FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF MATHEMATICIANS OF GEORGIA First Announcement

Dear colleagues,

We are happy to confirm that **September 12 to 19, 2010** Georgian Mathematical Union organizes the First Annual Conference **in Batumi,** a Black sea resort of Georgia, the capital of autonomous republic Adjara. For the information about the city see:

http://www.world66.com/europe/georgia/batumi

The Conference will be held in the modern and beautiful building of Batumi State University, restored recently.

The Conference will be compiled of Workshops, Sessions, Seminars and Schools. The exact program will be announced after the deadline of organizing Workshops, Session and Schools will expire (see below). Today we can only confirm that Workshops on

- Algebraic topology
- Function Theory
- Mechanics of Continua
- Partial Differential Equations and Applications
- Numerical analysis and mathematical modeling.

will definitely be included.

We have applied for a financial support (grants for travel and local costs) to the governmental and private foundations, but can not be confident in success. In any case, participants should cover conference fee, 120 Euro, and conference dinner. It would be possible to cover local costs for a part of participants.

There are many different hotels in Batumi and surrounding, including 5 star "Sheraton" and 4 Star "Intourist" (prices 150-300 USD room/night). You can find in Batumi much cheaper but still comfortable hotels. We are negotiating with different hotels in the city and suburbs and hope to get essential discounts. The precise list of hotels and discounts will be available soon and distributed with the second announcement.

Batumi can be reached both from Tbilisi and from Istanbul (daily flights in Summer). The airport is very close to the city. Batumi is about 350 km west from Tbilisi, about 6-7 hours by train or a car.

Visa affair is the easiest part of the travel. Most of you do not need a visa for Georgia at all (citizens of EU countries, USA, Japan, Israel, Turkey, Canada, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova etc.). All remainders (including citizens of Russia) can apply for visa and obtain it while crossing the border of Georgia at official checkpoints, including all airports of Georgia.

The program will include excursions in the beautiful surroundings of Batumi. You can visit museums, ancient churches and castles.

It is worth mentioning that Batumi is the most rapidly developing city in Georgia and had changed dramatically during the past 5-6 years. Weather at that time is very warm (the "velvet" season) and it is a great pleasure to swim in the Black sea.

You are welcome to pre-register for the conference sending an e-mail on the following addresses

GeorgianMU@gmail.com or to GMU@rmi.acnet.ge

with the following information:

- 1. Name,
- 2. Affiliation,
- 3. e-mail, Telephone, Fax,
- 4. The title of the tentative talk.

To those who would like to organize Workshops, Sessions, Seminars or Schools we kindly ask to send us first the detailed information and tentative list of participants until April 31. Later we will ask for confirmation from participants.

SOME IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

April 31 – Applications for organizing Workshops, Sessions and Schools.

September 1 - registration for the conference, first with e-mail, but in the nearest future also online on the conference WEB

http://rmi.acnet.ge/~gmu/GMU_Conference.

August 15 - Submitting abstracts of talks up to 1 page. Abstracts will be printed in the book of abstracts. The templates of LaTeX files will be distributed with the second announcement and will be downloadable from the conference WEB

http://rmi.acnet.ge/~gmu/GMU_Conference.

July 15 – Reduced conference fee (120 Euro). After July 15 the conference fee would be raised to 150 Euro.

We are ready to answer all possible questions concerning the conference.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee

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