilisi Vakhtang Gorgasali. During the bus tour, which was, in fact, quite informative, the key facts about Georgia's history were presented and main traditions of Georgia were narrated.



Within the next two days, the First Multidisciplinary Forum continued in two sections: “social” and “life”. Basically, the first section was the most numerous, covering more than seventy articles in different fields, such as the following: **investment management** (David Sikharulidze and Vasil Kikutadze; Malkhaz Bakradze; Jana Peliova), **relationship with banks** (Daiva Jurevičienė and Viktorija Skvarciany; Nino Chipashvili), **relationship with authorities, government** (Lilita Seimuskane; Marija Vorslava; Marta Silvia del Rio; Tamar Gamsakhurdia), **global crises** (Marta Martincova), **education problems and directions of development** (Baiba Savrina; Jumjim Ngowananchai; Violeta Kuprashvili; Ilias Kapareliotis and Patricia Crosbie; Lali Chagalishvili-Agladze; Anna Zelenkova and Maria Spisiakova; Marinella Lorinczi; Alida Samusevica and Santa Striguna; Adil Jamil; Anita Lidaka and Madara Priedolina), **international trade and its impact on**

**different economic fields** (Zelha Altinikaya; Jan Lisy, Marcel Novak and Pavol Skalak), **nature** (Giorgi Tavadze; Nataliia Ridei, Yuliya Rybalko, Yuliya Kucherenko, Svitlana Palamarchusk and Denis Shofolov; Ruzika Loncaric, Jozo Kanisek and Zdenko Loncaric) **culture and history** (Majid Hajibabae; Dali Kadagishvili; Ivane Imerlishvili; Agnieszka Domogala-Krecioch; Yehia Mohamed Mahmoud Ahmed; Bianca Gioia Marino; Erica Sarivaara, Kaarina Maatta and Satu Uusiautti), **law, crime, fraud** (Giorgi Glonti; Monica Di Monte; Ioseb Mamestasarashvili; Ketevan Kukhianidze; Joana Piechowiak-Lamparska; Arndt Kunnecke; Zuzana Brokesova and Erika Pastorakova), **enterprise management** (Rima Tamošiūnienė and Simona Survilaitė; Odissefs Kollias; Miroslav Hudec; Ilona Baumane-Vitolina and Igo Cals).



One of the most discussed issues were researches related to education. For instance, Anna Zelenkova and Maria Spisakova from Matej Bel University in Banska Bystrica from the Slovak Republic introduced their article “The Impact of Internationalization of Higher Education on Teacher’s Professional Competences and Skills”. The article discussed problems related to a higher education teachers’ language barrier. Zelenkova and Spasakova claimed that a lot of university’s teachers in the Slovak Republic do not feel free speaking English and this is a really big problem as English is the main scientific language and it is not possible to reach high quality of universities’ education without knowing English. What is more, nowadays students are mobile and in all countries exchange programmes are really popular, so during lectures it is necessary to speak English fluently, to be up to date and to keep the university they work in competitive.

Another subject which was debated was service quality, which is important for relationship with banks, government, authorities, teachers and financial partners, etc. During the discussions after the presentations related to service quality, the majority of the participants argued that the quality of different services in many countries is not as high as it should be. In the light of that, Odissefs Kollias, training and development consultant from Greece, presented his paper “Jukebox Services: A Typology for the Provision of Services”. The key idea of the article was paying for services like paying for ordering a single one wants to get. In other words, one pays for the service he/she wants to be provided.

The second section was called “life” section. The participants of this section held discussions related mostly to **medicine** (Sopio Samakharadze, Maia Osipova-Schoneich

and Zurab Alkhanashvili; Samir M. Otham, Abubakir M. Saleh and Nazar P. Shabila; Axoltan Oradova, Bilimzhan Duysembayev and Kazakh National; Revaz Korinteli; Petra Sladkova, Pavlina Oborna and Olga Svestkova, etc.), **computer science and its impact on humans' well-being** (Eleonora Nosenko, Iryna Arshava, Kostyantyn Kutovy and Oles Honchar; Z. Al-Khanjari, A. Alanee, N. Kraiem and Y. Jamoussi, etc.), **energy problems** (Elias Stamboliadis), **engineering systems** (Suttitthep Rommayawes, Chewchan Leelasukseree and Pirat Jaroonpattanapong; Mihai Alin Pop, Virgil Geaman, Dana Luca Motoc, Vlad Monescu and Irinel Radomir; Zdenko Loncaric, Vlado Kovacevic, Domagoj Rastija, Krunoslav Karalic, Brigita Popovic, Vladimir Ivezic and Zoran Semialjac, etc.).

To sum it up, 99 articles in total were presented. The participants shared their experience and presented the results of their surveys that became a breeding ground for thinking about future researches.

The three-day Forum ended in Social event, where Mamuka Tavkhelidze, the rector of Grigol Robakidze University, thanked all the participants for attending the Conference and said that he hoped that all the participants had enjoyed their time in Tbilisi. The vice-rector of Grigol Robakidze University, Nino Kemertelidze, wished all the researchers to come back next year.

