

**Georgia/Géorgie**

**UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme**

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**Progress Report**

**Period of Activity: June 2006- June 2007**

**UNESCO Chair in Information Society**

**Report established by:** Professor Gocha Chogovadze, UNESCO Chairholder, Georgian Technical University

## **I. Activities**

### **1. Academic activities**

#### ***Education***

Title: “Information Society – basic concepts, conditions and prospects”

Target group: postgraduate students at the Georgian Technical University

#### ***Training***

Title: “Information and Communication Technologies in the Information Society”

Target group: postgraduate students at the Georgian Technical University

#### ***Research***

Information technologies in education

Systems of higher education

National specificity in education and information technologies

### **2. Conferences/ Meetings**

Seminar on “Strategy and national features during establishment of the Black Sea basin Virtual University”, May 20, 2006

### **3. Missions/ Travels abroad**

The Chair organized several missions to encourage student exchange programs and to promote the development of the Black Sea Virtual University project. The cities visited in these missions included: Paris and Montpellier (France), Moscow and Saint Petersburg (Russia), Rome (Italy), Baku (Azerbaijan) and Yerevan (Armenia).

#### **4. Partnerships**

The Georgian Technical University, Georgia  
The Institute of Management Problems, Georgia  
The Institute of Cybernetics, Georgia  
The Institute of Computational Mathematics, Tbilisi State University, Georgia  
Alta-Computers, Georgia  
Orient-Logic, Georgia  
The Moscow Engineering-Physical Institute, Russia  
Moscow State University of Economic Statistics and Informatics, Russia  
Azerbaijan Technical University, Azerbaijan  
Armenian Engineering-Technical University, Armenia

#### **5. Publications**

##### **Book**

Title: *GLOBALANCE*  
Author: Gocha Chogovadze  
Year: 2006  
Pages: 119  
Languages: Georgian, French, Russian

### **II. Impact**

The UNESCO Chair in Information Society at the Georgian Technical University has established productive partnerships with foreign universities, Georgian businesses and institutions of higher education in other countries such as Azerbaijan and Armenia. The Chair has advanced the project of creating the Black Sea Virtual University, involving the countries of this region. The creation of a national network of remote education in Georgia is currently in progress, as part of an initiative on “E-learning”.

### **III. Forthcoming activities**

Among the upcoming projects of the Chair in Information Society is the expansion of its partnership with business corporations in Georgia, the development of the virtual university project and the organization of seminars with the Academy of Sciences (Georgia).