



Catalyzer

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ICHO sightseeing tour
in Signaghi

Happy Birthday
to
Evaggelia Parisopoulou
and
Wee Zhuan Goh

Shkmeruli is a chicken dish from the village of Shkmeri, Racha region of Georgia. Chicken in a special spicy sauce with garlic and milk, often cooked on a clay pan.
Its ingredients are: chicken, mashed garlic and milk. If you decide to try Shkmeruli in Shkmeri, this quite exotic village (elevation 1700m) is home to Usholta Caves and even more interesting tourist site: river Kheori canyon which locals will be happy to show you. You can, of course, try Shkmeruli in the most restaurants in Tbilisi or other cities.

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Yesterday the elections of Steering Committee was over successfully. I-Jy Chang from Thailand was elected as a Chair of Steering Committee of IChO 49th, for future year.



50th anniversary Olympiad will take place simultaneously in two countries, in Czech Republic and in Slovakia in 19-29 July, 2018.

49th International Chemistry Olympiad will be second time hosted by Thailand, once again after the 31th IChO in 1999. The 49th IChO will be organized during July 6-15, 2017, at Salaya Center, the main campus of Mahidol University in Nakhon, Pathom province located about 50 kilometers from Suvarnabhumi Airport.

ICHO 51th will be held in France in 2019.



ICHO 53th will take place in Japan, in 2021.



Elections of Steering Committee Chair

Organizers





Kelli Slunt from USA *(Head Mentor)*

I have enjoyed seeing Old Tbilisi, and the weather has been quite pleasant. On the first night we went to the restaurant and it was so delicious. We tried quite different cuisine and really liked Georgian food. One thing that I didn't get to try and which I want to try is Khinkali, so that is something I want to do before I depart.



Emiel de Kleijn Netherlands
(Head Mentor)

I like Georgia very much. It is so nice country and I think we didn't expect it to be like this. We love the hospitality of Georgian people. In Netherlands the weather is not so nice as the weather in Georgia, because in Netherlands it's always cold, raining and here every day is nice and warm and the sky is blue.



Michael Troels Munck from Denmark
(Head Mentor)

Georgia is very beautiful country with a big mountains, nice weather and sightseeings. I have tasted the local cuisine which is absolutely delicious. I had sightseeing tour in Old Tbilisi as well and after it I suppose to be back to Georgia.



Nguyen Ngoc Ha from Vietnam
(Head Mentor)

This is a very nice country and I want to come back here. I have already talked to my friend, my wife and told them that one day I would take them back here. I think people are very friendly. I have traveled to many countries but your food is special. One of the things that surprised me most is the way this event is organized, you had very short time, only four months, so thank you so much!



Alvaro Lobato Fernandez from Spain
(Mentor)

Georgia is a really nice country. First of all Europe is quite different but old part of Tbilisi is really beautiful. I want to come back with my friends, we were talking about it already. May be Oscar (Head Mentor) also will come back with his family. We tasted Khinkali and Khachapuri and it was really delicious. I also learned how to say numbers in Georgian.



Jan Kotek from Czech Republic
(Head Mentor)

It is not my first time in Georgia. In 1992 I was there as a student, participating in the competition. Then I was here as a tourist and had a sightseeing tour around the country. I am always happy to be here and be back one day. Thanks to all the organizers and involved people for the Olympiad.



Henrik Sonsteby from Norway
(Head Mentor)

Georgia is very pleasant country. We used the chance of mountains, rented bikes for couple of days and went up there in a higher level. That was fantastic. As well as we enjoyed Tbilisi so much. The food and everything is very good.



Andrej Godec from Slovenia
(Head Mentor)

I think this country has a big potential for tourism. In Tbilisi there are still some parts that need renovation but in general city is very nice. You have lots of water and fields and that is very good starting point. I've tasted some Georgian food, for example, Khachapuri which is very tasty.