



## Second Announcement

### International Workshop on Operator Theory and Applications, IWOTA 2015 Tbilisi, Georgia, July 6 to 10, 2015

**Venue and date:** The 26-th International Workshop on Operator Theory and Applications (IWOTA 2015) will be organized in Tbilisi, Georgia, July 6 to 10, 2015 (arriving day July 5, departure day July 11). The venue of the conference is already fixed:

- Mornings sessions (invited lectures): Georgian National Academy of Sciences, Rustaveli Avenue 52. WEB: <http://science.org.ge/new/index.php/en/>
- Afternoons parallel sessions: Main building of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Ilya Chavchavadze, Avenue 1, WEB: <https://tsu.ge/en/>

**Program of the conference:** The daily schedule will consist of one 60 minute plenary talk and four 50 minute invited (semi-plenary) talks in the morning from 9 to 13 o'clock and forty to sixty 25 minute contributed talks in 7-10 parallel thematic sessions from 15 to 19 o'clock every day, during 4 working days. Wednesday July 8 will be a day of excursions. Poster sessions might be organized as well. For the list of plenary and invited speakers see on the conference WEB: <http://gmu.ge/iwota2015/>

**Thematic Sessions:** Participants wishing to organize Thematic Sessions are invited to send applications to organizers prior **April 30, 2015** together with a preliminary list of at least 5 participants. Otherwise no constraints.

**Conference fee:** 140 Euro or equivalent amounts in USD or GEL (Georgian Lari) for those participants who will register and send fee to organizers **before May 15** (70 Euro for an accompanying person). After May 15 the fee will rise to 170 Euros (to 80 Euros for an accompanying person). The fee includes: free conference kit (for participants), free coffee and tea during the Breaks, free lunches, free Conference Dinner and free excursion with extended lunch on July 8.

**An alternative conference fee:** 70 Euro or equivalent amounts in USD or GEL (Georgian Lari) for those participants who will register and send fee to organizers before May 15. After May 15 the fee will rise to 90 Euros. Fee includes: free conference kit and free Coffee breaks. In this case Lunches, Conference Dinner and Excursion with extended lunch on July 8 are not included. These are optional and will cost 30 Euros each.

**To pay the conference fee:** Go the conference webpage, choose the menu "Registration" and click "Conference fee". You can download from there the Liberty Bank Account in Georgia for the money transfer. Note, that under a "big code" is meant account number, which is GE54LB0115116379129002 for a transfer in Euro and GE54LB0115116379129001 for a transfer in US Dollars.

**Support for early career mathematicians:** We got already a small grant from International Mathematical Union, Committee for Developing Countries and expect more from other foundations. The special committee will select up to 20 early career mathematicians (under 40) and support their local expenses: free hotel, free conference kit free coffee and tea during the Breaks, free lunches, free Conference Dinner and free excursion with extended lunch on July 8. Only a very restricted number of participants will get a partial travel support.

Those who want to participate in the selection we ask to **register on the conference WEB and send us the following documents:**

1. CV
2. List of scientific publications
3. One scientific paper in Operator Theory and Applications.

**For a Pre-registration:** visit, please, the **online registration page** of the conference WEB

<http://gmu.ge/iwota2015/Registration.html>

If you experience any difficulties by registration or money transfer, write please us on the following e-mail addresses: [iwota.tbilisi@gmail.com](mailto:iwota.tbilisi@gmail.com) and [iwota.tbilisi@gmu.ge](mailto:iwota.tbilisi@gmu.ge).

**Abstract submission:** Abstract for the book of abstracts should be prepared in LaTeX format and should not exceed one page. For instructions and template files contact organizers or visit the Conference WEB. We kindly ask you to follow the rules, indicated in the template files. The abstract template file is downloadable from the conference WEB or will be mailed to you on request. Participants have to submit the LaTeX-source and PDF files of abstracts by e-mail to the addresses indicated above or uploaded from the Conference Registration WEB page **prior May 1, 2015**. You will be notified about acceptance of your oral or poster presentation by **May 15**.

**Accommodation:** Hotel prices in Tbilisi start from 40 USD room/night. You can reserve a hotel, for example, through WEB <http://www.booking.com/> You can also find a private apartment to rent on the WEB <https://www.airbnb.com/> Most hotels reserve places through WEB without prepayment.

The Organizers have already reserved hotel rooms for plenary and invited speakers. Recommended hotels for participants will be listed on the conference WEB.

**Social programs:** A wide range of social programs including city tours and visits to historical places will be available every day for accompanying persons. A couple of tours with buses to popular touristic places, which includes extended lunch, will be suggested for the day off on July 8. Transportation to the satellite conference in Batumi (see below) will include some sightseeing in Kutaisi, which will be suggested to participants of both conferences.

**Visa information:** Visa affair is the easiest part of the travel. Citizens of many countries do not need an entrance visa for Georgia (citizens of EU countries, USA, Japan, Israel, Turkey, Canada, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Ukraine, Russia etc. More precise information can be retrieved from the WEB [https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/en/nonvisa\\_en.html](https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/en/nonvisa_en.html) Citizens of some countries, including citizens of Iran, India, Pakistan etc., should apply for a visa For a detailed information visit please the WEB site <https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/en/aboutUs>

**Travel information:** Tbilisi can be reached by airplane from most of the big airports of Europe, Turkey and former Soviet republics. Please browse the WEB <http://www.tbilisiairport.com/en-EN/> Budget flights are available by Pegasus (Turkey), Vizz Air (from Ukraine), FlyVista (Georgia), Baltic Air (Letland).

**Weather** in July in Tbilisi is rather hot and mostly dry.

**Satellite conference:** Immediately after the IWOTA 2015, on **July 12-16, 2016**, the sixth annual **International conference of the Georgian Mathematical Union** will be held in **Batumi, Georgia**. Batumi is a Black Sea resort of Georgia and weather in Batumi is pleasant. The Organizers plan transportation from Tbilisi to Batumi by buses. It is also possible to travel by railway or fly to Batumi (distance 370 km). A wide range of social programs including city tours and visits to historical places will be available during transportation to Batumi and in Batumi. You are cordially invited to participate in this conference and we are looking forward to seeing you in Batumi as well. For detailed information visit the Batumi2015 Conference WEB, which will be launched soon:

[www.gmu.ge/Batumi2015](http://www.gmu.ge/Batumi2015)

#### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES:**

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| <b>April 30, 2015</b> | Deadline for applications to organize a parallel thematic session  |
| <b>May 1, 2015</b>    | Deadline for an abstract submission  |
| <b>May 15, 2015</b>   | Notification of an abstract acceptance   |
| <b>May 15, 2015</b>   | Deadline for the payment of the reduced conference fee   |
| <b>May 15, 2015</b>   | Deadline for registration with the regular conference fee and hotel reservation payment<br>(NO deadline for registration with the raised conference fee) |
| <b>July 5, 2015</b>   | Arriving day to Conference   |
| <b>July 6, 2015:</b>  | Opening of the Conference in Tbilisi   |
| <b>July 8, 2015:</b>  | Day of excursions  |
| <b>July 10, 2015:</b> | Closing of the Conference  |
| <b>July 11, 2015:</b> | Transfer to Batumi satellite conference  |

***Roland Duduchava, Chairman of the Organizing Committee***