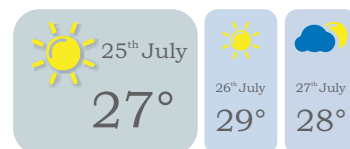




Elizbar Elizbarashvili - Main coordinator, Association of Professional Chemists of Georgia

Georgia became the member of the IChO in Vietnam 2014, but my first participation to IChO was in Washington when I was an observer. I still remember this exceptional event so clearly like as if it was yesterday. At the end of the Olympiad organizing committee have distributed special quaternary for feedback for participants. Questions seemed to be very standard and simple to answer except the last one, which was like this - is it possible your country to be considered as the host country for the future IChOs? I was thinking more than five minutes. Georgia as a small country and IChO – so huge event was so incomparable. When I just have started to mark a small square beside “NO” suddenly something whispered in my mind - in the science there is everything possible theoretically! Really, theoretically everything is possible... in future... not tomorrow, not next year or after it, somewhere beyond of the visible and imaginable... And I lost in the deep dreams marked the answer “YES”. Only four years have been passed after this event and this mystical future has become the tangible reality. And now, working on the IChO-48 with excellent team: Chair Giorgi Jghenti, Malkhaz Khoperia, Gia Khatisashvili, Kakha Didebulidze, Natia Ochkhikidze, Revaz Korashvili and many other my colleagues and students, I am asking myself: is this reality or dream? Georgia and IChO sounds very nice together but means very much more!



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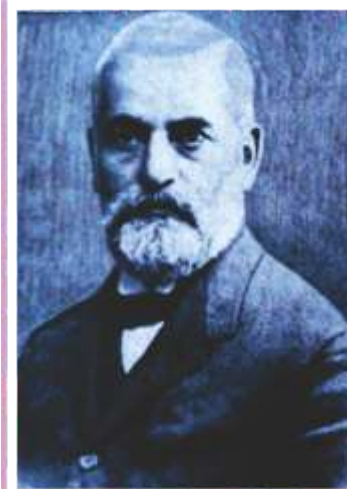


Catalyzer

July 23 - August 1, 2016

Petre Melikishvili

The first rector of the Tbilisi State University Petre Melikishvili was a chemist. His work was about organic and inorganic chemistry issues; He was the first who got the class of organic admixture, called glycidic acid. In 1939 his reaserches about the peroxide and superxide was published as a monograph. Under his leadership four chemical laboratory was founded at Tbilisi State University. He set up the departments of inorganic, organic chemistry and agriculture. Institutes of Physics and Organic Chemistry in Georgia is named after Melikishvili.



Niko Nikoladze

Niko Nikoladze was a notable Georgian writer, pro-Western enlightener, and public figure primarily known for his contributions to the development of Georgian liberal journalism and his involvement in various economic and social projects of that time.

Elene Akhvlediani

Elene Akhvlediani was a 20th-century Georgian female painter, graphic artist, and theater decorator. Akhvlediani is famous for her depictions of Georgian towns, for her illustrations, for the works of famous Georgian writers and for designing plays in the Marjanishvili Theater in Tbilisi, Georgia.



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I want to thank the government - Ministry of Education and Science to make decisions very quickly that Georgia would be the host country for Olympiad and all the organizers for their dedication. I dare to say that one week from now, in the upcoming week we will have great time in Georgia, we will enjoy meeting each other, we will enjoy Chemistry as well and at the end, I am sure, we will feel sorry that these ten days have passed so quickly.



Dr. Duckhwan Lee
Former Chair of Steering Committee, Professor

I have been involved in International Chemistry Olympiad for more than 10 years already. We - organizers held it in many countries. I can list you these countries thoroughly by years. If you ask me how Georgia is distinguished with these countries my answer will be that, only in three months your country and organizing team coped with the boundless work and have done it perfectly.



Alexander Gladilin
Chair of International Chemistry Olympiad Committee

I was extremely happy when I heard that the host country this year would be Georgia. Actually I have never been in this country before and have the opportunity to know a culture and people. I have already managed to have sightseeing tour in Old Tbilisi and Mtskheta. As well I tasted Georgian cuisine.



George Zhgenti
Chair, Deputy Director, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation

This process may be estimated with the only word - witchcraft. Actually, with the smallest amount of time and human resources we managed to do much more than the other, a very famous and successful countries have been making. We made it real that International Chemistry Olympiad to be held in Georgia. The main part is still ahead. I do not want to anticipate event, however, I am sure that the Olympiad will be successful. We are absolutely ready for it.



Gia Khatisashvili
Professor of Agricultural University of Georgia

The Agricultural University of Georgia is absolutely ready for the Olympiad. All the special spaces are prepared and all required materials for the practical examinations are neatly put on the numbered tables. As well as we have already prepared detailed schedules for students, mentors and guests. Lots of volunteer students, with special uniforms, are at the university corridors and they are ready to take care of any organizational details.

Organizers



ICHO 48-th Opening Ceremony at the Rustaveli National Theatre

ICHO 48-th's official opening ceremony was at the Rustaveli National Theatre. Minister of Education and Science Aleksandre Jejelava and main organizers made a special speeches for the audience.



Astrid Coste from France:

In my mind Olympiad means getting great experience, meet a lot of people from all over the world. I hope that I will explore Georgian culture, meet great people and great scientists, discover new things about chemistry as well.



Andrea from Italy: This Olympiad is a great challenge for me and my team. It will be a big competition among so many nations. Actually, this experience will be fundamental for all of us to share knowledge with each other's cultures and make new relationships.



At the opening ceremony ICHO's students, mentors and special guests were shown Georgian traditional folk music and national dance. At the end the event all the teams from different countries were introduced with each other.



Kevin Tang from USA:

I think that the biggest goal of being here is to meeting new people from different countries, making new friends and if I win it will be just bonus. I hope that I will do my best and the great motivator is that I am with people who love chemistry as much as I do.



Ramil from Azerbaijan:

It is my first time participating International Chemistry Olympiad. I hope to be back to my country with a medal and an excellent experience. I wish all the teams good luck!



Hamzah from South Africa: I like Tbilisi so much. I know that this city has a big history and I would like to have some free time to have a sightseeing tour. Most of all I like beautiful architecture and old buildings. And about the Olympiad, my team will do it's best to achieve our goal.

