

TBILISI ORPHEUS WORKSHOP CONSENSUS DOCUMENT

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(Hotel Sheraton Metekhi Palace)

BACKGROUND

Tbilisi ORPHEUS Workshop was convened by David Tvildiani Medical University (DTMU).

The main objective of the workshop was to bring the representatives of High Educational Institutions (HEIs), state organizations, professional associations, medical centers and other stakeholders providing and interested with PhD studies in Biomedicine and Health Sciences from Georgia in order to review, discuss and exchange information regarding ORPHEUS Standards for PhD Education in Biomedicine and Health Sciences in Europe.

Participants included Mr. **Victor Dolidze** (Head of the Committee on European Integration Parliament of Georgia), Mrs. **Mariam Jashi** (Deputy Minister of Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, Mrs. **Nino Berelidze** (National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement) , Mrs. **Lika Glonti** (National Erasmus+ Office in Georgia. Former National Tempus Office), Dr. **Gia Chakhava** (Georgian Association of Medical Specialties). Representatives of: G. Eliava Institute of Bacteriophages, Microbiology and Virology; Iv. Beritashvili Centre for Experimental Biomedicine; CITO Medical Center; EVEX Medical Corporation; David Tvildiani Medical University; Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; Tbilisi State Medical University; Petre Shotadze Tbilisi Medical Academy; Caucasus International University, and PhD students.

In general 43 participants involved in TBILISI ORPHEUS WORKSHOP

CONCLUSIONS

ORPHEUS President Prof. Zdravko Lackovic presented ORPHEUS Standards for PhD Education in Biomedicine and Health Sciences in Europe to the participants of the workshop and discussed a wide range of issues regarding context and specificities of PhD Education in Europe.

Following conclusions were agreed by workshop participants:

1. Minimal national standards on PhD Education in Biomedicine and Health Sciences in Georgia should be developed based on ORPHEUS Standard for PhD Education in Biomedicine and Health Sciences in Europe. To address National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement asking creation of working format for development of Georgian Standard for PhD education in Biomedical and Health Sciences based on ORPHEUS Standard.
2. Regional conference on PhD Education in Biomedicine and Health Sciences will be organized in Tbilisi, Georgia in 2015. The conference will be organized by David Tvildiani Medical University by the support of National Erasmus+ Office in Georgia considering participants from Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia staying opened to Turkey and Central Asia countries.

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