



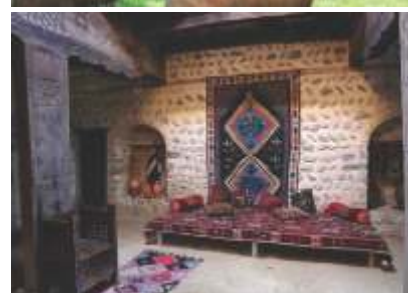
When we came to Mtskheta we felt the atmosphere of ancient ages. It was like traveling back in time. The houses, the roads made with stone, churches... Everything was creating the spirit.



The most impressive thing is to see churches which are very ancient. It is amazing to look through modern and ancient buildings together and feel the magic joint of religions - catholic and orthodox churches next to each other.

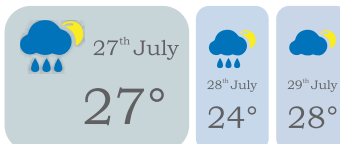


It seems that Mtskheta is the warmest, most beautiful town I have ever been. Amazing views and hospitable people are the best sides of this brilliant town. I am sure I will be back here again.



Open-Air Museum of Ethnography

This collection of traditional, mostly wooden houses, collected from all around Georgia, is spread over a wooded hillside with good views, and makes for an enjoyable visit. The most interesting exhibits are in the lower section, where the buildings are kitted out with traditional furnishings, rugs and utensils.



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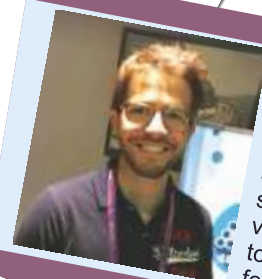


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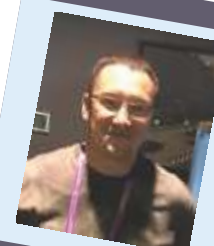
United Kingdom - Ben Pilgrim (Head Mentor)
I hope this Olympiad will be success for our team as we have trained them students well, particularly in organic tasks. I think the tasks have good level of difficulty and not all the students can settle. I like the problem solving nature of tasks this year.



Switzerland - Alain Vaucher (Head Mentor)
I think students need quite a lot of knowledge because they have to settle difficult questions. Our students are well-prepared and I am very optimistic. I am looking forward to staying here after the Olympiad for 10 more days to see the city.



Australia - Tim Cashman (Head Mentor)
I think that our team will do pretty well. We've trained them the best we can, I think they will be alright. Tasks are relatively difficult but I think it's fair. I really like Tbilisi as this city has it's own character. Mostly I like mountains.



Ukraine - Konstantin Gavrylenko (Head Mentor)
I think that our students will be able to experience Georgian hospitality. For me visit to Georgia is a new challenge. This Olympiad is the highest level for all young chemists as well as for the mentors.

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Happy Birth Day to Lara Nobili

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Norway Delegation:

We really liked the Opening Ceremony. National dancers were amazing and also the acapella group made a big impression on us. We were looking forward for wine tasting, but sadly it's not allowed for us.



Agricultural University of Georgia is one of the most developing and successful university. It became one of the top-rated university when in 2011, moved in the management of Knowledge Foundation, founded by Kakha Bendukidze. In 2015, according to the average scores of

students have been enrolled there, Agricultural University of Georgia got fourth place in the rating among 60 University in Georgia. This is the area where now ICHO 48-th is taking place.

Kakha Bendukidze

Kakha Bendukidze (20 April 1956 – 13 November 2014) was a Georgian statesman, businessman and philanthropist, founder of the Knowledge Foundation and head of the supervisory board of Agricultural and Free Universities. He was known as a committed libertarian and strong supporter of market economy, deregulation and privatization, stating that the Georgian government should sell everything except its honor. Under his leadership, Georgia became the top-reforming country in the world, according to the World Bank's Doing Business report. In particular, Georgia jumped from 137th to 11th on the ease of doing business scale, ahead of Germany and France.



Hungary Delegation:

We would like to make conversation with people to share the views and interests. We would like to get to know Georgia, because it is not the common tourist destination place for us. Actually we have a great desire to go to our country with a medal.



Argentine Delegation:

This event is important to get know other cultures and traditions. In these days we have learned so much about Georgia, the country which we knew nothing about. we always try to talk to as many people as we can to get to know them, because even though the thing that unites us is chemistry, each of us also live on earth, under the same roof.