

## Mtatsminda Bombora park

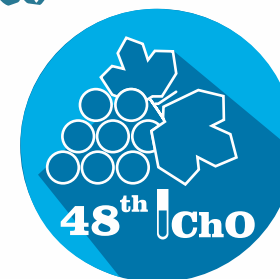
Mtatsminda is the mountain topped by the 210m-high TV mast that overlooks central Tbilisi. Located 800-metres above the city Mtatsminda Park (known as Bombora) spreads over more than 1 sq km and has been a popular fun spot for generations.

There are attractions include a flume ride, numerous children's rides and a water play-splash area, a Sartori Roto Techno, mini Mine Train coaster, a bee-themed jet ride, a spinning coaster, Fabbri drop tower, reverse bungee, slide and dark ride. There are numerous, reasonably priced outdoor cafes. An 80 metre ferris wheel provides wonderful views of the city.

The Park has beautiful gardens with lots of tall trees, providing much needed shade during the summer. There are lots of intriguing, colorful buildings and large scale sculptures. Stroll around or take the land train to enjoy the sights.



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## Translation of theoretical exam and voting



Jingjia Liu from China  
(Student)



I think there were interesting and exciting experiments to do but it was also weird as my country hasn't practiced something like yet. Actually, it was good to learn form of the exam itself. I still believe that we will be successful.

Piero Beraun from Peru  
(Student)



We were very nervous before the exam. We were even talking about it in the bus. We thought it would be very hard. But now we think it was alright and everyone is happy about it. It was quite manageable to do the tasks. There was no trouble in our room and we think in other rooms as well.

Dinh Quang from Vietnam  
(Student)



We think the third task was very difficult. First one was normal. But everything was well organized and the exam went well. We want to wish good luck to all the students and cheer them up.

Siradanai Rimsakorn from Thailand  
(Student)



Actually, the exam was a little bit complicated for me. Mostly the organic part. It was nice that exam was divided into two parts. Now I feel more free and comfortable when this part is over.

Davi Aragao from Brazil  
(Student)



I think it was nice that exam was divided into two parts, we could situate ourselves better. As for me all the needed equipment have worked well and I didn't face any kind of problem in that part.

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Ekvtime Takaishvili

Ekvtime Takaishvili was a Georgian historian, archaeologist and public benefactor. In 1917, he was among the founders and professors of the Tbilisi State University. He lost his tenure both in the parliament and at the TSU in 1921, when the Bolshevik Russia's 11th Red Army put an end to Georgia's independence. He followed the Georgian government in their French exile, taking the Georgian national treasury – numerous precious pieces of Georgian material culture - with him to Europe. The treasury contained into 39 immense boxes, were shipped to Marseille and placed in a bank depository. Subsequently this precious cargo was transferred to one of the banks in Paris. Although the treasury was officially the property of the Georgian government-in-exile, it was actually Ekvtime Takaishvili who supervised this huge collection. Despite numerous attempts by various European museums to purchase portions of this treasury, and extreme economic hardship, Takaishvili never sold a single piece of the priceless collection to live on and guarded it.



In photos Tbilisi and Batumi, Georgia



### Georgian Cinema

The cinema of Georgia has been noted for its cinematography in Europe. One of the most acclaimed Italian film directors, Federico Fellini, was an admirer of the Georgian film: - Georgian film is a completely unique phenomenon, vivid, philosophically inspiring, very wise, childlike. Georgian cinematography reputation has been built by known cinema directors and choreographers such as: Dodo Abashidze, Tengiz Abuladze, Temur Babluani, Mikheil Chiaureli, Revaz Chkheidze, Rusudan Chkonia, Lana Gogoberidze, Otar Ioseliani, Nana Jorjadze, Sergei Parajanov, Eldar Shengelaia, Giorgi Shengelaia, Nikoloz Shengelaia.



**Imeretian cheese** is a fresh cow's milk cheese. Although it originated in the Imereti region, you can find it everywhere in Georgia, whether it's homemade or bought at the market. This is the cheese traditionally used in khachapuri, the infamous Georgian cheese bread.

**Georgian Gouda** is a raw cow's milk cheese that is aged more than 60 days. The cheese has a deep yellow color, is very dense, yet creamy and has a little tart, tangy flavor at first which slowly fades to a smooth finish with some sweetness.

**Sulguni** is a brined Georgian cheese from the Samegrelo region. It has a sour, moderately salty flavor, a dimpled texture, and an elastic consistency. Its color ranges from white to pale yellow. Sulguni is often deep-fried, which masks its odor. It is often served in wedges.



Argentina - Sergio Bonesi and Vicente Povse (Head mentors)

I think that there are some very difficult questions that need imagination to solve. Some topics are basics and them can make students confused. Olympiad is very interesting for student and they are prepared thoroughly to do practical and theoretical exams. Actually we fell in love with Georgia. The Country was a quite surprising, the cuisine is great, especially Khinkali



India - Savita Ladage and Radha Jayaram (Head Mentors)

We think that our students will be able to handle the tasks. This part is not easy but in our opinion not too difficult. These tasks are fair enough for all the competitors. This is part where the students should have to think really hard. We think that average student can not manage to handle them. Georgia is a lovely country. At first we were a little bit worried, because we were not sure whether people knew English and manage to answer our questions, but everyone here is so professional, educated, friendly and helpful. So the atmosphere is really comfortable.



Latvia - Kaspars Veldre (Head Mentor)

I think, that the exercises are quite interesting and the students should be able to do them. The questions are from different chemistry fields. Some problems look difficult and require really a lot, deep thinking. Georgia is a great country with very nice people. Tbilisi is amazing city to walk around.



Estonia - Lona Sutt (Head Mentor)

Well, throughout the years our team has been a bit weaker in organics and stronger with the physical chemistry. In general they will do their best as always. Solutions are very shuffling, they need a lot of thinking to solve. If they think hard and stay calm they will manage it.



Prometheus Cave

Discovered in Imereti region in 1984, Prometheus Cave is one of Georgia's natural wonders providing visitors with breathtaking examples of stalactites, stalagmites, curtains, petrified waterfalls, cave pearls, underground rivers, and lakes. Khvaml Mountain is visible from Prometheus Cave and is the place where legend says that Prometheus was chained. The 1060 meter walking route through the cave was upgraded in the summer of 2012 and visitors can enjoy a 280 meter boat tour on an underground river. There you will see stalactites, stalagmites, helictites, travertines, stoned waterfalls, cave pearls, subterranean river and lakes. The underground track is about 1.2km. Total around 16 caves linking by 4 huge halls.



Happy Birthday to

Anindya Datta (Observer) and Jimin Li (Student)