

RUSTAVELI FOUNDATION

For Georgian Studies,
Humanities and Social Sciences
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Address of the President of Georgia, Mikheil Saakashvili



Developing intellectual potential of our country is a decisive factor for creating a united, strong and educated state. We need a free-thinking, knowledge-based and a highly responsible society; we need to search for new ideas, support the unity of research and education, integration of Georgian system into European education area, international recognition and popularization of our national values and ultimately achieving high intellectual development goals and results. Therefore developing science and scholarship, attracting Georgian scholars working abroad and sharing their experience, preparing highly-

qualified experts and professionals in every field is a public demand today.

I am happy that Georgia has top-level scholars and world-renowned researchers, that research and scholarship in Georgia are regaining the fundamental values of academic freedom, openness, accountability towards society. We, as a state, have a duty to help them fulfill their obligations, and this sense of duty served as a basis for creating a Foundation for Georgian Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences – the Rustaveli Foundation. Together with scholars the Foundation has already launched a number of interesting and important initiatives stimulating and supporting the creation of new projects in these fields.

We are proud that financing science and scholarship in Georgia already has a systematic character, but we do intend to invest more. Despite the Russian aggression the Rustaveli Foundation programs and the scholarly projects funded by the Foundation have not been suspended and I believe this will continue so.

Research-based practice can radically change and can contribute to the development of economic and political as well as social and humanities activities providing the basis for the success and progress of the country.

Let me congratulate the Rustaveli Foundation as well as all the scholars awarded by the Foundation with the successful accomplishment of one year of activities and wish success in the implementation of more interesting projects and programs in the future.

ADDRESS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE RUSTAVELI FOUNDATION, DR. *TINATIN BOCHORISHVILI*

Science in Georgia has always been and is still an indispensable part of world science. Economic development of the country as well as its progress in poverty reduction is impossible without progress in science since in the post-modern age the only competitive economy can be knowledge-based economy. However research and knowledge accumulation are not only the tools for economic progress but also serve as guarantors for preserving and securing unique national identity and values. Defining priority areas for research and concentrating efforts and resources in those areas is the typical trend in science worldwide currently.



Georgian Studies is one of such priority areas in Georgia. Its uniqueness derives from the fact that its progress and development is foremost determined by the support from the Government of Georgia and therefore it contributes to studying and popularization of Georgian national identity, past and present issues in the country.

The Government of Georgia, recognizing this responsibility, has established the Rustaveli Foundation for Georgian Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences. In 2007 for the first time in the history of independent Georgia the Government has assumed the responsibility to finance research in those areas which fall under its exclusive responsibility.

Creation of a Foundation for Georgian Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences has been an essential part of the comprehensive reform agenda in education and science in Georgia – this has enabled us to support research activities in the field of humanities and social sciences and promote Georgian Studies as a special priority.

Main tasks of the Foundation for Georgian Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences are:

- Distribution of public financial resources through open competitions based on international reviews;
- Systemic integration in international research area through regular exchange of information among research groups;
- Supporting Georgian scholars and professionals participate in international programs, conferences, forums, etc.

We believe studies conducted in Georgia should undoubtedly be linked to national values, but they also have to fit within international context. To ensure compliance with both local and international perspectives research proposals accepted by the Foundation are being reviewed and selected by Georgian as well as foreign researchers.

The Foundation's activities are a unique example of targeted national efforts for capacity development in humanities and social sciences. The Foundation's mission and goals reflect broader national strategic priorities: retaining and transfer of existing cultural and spiritual heritage to future generations on the one hand and development of policy, public administration, history, economics and social studies.

This also responds to the Governmental Decree on the National Goals of General Education emphasizing "personal responsibilities that each adult should possess towards national interests, traditions and values."

My vision of the Foundation is not that of an institution responsible solely for selecting winning research proposals through an open competitions, but that of a research forum, a linking unit between scholarship and society, a platform where any interested person can obtain relevant information about local and international research projects.

Considering the above, activities of the Rustaveli Foundation are crucially important for supporting and advancing research in Georgian Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences. Our ultimate goal is to create the environment whereby Georgian scholars have an opportunity to be successful, valuable and respected people.

INTRODUCTION

The system of education and science in Georgia has been subject to substantial and radical reform efforts since the beginning of 2004. End goals of the transformation process of the system are to establish knowledge-based economy and create fully competitive environment where all individuals have equal opportunities for development. Strategies chosen to achieve these goals are: promoting transparency and accountability, curbing corruption, supporting decentralization and respecting individual choice.

Major innovation in science sector has been the introduction of a new science funding scheme whereby all scientific, research and higher education institutions, non-governmental organizations, as well as individual scholars and groups of scholars have an opportunity to get public funding for research on the basis of open transparent competition.

Rustaveli Foundation for Georgian Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences is the agency responsible for implementing this new funding approach in the wide area of Georgian Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences. The following report summarizes the activities implemented by the latter in 2007-2008, provides basic quantitative and qualitative performance indicators and financial activity account and plans for future.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

MISSION OF THE FOUNDATION

Rustaveli Foundation was established as a separate entity in May 2007 and it assumed the function of funding and administering competitions for scholars and graduate students of Georgian studies, humanities and social sciences. Notably the Foundation has been named after the greatest Georgian poet of all times, Shota Rustaveli, who back in 12th century AD wrote one of the magnificent pieces of the world literature, an epic poem “Vepkhistkaosani” (The Knight in Panther’s Skin).

The Foundation’s mission is to encourage the development of research in Georgian studies, humanities and social sciences by supporting scholars and relevant research and educational institutions financially. The Foundation aims at the systemic integration of Georgian science in international research area through open competitions and international review of research projects. To achieve this broad goal, the Foundation is implementing various types of activities as illustrated by Figure 1 below.

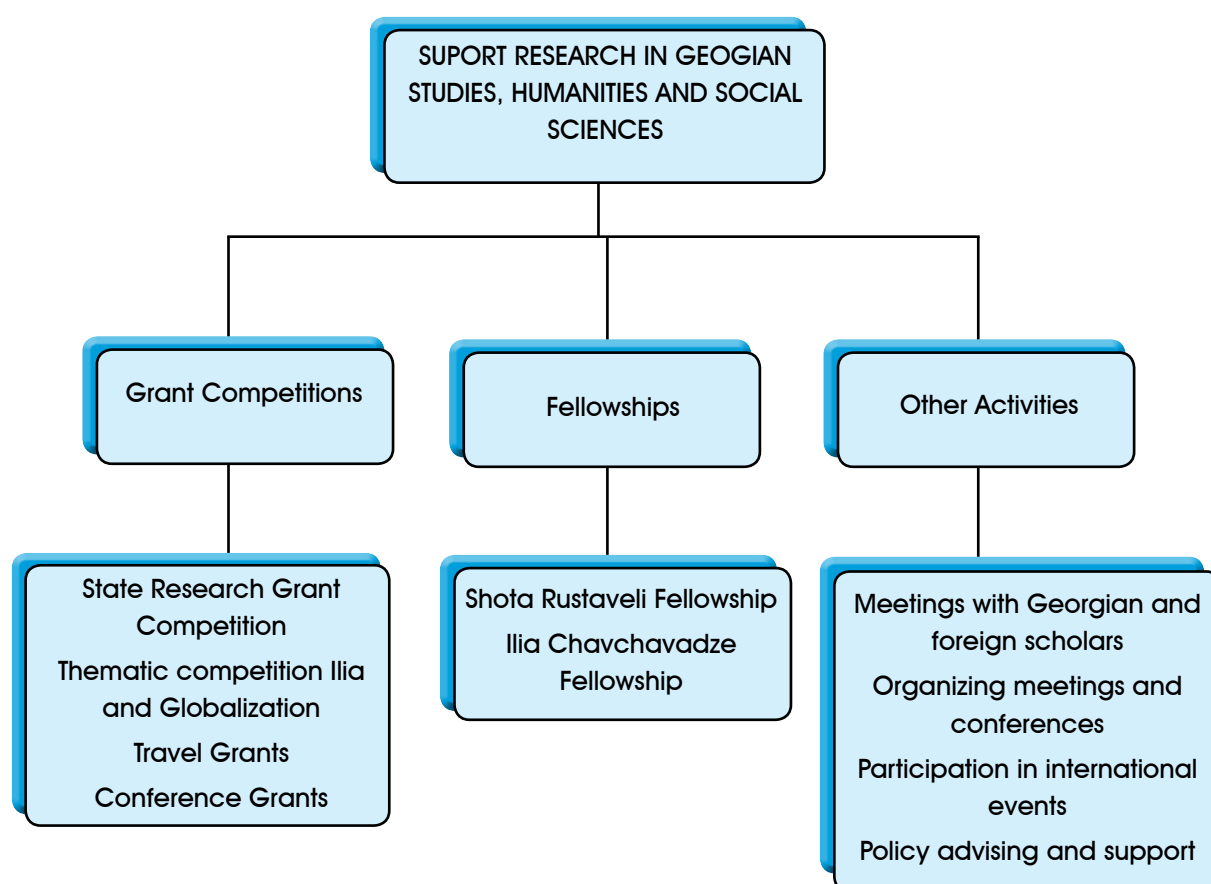


Figure 1 Activities implemented by the Foundation

The need to include Georgian Studies as a separate area for research in the Foundation’s agenda was determined by the paramount importance of maintaining and transmitting spiritual and historical heritage of the country on the one hand, and developing new approaches and views of point through research on the other.

All activities of the Foundation are guided by three major principles: competitiveness, transparency and integrity. Funding is always allocated on a competitive basis following an open competition. Evaluation of the project proposals submitted for the State Research Grant Competition and for the competition Ilia and Globalization is done exclusively by international and local independent experts (peer-reviewers), representing the respective research field. Selection of winners in other competitions is done by independent committees composed of local and foreign experts. Transparency is ensured by permanent communication with public through publishing all the available information on the Foundation's webpage, full availability of the Foundation staff to assist applicants and interested people in application procedures and in providing all necessary information. The Foundation remains committed to the principle of academic and moral integrity.

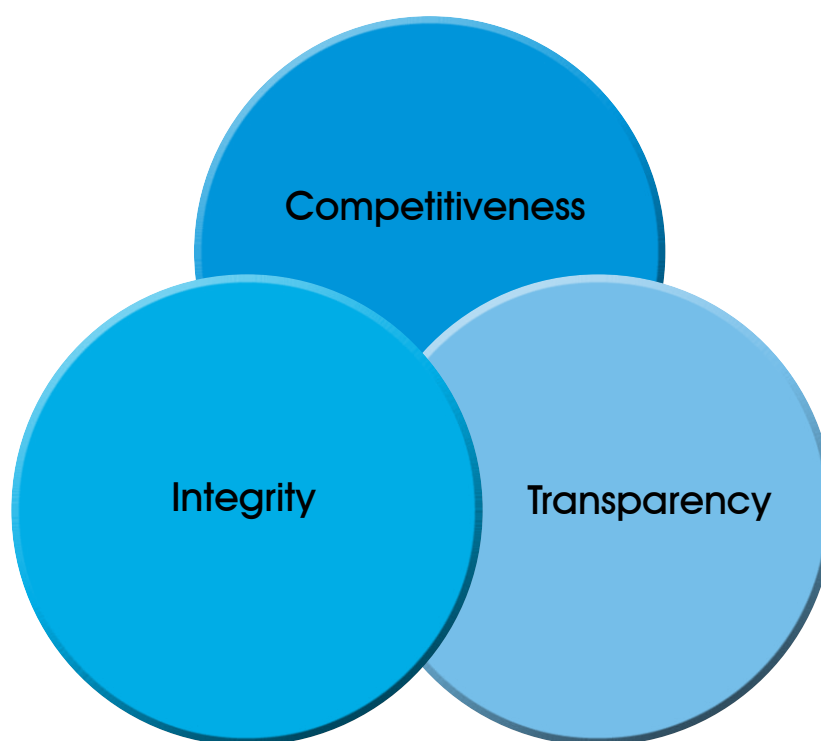


Figure 2 Operating principles of the Foundation

GOVERNANCE OF THE FOUNDATION

Mobilizing national financial resources for supporting successful Georgian scholars, their research projects directly from public budget is undoubtedly a progressive and highly valuable initiative!

Davit Darchiashvili,
Scientific Board Member

Smooth operation of the Foundation's activities is facilitated by its effective governance structure. The governing bodies of the Foundation are the Foundation Director and the Scientific Board. The Foundation director is the key person responsible for representing the Foundation in talks, agreements, responsible for announcing competitions, supervision over monitoring and evaluation, supervision over the staff, etc. A candidate for the position of the Foundation director is selected on a competitive basis by a special commission of the Ministry of Education and Science. Selected candidate is then afterwards presented to the Prime-Minister for endorsement. The Director is appointed by the Prime-Minister of Georgia upon the agreement of the President for a 4-year-term.

Scientific board of the Foundation oversees the activities of the Foundation,

approves the budget, reports annually to the Government of Georgia. The Board is composed of 15 members including scholars and government representatives: one third of the Board members are nominated by the Academy of Sciences of Georgia, one third of the members are representatives of higher education institutions of Georgia, the rest are nominated and endorsed by the Government of Georgia. Among these 5 government-nominated members currently there are two ministers: the Minister of Education and Science and the Minister of Economic Development. For further details about the composition of the Scientific Board see annex 1.

The Foundation staff is composed of high-level professionals committed to smooth and effective operation of the Foundation activities.

Supporting research in the disciplines studying national phenomena of its people is the duty of each country. In Georgia Rustaveli Foundation has assumed this duty which is both great honor and responsibility at the same time.

Elguja Khintibidze,
Scientific Board Member

GRANT COMPETITIONS

National Research Grant Competition

About the competition. State Research Grant Competition is the key initiative implemented by the Foundation for ensuring the successful realization of reforms in the field of science. The goal of the competition is to encourage research initiatives in the relevant areas of study. To achieve this goal,

This is the first big victory of the new state funding system. For the old-style scholars who were suspicious about this innovative approach, it became a true discovery!

Eldar Nadiradze,
State Research
Grant Recipient

the Foundation provides equal opportunity for all scholars to access public funds available for funding scholarly research through the competition procedure. Therefore, openness and transparency are the major principles underlying the competition. Another major principle that guarantees fairness of the procedure of selecting winnings proposals and the quality of the projects funded is the high level of expertise of the evaluators (peer-review panel) composed of mainly foreign, as well as local professionals in respective fields.

The application and selection procedure is simple and transparent: call for applications is announced once a year, an independent expert panel, consisting of local and foreign peer-reviewers evaluates the applications during six months and the winners are announced at the end of the year. The

Foundation has published an Operational Manual with detailed guidelines on application procedure to facilitate the process.

Project duration may vary from 6 months to 36 months. Maximum amount that can be requested for funding one project is 150 000 Gel (around 100 000 USD) per 36 months or - 50 000 GEL per 12 months.

The selection committee has four major criteria to use during the evaluation of accepted proposals. They are: 1. novelty of the research, its goals and objectives; 2. Research methods and expected results; 3. Capacity of the research team; 4. Project management capacity.

The Foundation monitoring team monitors the implementation of selected projects according to an established plan of action. Grantees have to submit quarterly reports to the Foundation. The Foundation is also entitled to request from grantees to provide any documents concerning the project as they see needed. Funding is issued to grantees in several installments and each installment is provided only upon satisfactory completion of a quarterly cycle. Upon completion of the project grantees have to submit a final report to the Foundation.

Working on this project encouraged us to further research the role and competitiveness of Georgian economy in the Caucasus and among Black Sea countries.

Evgeni Baratashvili,
State Research Grant Recipient

COMPLETED AND ONGOING PROJECTS

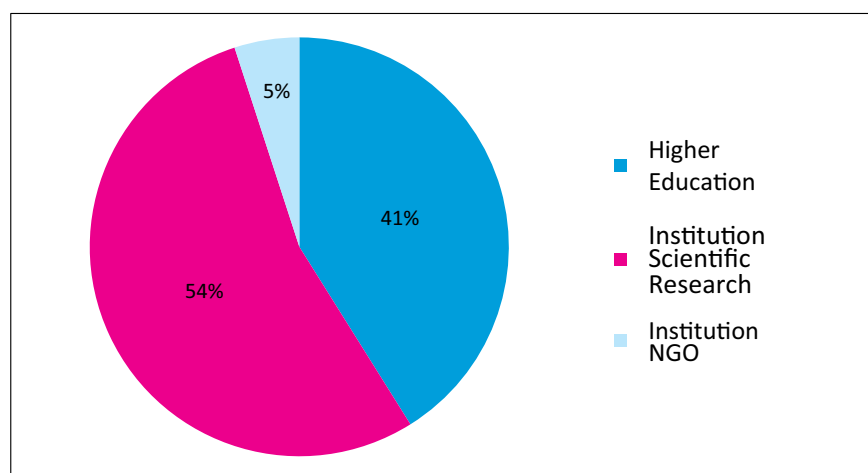


Figure 3. Distribution of funded projects by organization type

for projects. Figure 3 displays distributions of the projects that were funded by the Foundation by the type of applicant institution and in Annex 2 below you can find relevant information about the grant-winning organizations in greater detail.

As seen from figure 3 the highest number of funded projects was submitted by scientific research institutions followed by higher education institutions. The share of the projects selected from non-profit organizations is the smallest.

The projects presented by participating organizations varied across a number of disciplines. Figures 4 and 5 represent

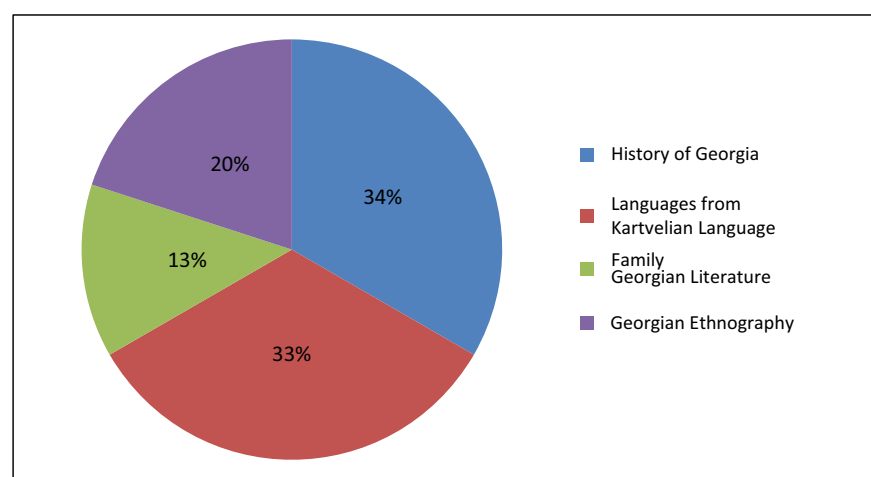


Figure 4 Distribution of funded projects by discipline Georgian Studies

Although the research grant competition is a relatively new initiative it has already attracted scholars and researcher groups with a wide variety of backgrounds. The number of

applications has been high since its initiation. Implementation of 58 selected projects started in 2006/2008. Higher education institutions, as well as state research institutes and non-governmental organizations have been awarded grants

Participation of three generations of historians has been very important for making working on this project and engaging and enjoyable process.

Alexander Daushvili,
State Research Grant Recipient

resent distribution of the funded projects according to the fields of research within Georgian Studies and within Humanities and Social Sciences. As seen from figure 4 below, within Georgian studies the largest share of proposals was funded in the History of Georgia followed by Languages from Kartvelian Language Family and Georgian Ethnography. As figure 5 illustrates law and economics were the two disciplines with the largest number of funded projects.

¹ In some cases there is an overlap between the two areas and therefore projects are assigned to Georgian Studies or to Humanities and Social Sciences based on the preference of authors.

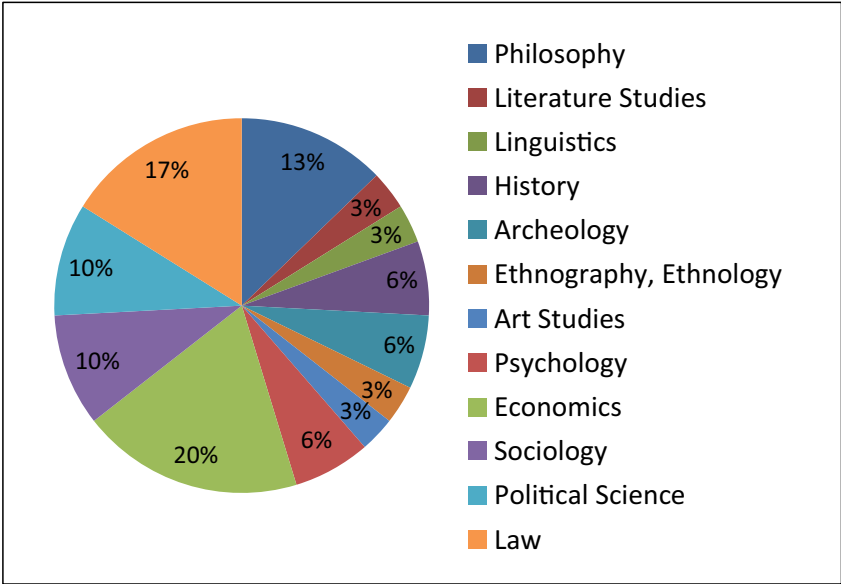


Figure 5 Distribution of funded projects by discipline Humanities and Social Sciences

largest number of applications accepted from state research institutes. Figure 6 provides the breakdown of applications by type of applicants.

Out of the 265 applications received 115 were in Georgian Studies and 150 in Humanities and Social Sciences. Figure 7 below provides a detailed breakdown on accepted applications by the fields of study within Georgian Studies and Humanities and Social Sciences.

17 projects have already been completed. Others are at various stages of implementation. Some of the projects have yielded remarkable results and have proved instrumental in contributing to the development of scholarship within their disciplines. Some of the examples are provided in the following sub-chapter. Annex 3 provides basic details about each of the 58 funded projects.

265 applications have been received in 2008. The winners will be announced in January 2009. Applicants varied by type with the

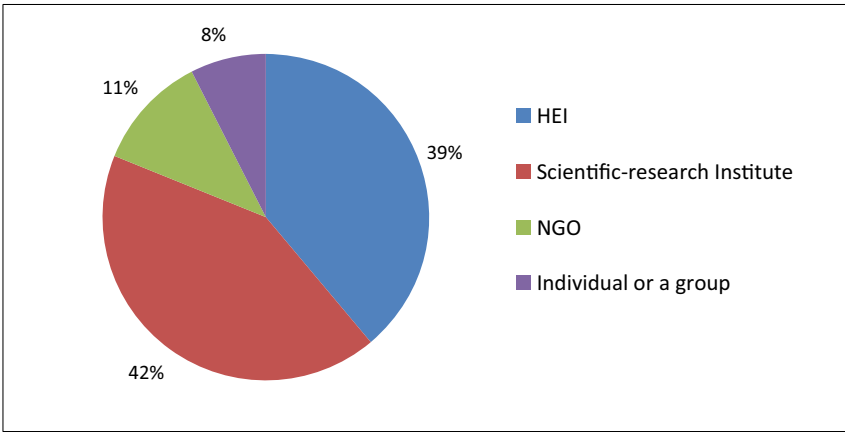


Figure 6 Breakdown of applications in 2008 by applicant type

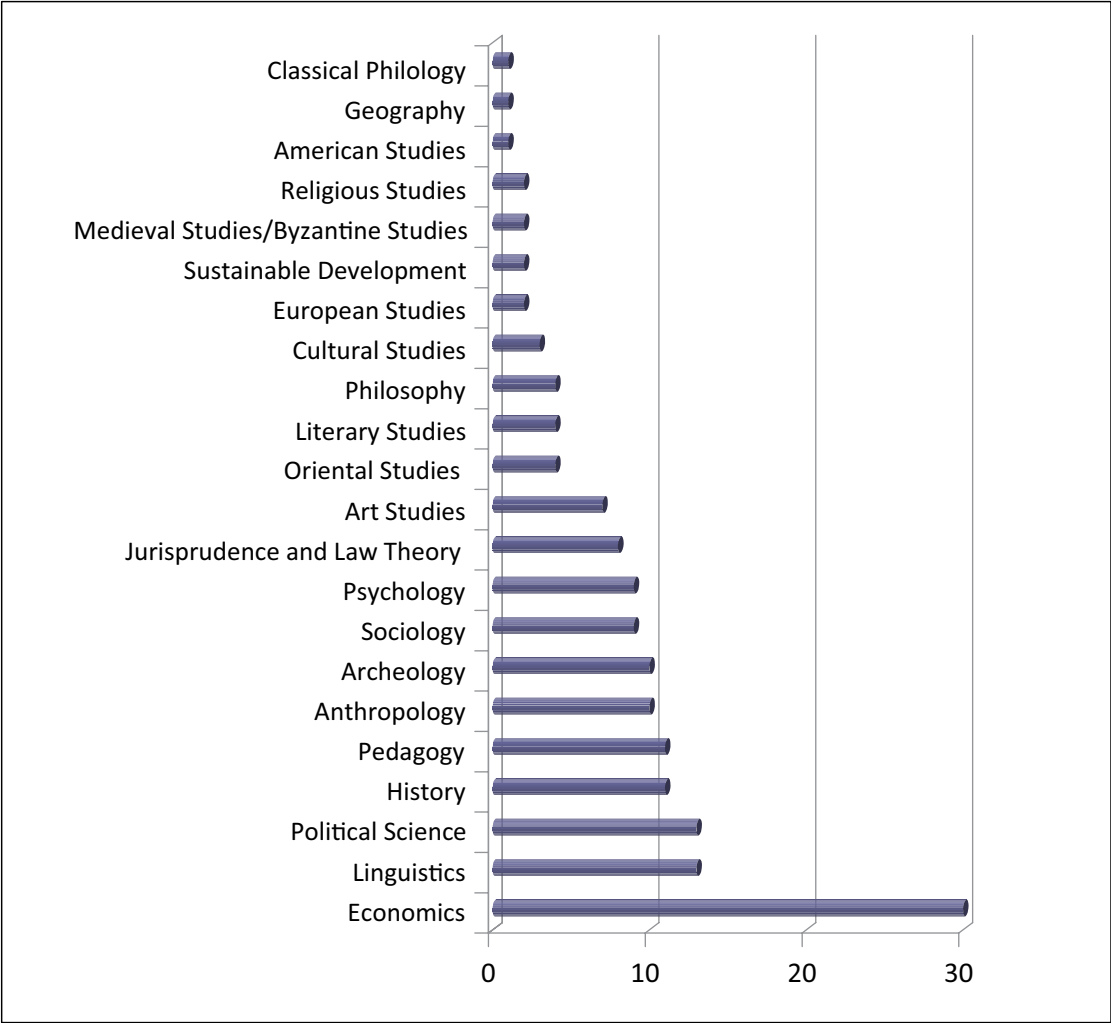


Figure 7 Breakdown of accepted proposals by field of study Humanities and Social Sciences

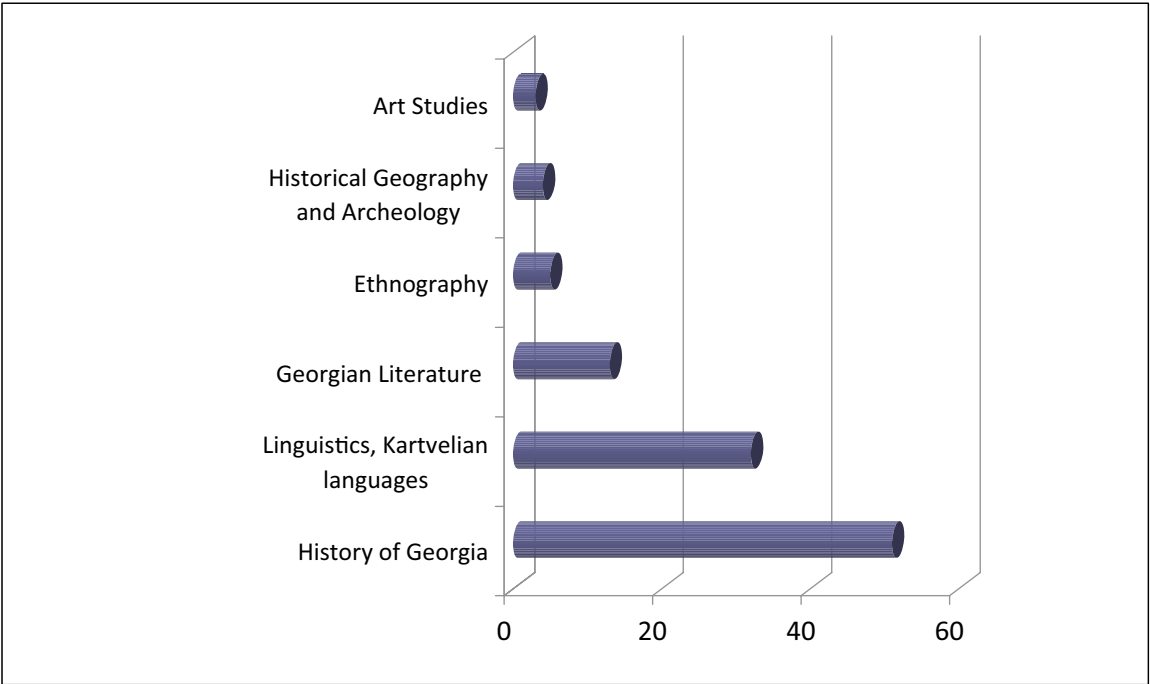


Figure 8 Breakdown of accepted proposals by field of study, Georgian Studies

OVERVIEW OF SELECTED SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH PROJECTS

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Project title: Ethnographic Dictionary of Georgian Material Culture
 Organization: Georgian National Museum
 Research Director: Eldar Nadiradze
 Research Field: Ethnography, Lexicography



Picture 2 Kula (wine vessel)

An Ethnographic Dictionary of Georgian Material Culture has been created within the framework of the project. All major items characteristic of this culture have been featured in the dictionary. The dictionary covers such topics as wine-making, musical instruments, jewelry, outfit, etc. The dictionary contains 2,000 explanations giving a detailed account of the nature, function, designation, social-utilitarian role and regional spreading of respective items. More than 2500 photographs have been taken within the framework of the project and over 115 drawings were made. The researchers have used unique artistic material stored in the National Museum of Georgia.



Picture 1 Golden jewelry

Project title: Russian Colonialism in Georgia
 Organization: Ivane Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology
 Research Director: Alexander Daushvili
 Research Field: History of Georgia

Based on the analysis and review of the subject-related literature kept in the archives and libraries of Georgia, as well as works of Russian and Western European scholars about the peculiarities of Russian colonialism, the authors have written a study which offers a fresh perspective on the Russian colonialism. The authors assert that Russian monarchical imperialism differed from soviet-communist imperialism only in ideological and political methods while the essence was the same. The end goal of both of them in Georgia was transforming the country into a mere economic supplement of Russia. The researchers have approached the issue from political, economic, social and cultural perspectives.

Through intensive cooperation with the Foundation the researchers have been highly productive during the two years of work: a monograph, two collections of works and several research articles have been published.



Project title: Assessment of Competitiveness of the Regions of Georgia
 Organization: Tbilisi State University
 Research Director: Eugene Barataashvili
 Research Field: Economics

Using the assessment instrument developed during the course of the project the researchers have studied competitive capacities of Georgian regions. As expected capital Tbilisi scored highest on most of the index components. Regions score particularly low on innovation, information, infrastructure and institutional indicators demonstrating their incompliance with international market demands.

Apart from documenting the competitive capacities of the regions, the study also demonstrates where these regions have potential for growth and space for improvement: infrastructural and institutional development, encouraging small businesses, efficient budgeting and spending.

The project also serves as a trigger for the researchers to further work on the role of Georgian economy and its competitive capacity in the Caucasus and among Black Sea countries.

Project title: Collective Cultural Identities in the Context of Religious Conversion:
Georgian Case Study and Generalizations
Organization: Ivane Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology
Research Director: Lela Pataridze
Research Field: Georgian Studies

The research studies collective cultural identity of Georgian people in the 3rd century AD – in the period of baptism of Kartli Kingdom using latest theories and findings of international research. Researchers have studied the social and ethno-cultural environment present in Mtskheta – capital of Kartli Kingdom when St. Nino the Baptizer arrived here. The population then consisted of local pagans and Jews – these two cultural groups constituted separate during the process of Christianization but later merged into one Christian Georgian cultural unity.

The study also describes how this Georgian cultural unity and its leader – King Mirian – came up with the decision to officially convert to Christianity.



Project title: International Relations in the Middle East during the Ottoman-Iranian Wars and Georgia (XVI century)
Organization: G.Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies
Research Director: Mikheil Svanidze
Research Field: History

The researchers studied the topic of the research based on Eastern and European historical sources and previous studies. The monograph published within the framework of the project depicts the relations of Ottoman Empire and Iran with Georgian kingdoms and principalities, as Georgia was one of the key areas of confrontation between the two countries.

The monograph is intended for use by the specialists of Georgian history, scholars of Turkish studies, students as well as wider public.

The researchers intend to expand the scope of study further and include the following period which is relatively poorly studied by historians.

Project title: The Peculiarities of Establishment and Strengthening of the Soviet Regime in Georgia in 1920s
Organization: Ivane Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology
Research Director: Makvala Natmelidze
Research Field: History

The research group examined the peculiarities of the establishment and strengthening of totalitarian regime in Georgia using multiple research methods from economic, socio-political and psycho-social and cultural perspectives.

The researchers have disclosed numerous new materials kept in the archives and libraries of Georgia which gave them an opportunity to come up either with new conclusions or modify and specify the existing ones. The



group has created an electronic data bank containing the obtained material. The bank as well as the books and studies purchased within the framework of the project are accessible for all interested researchers and scholars.



Project title: Economic Development Strategy of Local Self-Governing Units
Organization: Tbilisi State University of Economic Relations
Research Director: Nodar Tsanava
Research Field: Economics

The aim of this project was to study comprehensively the problems arising during transformation of state governance system and come up with potential solutions for them. The project is innovative as it for the first time in Georgia studied the socio-economic development perspectives for local self-governments.

Government authorities, Ministries of Economic Development, Education and Science, local government and self-government bodies, universities, research institutes, consulting and training centers, etc. can be end users of this study.

Several course syllabi have been set up based on the project findings which are already in use in the Management and Marketing program of Tbilisi State University of Economic Relations, such as: State and Municipal Government, Economics and Management of Urban Economy, Regional Economics and Management, Municipal Marketing, Municipal Management, etc.

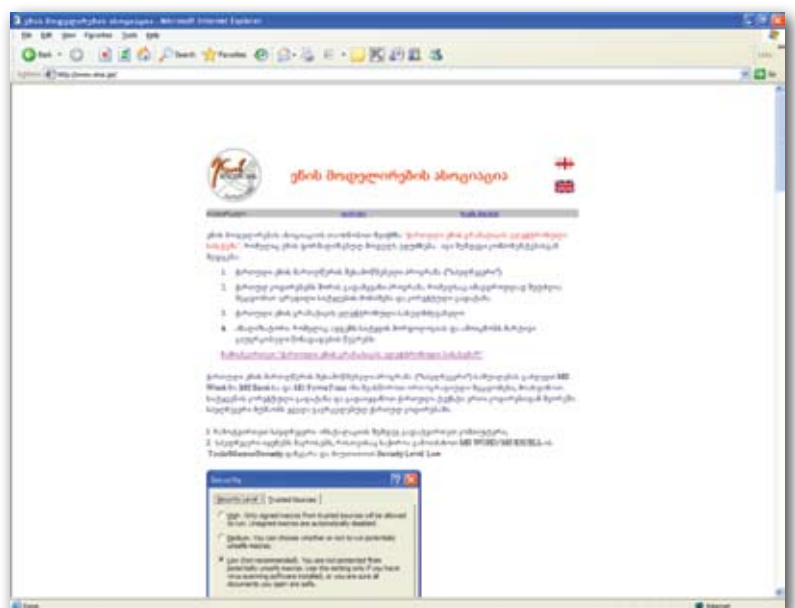
Project title: An Electronic System of Georgian Grammar
Organization: NGO Language Modeling Association
Research Director: Rati Skhirtladze
Research Field: Linguistics, Georgian Studies

The goal of the project was to create a product through which information about grammatical characteristics of Georgian language as well as about the structure of simple sentences could be obtained online.

At the first stage of project implementation the researchers devised a model for description of any Georgian word-form. 490 verbal and 72 nominal models were constructed producing 28982157 and 108761163 word-forms respectively (137743320 total). After the finalization of this stage the group was able to create a spellchecker for Georgian language.

The software package created consists of the spellchecker and an analyzer. The analyzer enables an user to morphemize a word-form, determine the word's grammatical category as well as identify the members of simple non-extended sentences.

Software package can be downloaded from the webpage: www.ena.ge which also hosts an online forum where users can provide their feedback and suggestions for improvement.



ONGOING PROJECTS:

Project title: Georgian Manuscript Book (creating a webpage)

Applicant Organization: National Manuscript Center

Research Director: Nestan Chkhikvadze

Research Field: Georgian Literature



Picture 3 Ioane Chrisostomos, Basili the Great, Grigol Dialogos, Divine Service

The aim of the project - Georgian manuscript book (webpage) – is to collect findings from the studies on numerous aspects of manuscript books, systematize and scientifically process them; outline historical stages in the Georgian manuscript book development, disclose the relations between the creative, apprehensive and productive aspects of the book; expose the potential of Georgian manuscript book, as the phenomenon conveying a dialogue of cultures and provide relevant visual material; fully reconstruct national literary tradition development and deliver the final results to wider public in an accessible form. The material on the webpage will be placed thematically according to the following parameters: literary centers of manuscript books, chronology, branches of literature, paleography, book cover, persons connected with the manuscript formation, artistic peculiarities, cultural influences, educational and cognitive significance, social function.



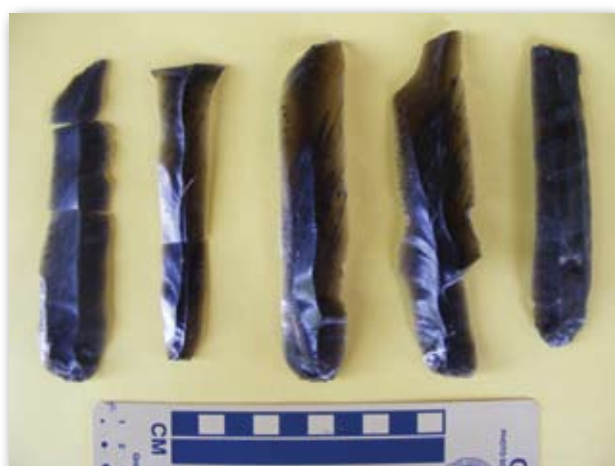
Picture 4 New Testament from Svaneti (Mravaltavi)

Project title: Tratial Production from Hunting and Gathering in Western Georgia

Organization: Georgian National Museum

Research director: Tengiz Meshveliani

Research Field: Archeology



The goal of the project is to establish the period of shifting to the industrial production method from hunting and gathering among the population of Western Georgia. Researchers planned to fully revise the studies concerning several ancient settlements in Western Georgia dated by Neolithic period until now. The authors are proposing a hypothesis that all the monuments dated as Neolithic in Western Georgia in fact belong to Mesolithic period.

Researchers selected a multi-layer Satsurbliia monument for testing their hypothesis. It is a well-stratified monument most of the layers have not

been touched yet. Up to date approaches and methods of excavations are being used in the process;

palinologic and geomorphic analyses are being carried out.

Project title: Ancient Metallurgy and Social Processes in IV-III millennia BC in South Caucasus
 Organization: Georgian National Museum
 Research Director: Irine Gambashidze
 Research Field: Archeology

The aim of the research was to carry out an integral study of the South Caucasian metallurgy, geology, mining production and archaeology of IV-III mill. BC. The works planned under this project involves identification of metal artifacts with the mining sites and mapping the connections that will be of great importance for studying the cultural and trade contacts existed in that ancient period. Additionally mapping of the mining hearths and mining production sites will enable us to plan archaeological surveys for discovering new metallurgical sites in the most efficient way.



Picture 6 Copper, arsenic and antimony ores and deposits in Azerbaijan

Project title: Tsikhegors Galobs Bulbuli (Nightingale is Singing in Tsikhegori)
 Organization: Ilia Chavchavadze State University
 Research Director: Paata Bukhrashvili
 Research Field: Ethnology



The goal of the project is the collection of precise geographical data to obtain the exact coordinates of shrines and pinpoint the locations of sacred sites and boundaries in the northeastern highlands of Georgia, specifically in Aragvi Valley.

One of the main priorities of the proposed research will be the preparation of accurate maps of communes in close collaboration with shrine officials and local residents. The research team will try to reconstruct the traditional layout of each commune, consisting of its borders, abandoned settlements, shrine buildings, and sacred sites and shrine precincts.

The major output of the project will be an introduction, menu and interface for a multi-media learning CD.

Use of Visuals for Teaching Chemistry (virtual curricula based on the basic chemistry course)
 Organization: Ilia Chavchavadze State University
 Research Director: Ketevan Kupatadze
 Research Field: Pedagogy

The goal of this applied research project is to raise the level of interest towards learning chemistry among the students of 7th, 8th and 9th grades using software tools. The end product of the project will be a chemistry software package for these three grades. Computerization of all schools in Georgia is underway and thus introducing information technologies in teaching various subjects is promising to be an effective method to actively engage students in learning process. The software being developed by the research group is in full compliance with the national curricula designed by the National Curriculum and Assessment Center of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia. The software is intended to be in Georgian as well as in English languages.

ILIA AND GLOBALIZATION



About the competition. A special grant competition dedicated to the 170th anniversary of the great Georgian writer, thinker and a public figure Ilia Chavchavadze was organized in 2008. Ilia Chavchavadze is widely perceived among Georgian scholars and public at large as a person who contributed immensely to shaping Georgian national identity in the 19th century when the country faced the threat of losing it under the occupation of the Russian Empire.

The goal of the competition was popularization of Ilia Chavchavadze's works, developing new approaches towards analyzing and evaluating his writings in the light of the latest global developments, promoting research of Georgian cultural heritage, supporting intercultural research activities. Research and education institutions, scholars and groups of scholars had to submit their research projects related to the life and work of Ilia Chavchavadze. The project proposals were then evaluated by independent experts, both local and foreign.

21 project proposals were submitted to the selection commission and three were selected for funding. Implementation of the projects started in October 2008.

Project Title: Print Media and the Process of Shaping Georgian National Identity: Newspaper "Iveria"
 Organization: Ivane Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnography
 Research Director: Tinatin Bolkvadze

The goal of the project is to show how newspaper Iveria published by Ilia Chavchavadze contributed to shaping national identity of Georgians in the 19th century. Based on social constructivist theories and the theories of Benedict Anderson's Imagined Communities the authors plan to show how printed media helped citizens living on the territory of Georgia in the 19th century identify themselves as belonging to Georgian ethnos. Researchers plan to examine the factual material from newspaper Iveria taking into account all the indicators of the process of nation-making. The material will then be summarized and analyzed to reconstruct an image of a 19th century Georgian newspaper-reader and certain problems encountered in the process of forming nations and states by printed capitalism in the globalized world will be considered.

Project Title: Ilia Chavchavadze's Role in the Survival of Georgian Nation
 Organization: Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
 Research Director: Vakhtang Guruli

This project aims at studying the impact of Ilia Chavchavadze's life and work on the formation and revival of Georgian national identity not only in the 19th century during his life but afterwards as well: firstly by his death and twice during the 20th century when declaring independence of Georgia. The research also aims at studying the activities of Ilia in various part of Georgia as well as his attitudes towards European countries. The emphasis during the course of study will be made on the genesis of national Georgian identity, its uniqueness and peculiarities of its integration within European civilization.

Upon successful completion of the project the research group will publish a book concerning Ilia's role in the survival of Georgian nation as such.

Project Title: Ilia Chavchavadze at the Dawn of Globalization
 Organization: Group of independent researchers
 Research Director: Giorgi Gachechiladze

This research sets out to examine the place of Georgia within the context of globalization. It accepts the assumption that Georgia belongs to the group of countries which attempt to use globalization as a tool for coping with their own problems. This explains Georgia's drive to raise its problems to the global

level. Rather than looking at globalization as an entirely new phenomenon researchers propose to consider it as the phase of implementation of an ancient civilization project which has been evolving for centuries.

The works of Ilia Chavchavadze will be considered from this point of view – as predictors/ explanatory tools of a number of contemporary socio-political and cultural processes.

A monograph on political and cultural developments in Georgia will be a major output of the project, it will demonstrate the engagement of Georgian school of thought in dynamic global processes.

INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL GRANTS

About the competition. Individual travel grant competition started in 2008 to provide financial assistance to graduate students and scholars from Georgia to participate in international research conferences, forums, congresses, symposia and workshops. The Foundation thus seeks to strengthen the research capacity of local scholars on the one hand and contribute to the integration of Georgian science in the international scientific area. In order to be eligible to participate in the competition applicants must be presenting their own piece of work at a conference/symposium/forum/workshop, etc.

Applications are reviewed by a special committee and selected on a competitive basis based on the quality of the submitted material and the significance / relevance of the conference. Grantees are required to submit participation report to the Foundation upon return, including description of an event, their participation details as well as any visual, audio or video material.

WINNERS. 37 applications from graduate students and scholars have been accepted during 2008

and 25 of them have been funded. Awarded participants were scholars with diverse backgrounds representing various fields of Georgian studies, humanities and social sciences, such as archeology, art studies, cultural studies, demography, education studies, ethnology, economics, history, linguistics, law, literary studies, philosophy, psychology, socio-linguistics, theology, etc. The 25 awarded scholars presented papers or chaired sessions at conferences and symposia at prominent universities and research institutions in France, Germany, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Portugal, Romania, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, UK, USA. Details about all grantees of the travel grant competition can be found in annex 4.



Mamuka Dolidze at the World Congress in Seoul



Irina Badurashvili in Barcelona



38th Congress of the International Sociology Institute, Budapest
Nino Daraselia, Isabela Petriashvili

CONFERENCE GRANTS

About the competition. Another initiative implemented by the Foundation to foster the interest towards research and contribute to the integration of Georgian science into international research area is the conference grant competition. The competition is open for all individuals, groups and organizations willing to organize a conference/symposium/congress/forum/seminar in Georgian studies, humanities or social sciences. These events are intended to facilitate sharing information among scholars, popularization of the works of Georgian scholars. Winners are selected on a competitive basis by a special selection commission.



Planned conferences. Eight applications have been received during 2008. Out of these eight the selection committee selected two projects for funding which were approved by the Scientific Board of the Foundation. The two projects are:



CONFERENCE TITLE: Georgia and the Middle East
ORGANIZED BY: The Center of Caucasian and Oriental Studies jointly with Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University;

The conference was dedicated to investigating relations between Georgia and the countries of the Middle East.

The major goal of the conference was dissemination of information about the recent research in the field among Georgian scholars as well as fostering cooperation between Georgian and invited foreign scholars working on the subject.

The conference was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister of Georgia, Deputy Ministers of Education and Science and Foreign Affairs as well as the ambassadors of the Republic of Turkey, Republic of Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Iraq. The scholars got acquainted with the latest approaches and methodology applied by prominent international institutions in this field. The conference took place on 22 to 24 December at Tbilisi State University.



CONFERENCE TITLE: Conference dedicated to the 350th anniversary of Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani
ORGANIZED BY: Shota Rustaveli Institute of Georgian Literature



The aim of the conference was to produce a substantial body of research about the life and work of Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani – a prominent 17th century Georgian writer and a public figure. The conference was based on an interdisciplinary approach since Sulkhan-Saba's heritage is so diverse.

The institute is planning to publish an interdisciplinary collection of research papers based on the outcomes of the conference.

The conference took place on December 16-18 in Tbilisi.

FELLOWSHIPS

SHOTA RUSTAVELI FELLOWSHIP



This fellowship was initiated with the goal to encourage the scholars with doctoral degrees working at research institutions and/or accredited higher education institutions. The fellowship is supposed to provide incentives for scholars to support their research activities and to act as models for other scholars. The first call for applications for the fellowship was announced in October 2007, winners were selected on a competitive basis by an independent selection commission based on their academic credentials and integrity, scholarly achievements and further plans. Applicants are expected to have published at least two scholarly works in international peer-reviewed journals within the last five years.

16 applications were received and 5 scholars were awarded fellowships amounting GEL 400 per month during one year which they started to receive in January 2008.

Award-winning scholars are expected to hold two public lectures throughout the fellowship period.

The public lectures are available online on the Foundation webpage in Georgian and English. In annex 5 you can find basic details about the fellows and public lectures.

New call for applications was announced in October 2008, 39 applications are submitted, winners will be identified in January 2009.

The fellowship was above all a moral incentive for me as I started to see the state support science and research. This support is crucial for the development of Georgian scholarship. Shota Rustaveli fellowships are invaluable tools for the development and progress of research in humanities in Georgia.

Gocha Saitidze, Shota Rustaveli Fellow,
Associate Professor at TSU

ILIA CHAVCHAVADZE FELLOWSHIP



Ilia Chavchavadze fellowship is awarded to MA or PhD students who are pursuing their degrees at accredited higher education institutions or research institutions. The competition intends to encourage young scholars to actively engage in academia and research activities. The first call for applications for this fellowship was announced in November 2007 and 10 young scholars have been selected by a selection commission to receive GEL 200 monthly during one year starting from January 2008. The applicants were expected to have published one scholarly article in an international journal within the last 5 years.

Twelve young scholars applied for the fellowship in 2007 and ten of them – six PhD and four MA degree

students were awarded. Ilia Chavchavadze fellows were requested to hold two public lectures during the fellowship period. Details about the winners and public lectures are provided in annex 6.

New call for applications was announced in September 2008, 34 applications are submitted, the winners will be nominated in January 2009.

Ilia Chavchavadze Fellowship for me, as an MA student in Georgian Literature and Literary Theory was above all, sign of prestige and great responsibility at the same time. The fellowship was not only an important financial incentive, but it also served as a trigger for performing certain amount of scientific work.

Giorgi Kekelidze, Ilia Chavchavadze Fellow,
MA student at TSU

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

AWARDING NATIONAL RESEARCH GRANT COMPETITION WINNERS

On February 20, 2008 the President of Georgia Mikheil Saakashvili awarded the winners of the State Research Grant Competition. The event was attended by the Minister of Education and Science Dr. Ghia Nodia and the Director of the Foundation Dr. Tinatin Bochorishvili. The meeting took place at hotel Courtyard Marriot. The President emphasized the signifi-



icance of science for Georgia and about the necessity to increase funding for research. Scholars talked about their own research projects and proposed suggestions for developing research and scholarship in Georgian Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences.

MEETINGS WITH GEORGIAN SCHOLARS

In 2008 the Foundation held meetings throughout Georgia with the representatives of leading Georgian universities and research institutions in order to popularize the State Research Grant Competition and other activities of the Foundation. The Foundation placed a special emphasis on organizing meetings with scholars from various regions of Georgia in order to ensure that they have full access to information and equal opportunities to participate in the competitions. Meetings were held at Iakob Gogebashvili Telavi State University, Shota Rustaveli Batumi State University and Akaki Tsereteli Kutaisi State University. Over 300 scholars and researchers working at these universities were actively engaged in the seminars and workshops carried out.



Akaki Tsereteli Kutaisi State University. Over 300 scholars and researchers working at these universities



Presentation of State Research Grants Competition was also held at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and Ilia Chavchavadze State University. Scholars had an opportunity to get full information about the Foundation's activities, ongoing projects and future plans. Problems encountered by scholars during the administration of research grant competition have been discussed as well.

GEORGIAN STUDIES SYMPOSIUM AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



On April 28, 2008 Harriman Institute of Columbia University hosted a symposium organized by the Georgia Study Center and the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia. The symposium was dedicated to the topic: Intellectual Heritage of Georgia: Georgian Language and Literature throughout Centuries.

Scholars from Georgian, US and Canadian universities presented research papers covering wide variety of issues in Georgian studies. Director of the Rustaveli Foundation for Georgian Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences presented a paper: "Preserving the Mother Tongue" at the symposium.

MEETING WITH GEORGIAN SCHOLARS IN THE USA

Director of the Foundation Dr. Tinatin Bochorishvili and the rector of Tbilisi State University Dr. Gia Khubua met with Georgian scholars living and working in the USA at American University in Washington. They discussed the Foundation's activities, ongoing research activities and set plans for future cooperation.



PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNCIL OF FOUNDATIONS SUMMIT



Director of the Rustaveli Foundation was invited by the Council on Foundations to participate in "Philanthropy's Vision: A Leadership Summit", on May 4–7, 2008 in Maryland, USA. This gathering was good opportunity to meet international foundations, to get connected in-person with the counterparts from around the world; to get information on best practices, legal and regulatory issues as well as innovative solutions.



34TH UNESCO SESSION

The General Conference of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) 34th session was attended by the Georgian delegation led by the President of the Georgian National Commission for UNESCO. Dr. Tinatin Bochorishvili, as a member of the delegation, took part in Ministerial Round Table of Education and Science, Civil Society and Youth Forums.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION

Dr. Tinatin Bochorishvili attended the American Evaluation Association Annual Conference held on November 7/10, 2007 in Baltimore, Maryland. Over 2500 evaluation practitioners and academics, from around the world attended this conference. Dr. Bochorishvili made short presentation about activities of the Rustaveli Foundation. AEA's annual meeting represented a unique opportunity to gather with professional colleagues in a supportive, invigorating, atmosphere.



FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

The Foundation is funded by the Government of Georgia from the budget of the Ministry of Education and Science. As seen from figure 7 below 88% of the total Foundation budget is spent on programs and the rest is spent for administration and management.

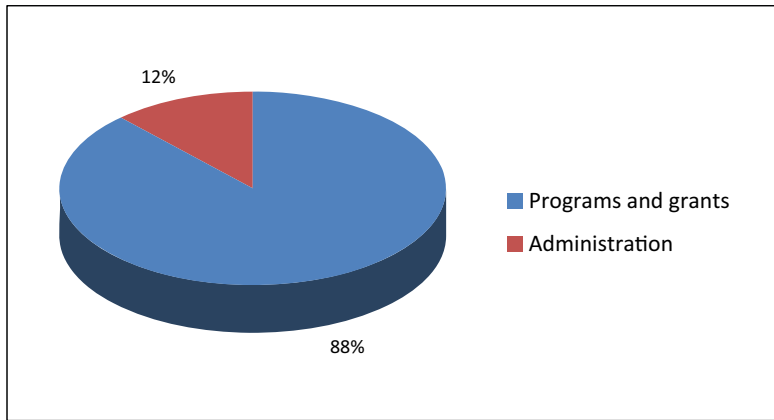


Figure 9 Distribution of the Foundation funding between program activities and administration

As figure 10 shows, absolute majority of the funds available for programs is spent on State Research Grant Competition. Share of other grants and fellowships is relatively small.

Figures 11 and 12 below display the breakdown of the funding allocated for state research grants in 2008 by the field of study in Humanities and Social Sciences as well as in Georgian Studies. Table 1 depicts the budget allocations for 2008.

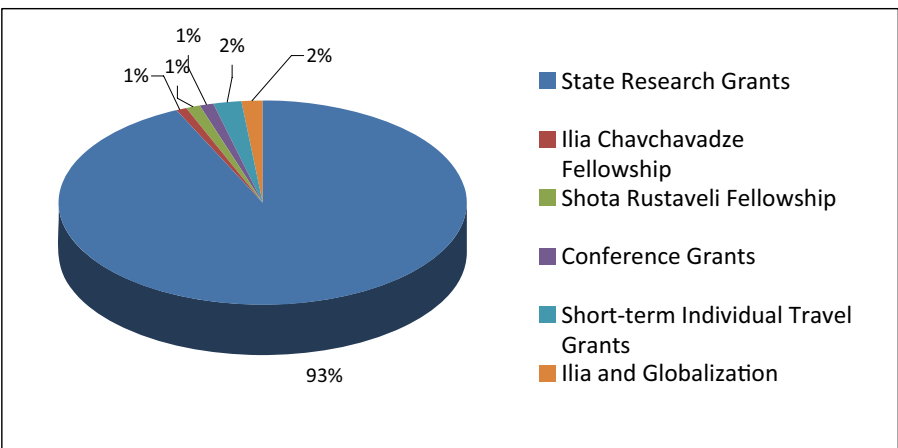


Figure 10 Distribution of funds among program activities

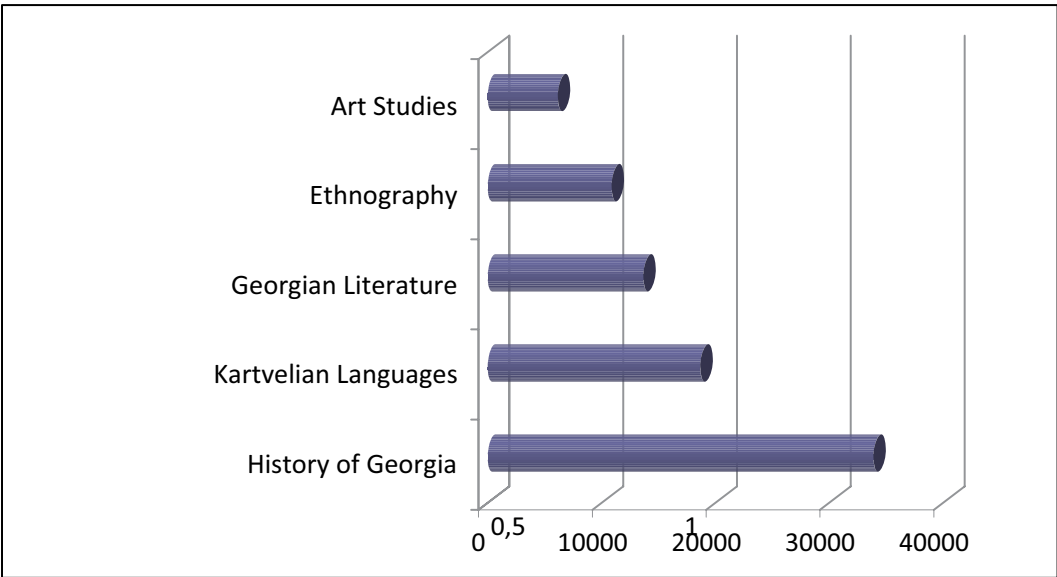


Figure 11 Breakdown of research grant disbursements in 2008, Humanities and Social Sciences

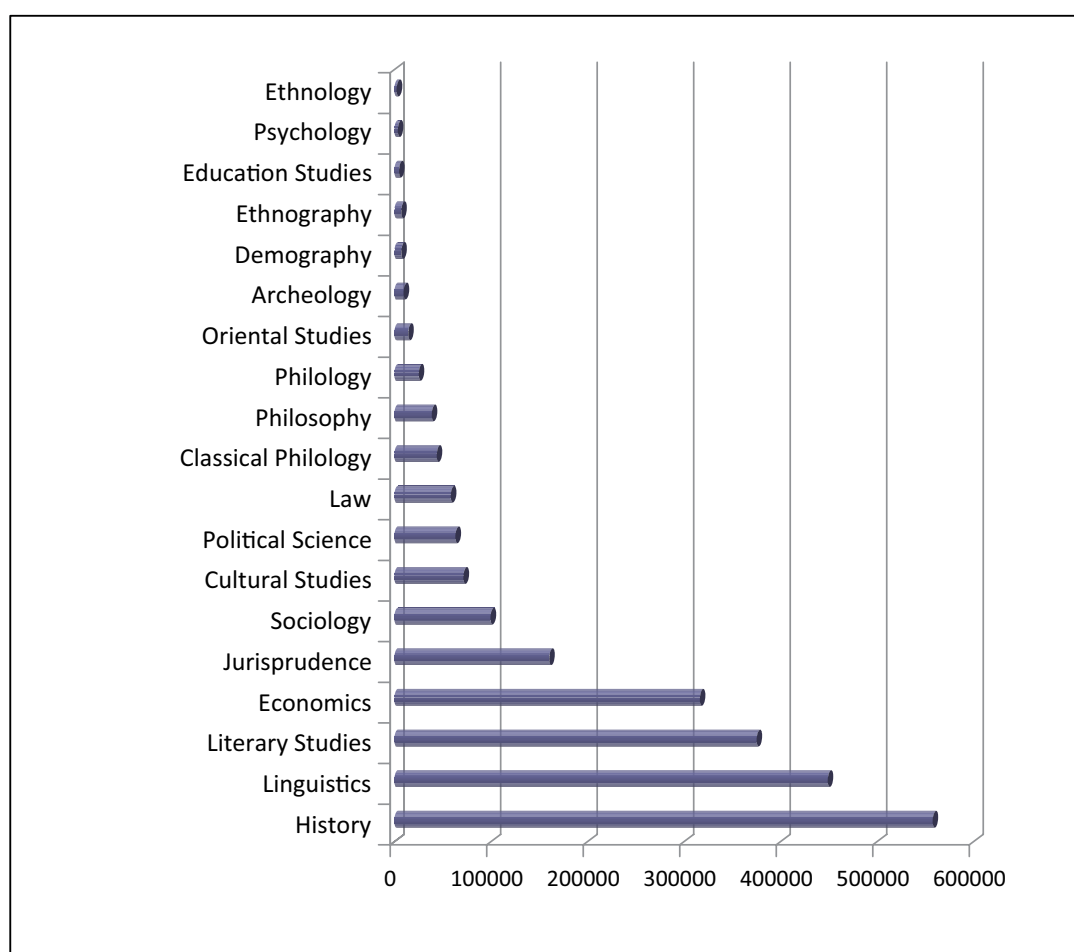


Figure 12 Breakdown of research grant funding in 2008, Georgian Studies

TABLE 1 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR 2008

Programs and Grants	
Title	
State research grants	2 226 960
Ilia Chavchavadze Fellowship	24 000
Shota Rustaveli Fellowship	24 000
Conference grants	27 700
Short-term individual travel grants	52 940
Ilia and Globalization	39 400
Other goods and services	70 000
Total	2 465 000
Administration costs	331 900
Total budget	2 796 900

PLANS FOR FUTURE

- In 2009 the Foundation plans to extend the scale of state research grants, travel grants, conference grants, fellowships through increased funding.

- Preparation and publication of an international research journal is planned within the scope of new state research grant competition (including an electronic version of the journal available online).

- The Foundation plans to announce a call for applications for organizing an international summer school in Georgian Studies. Launching new grant competitions through international cooperation is also planned.

- One of the major new initiatives of the Foundation will be creation of an online research portal providing comprehensive information about research and latest developments in Georgian Studies, humanities and social sciences as well as general information about research institutions worldwide and various ways of funding. The web portal will be a powerful tool for those interested in international research partnerships. It will also serve as a platform of communication for partnerships both within and outside the country. Through this portal, scholars, students and interested persons will be able to get in touch with professionals providing consultings about different programs in research and education.



ANNEXES

ANNEX 1 – SCIENTIFIC BOARD OF THE RUSTAVELI FOUNDATION

Composition of the Scientific Board

NOMINATED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF GEORGIA

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| 1. Tamaz Gamkrelidze | President of the National Academy of Sciences of Georgia, Academician (Linguistics) |
| 2. Levan Aleksidze | Academician, National Academy of Sciences of Georgia (Law) |
| 3. Guram Tevzadze | Vice-President of the National Academy of Sciences of Georgia, Academician (Philosophy, Psychology) |
| 4. Mariam Lortkipanidze | Academician, National Academy of Sciences of Georgia (History, Archeology, Ethnography, Anthropology, Art Studies) |
| 5. Vakhtang Shamiladze | Member-correspondent of the National Academy of Sciences of Georgia (History, Archeology, Ethnography, Art Studies). |

NOMINATED BY HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS:

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| 6. Ketevan Gigashvili | Full Professor, Telavi State University (Georgian Philology) |
| 7. Nino Doborjginidze | Associate Professor, Ilia Chavchavadze State University (Georgian Philology, Linguistics) |
| 8. Zaal Liluashvili | Professor, Akaki Tsereteli State University (Philology, History) |
| 9. Zaza Skhirtladze | Full Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Art Studies, History) |
| 10. Elguja Khintibidze | Full Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgian Philology, Byzantine Studies) |

NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GEORGIA

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| 11. Davit Darchiashvili | Executive Director of the Open Society Georgia Foundation (Political Science) |
| 12. Giorgi Nodia | Minister of Education and Science of Georgia |
| 13. Alexander Rondeli | President of Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Research (International Relations, History, Oriental Studies) |
| 14. Davit Aprasidze | Associate Professor, Ilia Chavchavadze State University |
| 15. Ekaterine Sharashidze | Minister of Economic Development of Georgia |

ANNEX 2. BREAKDOWN OF WINNING PROPOSALS AND ALLOCATED FUNDING BY ORGANIZATION

#	Organization	Number of Funded Proposals	Disbursements including December 2008	Total Project Value (GEL)
1	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University	12	862430	1308452
2	Ilia Chavchavadze State University	6	415246	692936,4
3	National Manuscript Center	4	268381	593702,2
4	Arnold Chikobava Institute of Linguistics	4	321232	463695,3
5	Ivane Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology	5	306491	347865
6	National Museum of Georgia	3	188578	578077,5
7	Giorgi Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies	3	186365	414251,4
8	Shota Rustaveli Institute of Georgian Literature	3	130453	306768
9	Tbilisi State University for Economic Relations	2	144025	195881
10	Tinatin Tsereteli Institute of Law and State	3	190095	369693
11	International Scientific Research Institute of Caucasian Peoples	1	49915	149150
12	Institute of Demography and Sociological Research	1	50000	124780
13	Tbilisi State Medical University	1	40000	120000
14	K. Amirejibi Scientific-research Institute of Agricultural Mechanization and Electrification	1	50000	99960
15	National Science Academy of Georgia	1	47632	96464
16	Dimitri Uznadze Institute of Psychology	1	39133	79978
17	Meskheta Branch of Tbilisi State University	1	36324	74948
18	Niko Berdzenishvili Institute	1	42383	74382
19	Language Modeling Association	1	68305	68305
20	Institute of Political Science	1	44200	56922,22
21	Globalization and Regional Integration Research Center	1	44050	50717
22	P. Gugushvili Institute of Economics	1	35000	35000
23	Savle Tsereteli Institute of Philosophy	1	30711	30711,4
	TOTAL	58	3590949	6332639
	TOTAL	104	6319468	11356827

ANNEX 3. STATE RESEARCH PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2008

GRANT WINNERS IN 2006 COMPETITION

#	Project Title	Organization	Field of Study	Duration	Implementation stage	Output	Total budget	Expenditure including December 2008
1	Electronic System of Georgian Language Grammar	Language Modeling Association	Kartvelian Languages	21 months	Completed	Electronic system of Georgian grammar is located online at www.ena.ge	68305	68305
2	Speech of Kodori Gorge Population and its Relation to Upper Svaneti Dialects	Arnold Chikobava Institute of Linguistics	Kartvelian Languages	36 months	Ongoing	Publications: Caucasian Collection ; proceedings of the international symposium dedicated to the 110th anniversary of Arnold Chikobava on Iberian-Caucasian Linguistics: Heritage and Prospects	144982	111036
3	Linguistic Portrait of Georgia - Electronic Body of Georgian Dialects	Arnold Chikobava Institute of Linguistics	Kartvelian Languages	36 months	Ongoing	5 hour-long audio material (Ingilo dialect) transcribed from a magnetic device; newly-transcribed texts digitalized	150000	110312
4	Assessing Competitive Capacity of Georgia's Regions	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi Satete University	Economics	24 months	Completed	Publication: Comprehensive Assessment of the Competitive Capacity of Georgian Regions	60000	60000
5	Collective Cultural Identity within the Context of Religious Behavior: Study and Generalization of a Georgian Case	Ivane Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology	History of Georgia	24 months	Completed	Publication: Georgian Unity and its Identity within the Context of Religious Behavior	45053	42856
6	Georgian Ethnography	Ivane Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology	Ethnography	36 months	Ongoing	Research material collected and available	132147	94256
7	Georgian Translated Homiletics (monograph), 1. Research, 2) Full Bibliography of Works, 3) References of Works in Homiletics	National Manuscript Center	History of Georgia	24 months	Completed	Publication: monograph - Georgian Translated Homiletics	89263	88263
8	Historical Figures in Georgia in the 4th to 18th Century	National Manuscript Center	History of Georgia	36 months	Ongoing	Electronic version of articles about 50 prominent Georgians throughout history	106618	80196
9	Encyclopedia Antique Caucasus	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi Satete University	Classics, Literature Studies	36 months	Ongoing	Sources collected in their original language and linked with translations	150000	112862
10	Ethnographic Dictionary of Georgian Material Culture	National Museum	Ethnography	21 months	Ongoing	Ethnographic Dictionary of Georgian Material Culture ready for publication	90000	90000
11	Old Georgian - Greek Documented Dictionary of Philosophical-Theological Terminology	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi Satete University	Philosophy / philology	36 months	Ongoing	Electronic version of gathered material for dictionary created	146214	106934
12	Basic Models of Information Structuring in Kartvelian Languages	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi Satete University	Kartvelian Languages	36 months	Ongoing	Databases of audio files of Mengrelian and Svanetian recorded in PRAAT software	137076	106125
13	Georgia and the External World	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi Satete University	History	36 months	Ongoing	10 research works related to the topic carried out and written by various authors	149185	110761
14	Peculiarities of Establishing and Strengthening Totalitarian Regime in Georgia in 1920s	Ivane Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology	History of Georgia	24 months	Completed	Publication a monograph - Peculiarities of Establishing and Strengthening Totalitarian Regime in Georgia in 1920s	41806	41806
15	Comment to the Criminal Court Practice Crime against Humans (chapters 22 -24 of the Criminal Code of Georgia)	Tinatin Tsereteli Institute of State and Law	Law	24 months	Completed	Publication: Comment to the Criminal Court Practice: Crime against Humans (chapters 22 -24 of the Criminal Code of Georgia)	97158	97158

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GRANT WINNERS IN 2006 COMPETITION

16	Russian Colonialism in Georgia	Ivane Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology	History of Georgia	24 months	Completed	Publication: a monograph - Russian Colonialism in Georgia	72956	71670
17	Defeated Georgia (Tbilisi in 1991-1992)	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University	History of Georgia	24 months	Completed	Monograph - Defeated Georgia (Tbilisi in 1991-1992) ready for publication	63507	63507
18	Linguistic-Textual Analysis of Old Georgian Texts and their Preparation for Publication)	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University	Georgian Literature, Linguistics	36 months	Ongoing	Three types of manuscripts studied: texts from Anbandidi manuscript, Sin-15, Sin-30-38 protected texts, H-1240 protected texts	118520	86728
19	Preparation of a new Study Course and a Textbook in Criminal Studies and Law Enforcement System in Georgia	Tinatin Tsereteli Institute of State and Law	Law	21 months	Completed	Publication: manual - Criminal Studies and Law Enforcement System in Georgia	42947	42947
20	School Management - Problem Analyses and Possible Solutions	Ilia Chavchavadze State University	Sociology	36 months	Ongoing	Electronic version of the material gathered and photos available	142168	109899
21	Preparation for Publication of a Monograph - Linguistic Analysis of Mengrelian	Ilia Chavchavadze State University	Kartvelian Languages	36 months	Ongoing	Two publications about linguistic structure of Mengrelian language prepared	103845	77588
22	Globalization and Economic Development of Georgia: Challenges and Opportunities	Globalization and Regional Integration Research Center	Economics	21 months	Completed	Publication: collection of works on Globalization and Economic Development of Georgia - Challenges and Opportunities	50717	44050
23	Economic Strategy of Development of Local Self-Government Units	Tbilisi State University for Economic Relations	Economics	21 months	Completed	Publication: monograph - Strategy of Social-Economic Development of Local Self-Government Units	45842	39404
24	Genesis of Kolchi Type and the Study of the Origins of Abkhazs based on Anthropological Data and Historical Sources	Ivane Javakhishvili Institute of History and Ethnology	History of Georgia	21 months	Completed	Monograph - Genesis of Kolchi Type and the Study of the Origins of Abkhazs based on Anthropological Data and Historical Sources - published	55903	55903
25	The Impact of External Factors on Democratization in Georgia	Ilia Chavchavadze State University	Political Science	36 months	Ongoing	One workshop held, study course on Democratization prepared and presented	126368	88841
26	International Relations in Middle East during Ottoman-Iranian wars and Georgia (16th century)	Giorgi Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies	History of Georgia	24 months	Completed	Monograph - International Relations in Middle East during Ottoman-Iranian wars and Georgia (16th century) - published	100000	86628
27	Prospects for Economic Integration in Central Caucasus	Tbilisi State University for Economic Relations	Economics	30 months	Ongoing	Three economic studies prepared, two papers presented at a conference	119200	104621
TOTAL							2649780	2192656

ANNEX 3. STATE RESEARCH PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2008

GRANT WINNERS IN 2006 COMPETITION

#	Project Title	Organization	Field of Study	Duration	Output	Total budget	Expenditure including December 2008
1	Issues of Ethnic and Religious Identity and Civic Integration Problems in Georgia	Institute of Political Science	Political Science	15 months	Survey for quantitative research designed	56922,22	44200
2	Old Georgian Liturgical Terminology	Ilia Chavchavadze State University	History of Sociology and Religion	36 months	Dictionary entries collected, arranged in alphabetical order and entered in databases	146600	48700
3	Glottalization sign in Georgian Languages from Acoustical and Functional Point of View	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University	Kartvelian Languages	36 months	Results of distributional and phonostatical analysis of glottalization sign in contemporary Georgian literary language, audio material in Svanetian	146104	49111
4	Peculiarities of Active Memory Functioning among the Children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	Tbilisi State Medical University	Medical Psychology	36 months	Sampling done, experiment carried out for a study group of 33 children and adolescents with ADHD and a control group of 56, data collected and organized	120000	40000
5	Byzantium in Georgian Historical Sources	Giorgi Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies	World History	24 months	Data and information about Byzantium gathered from various hagiographic and epigraphic sources and analyzed	100000	50000
6	Ancient Metallurgy and Social Processes	National Museum of Georgia	Archeology	21 months	List of references about metal items dated by 4th and 3rd millennia BC discovered in various regions of Anatolia and Mesopotamia	84253,5	49489
7	Georgian Literature in the Works of Eastern European Scholars	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University	Georgian Literature	36 months	Electronic version of the material received from foreign scholars of Georgian Studies, gathered in various libraries, archives and centers	149144	49832
8	Women's Rights and Material Standing in South Georgia	Akhaltsekh University	Ethnography	24 months	Three generalizing articles written based on the analysis of archive material, special literature	74948	36324
9	Printed and Electronic Versions of Persian-Georgian Academic Dictionary (2 volumes, 70,000 entries, grammar study)	Giorgi Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies	Kartvelian Languages	36 months	Body of basic lexicographic cards ready; three parts of the grammatical study ready	149209,44	49737
10	Anti-Soviet Discourse	Shota Rustaveli Institute of Georgian Literature	Ethnography	36 months	List of speech-makers, video material taken in the families subject to repression	136115	49367
11	History of Georgia in Toponymy	National Academy of Sciences of Georgia	History of Georgia	24 months	Article on the toponymy of Kartli	96464	47632
12	Theory and Practice of Contemporary Corporative Law	Tinatini Tsereteli Institute of State and Law	Law	18 months	Material gathered, analyzed and generalized	74711	49990
13	Curriculum of Georgian as a Second Language for Primary School Teachers in a Non-Formal Environment	Dimitri Uznadze Institute of Psychology	Pedagogical Psychology	24 months	Questionnaire in three languages (Georgian, Russian, English) ready; social linguistic context in Kvemo Kartli and Samtskhe-Javakheti studied	79978	39133
14	Risk Management in Farming	K. Amirejibi Scientific Research Institute of Agriculture Mechanization and Electrification	Economics of Agricultural Production	24 months	Articles about the level of the development of farming, basic trends and risk factors	99960	50000
15	Electronic Procession of the Manuscripts from Petre Ushikashvili Collection (19th century)	Shota Rustaveli Institute of Georgian Literature	Georgian Literature	24 months	Software for identification of manuscripts developed	70653	31086

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GRANT WINNERS IN 2006 COMPETITION

16	Use of Visuals in Teaching Chemistry (synthesis of virtual learning programs according to the basic school chemistry course)	Ilia Chavchavadze State University	Theory and Methods in Pedagogy	24 months	Teaching software developed on the following topics: air and its components, water, solutions	96214	48441
17	History of Georgian Spiritual Literature	National Manuscript Center	Georgian Literature	36 months	Introductory articles written for all segments of Georgian hagiography	150000	50000
18	Nightingale is Singing at Tsikhegori	Ilia Chavchavadze State University	Ethnography	24 months	Audio, photo and video material of community celebrations	77741,4	41777
19	Social-Demographic and Family Politics for Georgia's Demographic Development	Institute for Demography and Sociological Studies	Demography	30 months	Research material gathered and analyzed	124780	50000
20	Lexical Transformer of Perfect Form for Morphological Analysis and Synthesis of Georgian Language	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University	Kartvelian Languages	18 months	33 type matrices of Georgian language based on various characteristic features arranged in folders; electronic version of the material corresponding to the 33 paradigms of a Georgian verb in text files	69146	47014
21	Discourse of Literary Studies: Contemporary Research	Shota Rustaveli Institute of Georgian Literature	Literary Studies	24 months	Edited versions of texts	100000	50000
22	Aspects of Necessity: Apriority, Identicalness, Controversy - Logical-Epistemological Analysis	Savle Tsereteli Institute of Philosophy	Logics	12 months	Research is ongoing	30711,4	30711
23	Muslim Community of Georgia Today (historical, folklore-ethnographical, socio-psychological, cultural and statistical analysis)	Niko Berdzenishvili Institute	Ethnography	18 months	Primary material collected	74382	42383
24	Development of European Criminal Law in Georgia	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University	International Law	24 months	Research material gathered and analyzed	99999,9	50000
25	Later Antique Period: Neo-Platonic Texts and their Interpretation	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University	History of Philosophy	12 months	Research material gathered and analyzed	19556	19556
26	Ethnic Aspects of Social Security in Polytechnic Society (ethnic minorities and civil society)	International Scientific Research Institute of Caucasian Peoples	Ethnography, Ethnology and Anthropology	36 months	CD containing pictures and audio material taken during ethnographic fieldwork	149150	49915
27	Shift from Hunting and Gathering to Production in Western Georgia	National Museum of Georgia	Archeology	36 months	Analysis of the monuments of "Neolithic" period undertaken, photo material presented	145959	49089
28	Mechanism for Evaluation and Regulation of Inflation Processes and the ways of its Practical realization in Georgia	P. Gugushvili State Institute of Economics	Macroeconomics	12 months	Research on the links of inflation to basic macroeconomic indicators completed	35000	35000
29	Mountainous Caucasian Languages in Georgia	Arnold Chikobava Institute of Linguistics	Linguistics	36 months	Samples of speeches gathered and documented in writing or by digital recorders	148833,33	49944
30	New Edition of Georgian Thesaurus (8 volumes)	Arnold Chikobava Institute of Linguistics	Kartvelian Languages	36 months	Fully edited version of the 4th volume	149820	49940
31	Georgian Manuscript Book (creating a webpage)	National Manuscript Center	Georgian Literature	36 months	56 folders containing samples of manuscripts; photo gallery depicting old Svanetian heritage related to the history of the manuscript book	148720,2	49922
TOTAL						3205075,39	1398293

ANNEX 4. GRANTEES OF THE TRAVEL GRANT COMPETITION 2008

#	Name	Status, occupation	Event title	Research area	Location	Date	Organizer of the event	Paper title
1	Nino Daraselia	TSU Professor, Philologist	IIS 38th World Congress	Sociolinguistics	Budapest, Hungary	25.06.08-01.07.08	International Institute of Sociology (IIS), Swedish Collegium of Advanced Study	Semiotics of Silence and Multiple Intelligences
2	Izabela Petriashvili	TSU Teacher, PhD	IIS 38th World Congress	Sociolinguistics	Budapest, Hungary	25.06.08-01.07.08	International Institute of Sociology (IIS), Swedish Collegium of Advanced Study	Global and Local Codes in Advertising
3	Irakli Brachuli	Doctor of Philosophy, Professor	International Symposium	Philosophy/Theology/Law	Constanta, Romania	01.07.08-07.07.08	Romanian Ministry of Education, Research and Youth, The "OVIDIUS" University of Constanta	Dynamics of Religions Law Regulation in Post Soviet Georgia (context of political culture)
4	Elene Giunashvili	Researcher, G. Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies	Complex Predicates in Iranian Languages	Oriental Studies	Paris, France	04.07.08-07.07.08	University of New Sorbonne, Paris III, Institute of General and Applied Linguistics and Phonetics (ILPGA)	Studies on Middle Persian Complex Predicates with Aspectual Meaning
5	Lasha Bregvadze	Director of Tinatin Tsereteli Institute of State and Law, TSU Professor	International Conference: Law and Justice in the Risk Society	Law	Milan, Como, Italy	08.07.08-13.07.08	Research Comitee of the Sociology of Law / University of Milan	Plural Legal Pluralism: World Society's Fragmented Law
6	Marine Futuridze	TSU Professor, Archeologist, Historian	International Congress of Assyriology	History/Archeology	Gurzburg, Germany	19.07.08-25.07.08	Gurzburg University	Old Babylonian Period Archaeological Evidences of Power Representation From South Caucasus
7	Irina Badurashvili	Director of the National Institute for Population Research, PhD in economics	European Population Conference	Demography	Barcelona, Spain	08.07.08-12.07.08	European Association for Population Studies in cooperation with the Centre d'Estudis Demografics University Autonomus of Barcelona	Children-Parent Relations at Various Stages of a Life Cycle in Georgia
8	Irma Ratiani	Director of the Literature Institute, Doctor, Philologist	Novel and Its Borders	Literary Studies	Aberdeen, Scotland	07.07.08-18.07.08	University of Aberdeen	Intermediate Passage Between the Real and Imaginary Worlds
9	Mamuka Dolidze	Institute of Philosophy, Head of a department, Doctor of Science	World Philosophy Congress	Philosophy	Seoul, South Korea	25.07.08-06.08.08	The Council for Research in values and philosophy (RVP)	personal freedom and open society
10	Ketevan Nadareishvili	TSU Professor, Philologist	Cess annual Conference	Philology	Washington, USA	18.09.08-21.09.08	Central Eurasian Studies Society, Georgetown University	The Main Trends in Interpreting Medea and Antigone in Georgian Culture
11	Nana Tsikhistavi	Doctor of Historical Sciences, Ilia Chavchavadze University	The Ninth Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society	Cultural Studies	Washington, USA	18.09.08-21.09.08	Central Eurasian Studies Society, Georgetown University	Religious diversity and public harmony in Southern Caucasus countries
12	Oleg Kapanadze	Doctor of Mathematical Linguistic Sciences, Deputy Head of TSU IT Department	Finite-State Methods and Natural Language Processing – FSMNLP 2008	Linguistics	Ispira, Italy	11.09.08 - 12.09.08	Joint-Research Center of the European Commission	A Finite State Lexical Transducer for Georgian
13	Elene Medzmariashvili	TSU Professor, historian	Cess annual Conference	History	Washington, USA	18.09.08 - 21.09.08	Central Eurasian Studies Society, Georgetown University	Tolerance Building through Education in Georgia

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14	Nestan Ratiani	Professor of Ilia Chavchavadze State University, Philologist	Cess annual Conference	Philology	Washington, USA	18.09.08 - 21.09.08	Central Eurasian Studies Society, Georgetown University	Georgia – the Country of the Eagle, the Country of the Sun
15	Vladimer Luarsabishvili	PhD student at Ilia Chavchavadze University, Philologist	1 st Annual Spanish & Portugal Studies	Roman Studies	Philadelphia, USA	24.10.08 - 25.10.08	Temple University	The comparative study of symbols in the poetry of B. Jacquer, Tiutchev and Baratashvili
16	Nino Chichinadze	Professor at Ilia Chavchavadze University, Art Studies	Central Eurasian Studies Society Ninth Annual Conference	Art Studies	Washington, USA	18.09.08 - 21.09.08	Central Eurasian Studies Society	Shaping Religious Space: Veneration of Miracle-working Icons in Medieval Georgia
17	Gogi Kipiani	Doctor of Psychological Science, TSU Professor, Head of the Research Information Division at Uznadze Institute of Psychology	Forum of Sociology	Psychology	Barcelona, Spain	5.09.08 - 8.09.08	International Sociological Association	Discourse on Media Accountability in Georgia: Power Elites and Civil Society on Content Regulation
18	Eter Soselia	TSU Professor, Philologist	The 23-h Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics	Linguistics	Uppsala, Sweden	1.10.08 - 3.10.08	Uppsala University	Remainders of the previous bilingualism and new tendencies in the Georgian teenagers speech
19	Tamar Shinjiasvili	Associate Professor at Sokhumi University. Demograph	III Portuguese Congress of Demography/ "The Demographic decline: what has changed?"	Demography	Lisbon, Portugal	29.09.08 - 1.10.08	The Portuguese Demographic Association	Migration Processes in Post Soviet Georgia
20	Khatuna Beridze	PhD student at Batumi University, Chair of the NGO Translation Development Center	Translation studies: Retrospective and prospective Views	Social Sciences	Galati, Romania	9.10.08 - 11.10.08	Galati University	Translation Theory and Culturological Barriers in Practice
21	Mikheil Kurdiani	PhD, Linguistics, TSU Professor	Conference on Languages and Dialects in Iran	Linguistics	Zahedan, Iran	26.10.08. - 31.10.08	University of Sistan and Baluchestan (Iran), University of Uppsala (Sweden)	Linguistic Model of Iran and its Important in Formation of a Language Policy of Neighboring Countries
22	Giorgi Gotsiridze	Chief Researcher at the History Institute	Conference on Caucasus Studies: Migration – Society – Language	Ethnology	Malmö, Sweden	28.11.08 - 30.11.08	Malmö University, Department of International Migration and Ethnic Relations (IMER)	Liturgic Nature of Tradition and National Identity Search Strategy in Modern Georgia: Case of Georgian Banquet
23	Nana Khetsuriani	PhD in Linguistics, Associate Professor at TSU	The VII Worldwide Forum on Education and Culture	Education Studies, Cultural Studies	Rome, Italy	4.12.08 - 5.12.08	The VII Worldwide Forum on Education and Culture, Founded in Rome	Teaching Progressive Tenses in the English as a Foreign Language Classroom
24	Giorgi Kipiani	PhD, Psychology, Head of the Research Information Division at Uznadze Institute of Psychology	Conference on Caucasus Studies: Migration – Society – Language	Psychology	Malmö, Sweden	28.11.08 - 30.11.08	Malmö University, Department of International Migration and Ethnic Relations (IMER)	Components of Social Identity and Intentions of Political Activities in Ethnic Minority Youth
25	Larisa Korganashvili	PhD, Economics, TSU	The 7th International Conference "Globalization, Liberalization, Informatization and Human Behavior	Economics	Kioto, Japan	6.12.08. – 7.12.08	The Japan Economic Policy Association, The Research Center for Worldwide Business of Doshisha University	Prospects of Development of the Southern Caucasus Former Soviet Countries in Conditions of Globalization

ANNEX 5. SHOTA RUSTAVELI FELLOWS, 2008

#	Name of the fellow	Status, occupation	Field of activity	Title of the public lecture	Location of public lecture	Date
1	Irma Ratiani	Professor, Javakhsishvili Tbilisi State University, Shota Rustaveli Institute of Georgian Literature	Literary Studies	Theory of Literature, contemporary studies	Shota Rustaveli Institute of Georgian Literature	07.05.2008
				Text and a reader: modifications in the process of reading	Shota Rustaveli Institute of Georgian Literature	05.12.2008
2	Elguja Khintibidze	Professor, Javakhsishvili Tbilisi State University	Literary Studies	Knight in Panther's Skin and Shakespeare-age Drama	Ivane Javakhsishvili Tbilisi State University	03.06.2008
				Rustaveli in European Kartvelology (Georgian Studies)	Ivane Javakhsishvili Tbilisi State University	16.11.2008
3.	Vakhtang Imnaishvili	Associate Professor, Javakhsishvili Tbilisi State University	Linguistics	Ancient Georgian Manuscripts Abroad	Ivane Javakhsishvili Tbilisi State University	14.05.2008
				Kita Chkhenkeli	Ivane Javakhsishvili Tbilisi State University	26.11.2008
4.	Gocha Saitidze	Associate Professor, Javakhsishvili Tbilisi State University, National Manuscript Center	History	Two unknown texts about "Turkish Georgia"	National Manuscript Center	29.05.2008
				Unknown documents about the life of General Gvetadze (in 1950s)	National Manuscript Center	05.12.2008
5	Kiti Machabeli	Professor, A. Kutateladze Tbilisi Academy of Arts	Art Studies	Georgia and Iran: cultural relation (Sasanian Iran and early medieval Georgian art)	A. Kutateladze Tbilisi Academy of Arts	20.05.2008
				New Material about the plastic art in early medieval Georgia	National Research Center for Georgian Art History and Monument Protection	05.11.2008

ANNEX 6. ILIA CHAVCHAVADZE FELLOWS, 2008

#	Name of the fellow	Status, occupation	Field of activity	Title of the public lecture	Location of public lecture	Date
1	Giorgi Kavtaradze	MA student, Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	History	Adoption of the Lord-Blessed Byzantine Model of Governance by Ashot I Bagrationi	Ivane Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	14.05.2008
				Teaching Christianity in 1 st -3 rd centuries	Ivane Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	22.10.2008
2	Beka Kantaria	PhD student, University of Georgia	Law	Issue of the governance model in 1921 Georgian Constitution	University of Georgia	02.06.2008
				Legal bases for separation of church and state in Georgia	University of Georgia	17.10.2008
3.	Giorgi Kekelidze	MA student, Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	Literary Studies	Non-existing borders (Georgian poets in immigration)	Ivane Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	10.06.2008
				Signs of Postmodernism in Georgian poetry	Ivane Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	03.12.2008
4.	Nikoloz Aleksidze	MA student, Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University, Institute of Classical Philology, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies	Linguistics, Classics	Tomos by Leon and its Georgian Translation	Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University, Institute of Classical Philology, Byzantine Studies and Neo-Greek Studies	13.05.2008
				Analysis of the 9 th chapter from a logical tractate About Explanations by Aristotle	Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University, Institute of Classical Philology, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies	02.12.2008
5	Tamar Mosiashvili	PhD student, Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	Oriental Studies	Surrealist group in Egypt	Ivane Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	01.05.2008
				The issue of faith in the short stories by Yusuf Idris	Ivane Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	25.09.2008
6.	Natia Futkaradze	MA student, Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	Linguistics	Inversion in Georgian Language	Ivane Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	28.03.2008
				Inversive verbs in Mingrelian	Ivane Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	04.12.2008
7.	Nino Chakunashvili	PhD student, Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	Literary Studies	Women in Western and Georgian Medieval literature	Ivane Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	03.06.2008
				Miracle in Western and Georgian literature	Ivane Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University	21.11.2008
8.	Ketevan Tsintsadze	MA student, Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University, Institute of Classical Philology, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies	Literary Studies, Modern Greek Studies	Pessimist poetry in Greece in 1920s (causes, pessimist poets and their works)	Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University, Institute of Classical Philology, Byzantine Studies and Neo-Greek Studies	02.05.2008
				Kostas Kariotakis – Neoromantist Greek poet	Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University, Institute of Classical Philology, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies	04.12.2008
9	Ana Chelidze	PhD student, Ilia Chavchavadze State University	Sociology	Nationalistic trends in religion	Ilia Chavchavadze State University	20.05.2008
				Factors determining authority of and trust towards Georgian orthodox church	Ilia Chavchavadze State University	05.12.2008
10	Tamar Charkviani	PhD student, Ilia Chavchavadze State University	Sociology	Legal conscience and its characteristics in Georgian reality	Ilia Chavchavadze State University	06.05.2008
				Legal conscience and Georgian society	Ilia Chavchavadze State University	05.12.2008



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