

Conference Program

Day 1 (2 June 98 - Tue): Arrival in Tbilisi.

Day 2 (3 June 98 - Wed): Arrival and the opening and first day of the conference.

10:00 - 13:00 Visits to libraries.

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch.

15:00 - 16:00 Afternoon Plenary Session: Introduction, purpose, and overview. There will be a welcoming talk by the head of Georgian Parliament Zurab Zhvania, followed by brief overview of the conference agenda presented by Besiki Stvilia, as an organizer of the conference.

16:00 - 18:00 There will be three presentations during this period of time. Besiki Stvilia will serve as a moderator.

16:00 - 17:00 "Planning in Library Management".

Medea Metreveli, AIS, Georgia.

17:00 - 17:30 "Document Delivery Service at LAAG".

Teimuraz Chkhenkeli, NPLG, Georgia.

17:30 - 18:00 "Librarianship in Azerbaijan: The Current Situation and prospective for the development".

Khalil Ismailov, Rasim Kyazimov, BSU, Azerbaijan.

Day 3 (4 June 98 - Thursday):

10:00 - 12:00 Morning Presentation Session. There will be three presentations during the two-hour period, Irina Chanturishvili will serve as a moderator.

10:00 - 11:00 "A New Image for Post-Soviet Libraries: An American View".

Marianna Tax-Choldin, Professor, University of Illinois, USA.

11:00 - 11:30 "Libraries and Intellectual Freedom".

Nelly Bendukidze, AIS, Georgia.

11:30 - 12:00 "The Library, Society, Information".

Nerses Hayrapetyan, NLA, Armenia.

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch.

13:00 - 17:00 Afternoon Plenary Session – Workshop on fundraising. There will be a two hour presentation on fundraising and grant proposal writing by Susan Schnuer and Irina Chanturishvili. After the presentation the conference participants will get into small groups and for 30 minutes they will brainstorm about possible fundraising activities or project proposals. The group leaders will be asked to report the highlights of the discussions, their fundraising ideas and ways of implementation. At the end of the workshop there will be a presentation by Rima Kupryte who will talk about the goals of the OSI's Network Library Program and answer questions from the audience.

13:00 - 15:00 "Fundraising and grant proposal writing"

Susan Schnuer, Professor, University of Illinois, USA.

Irina Chanturishvili, AIS, Georgia.

15:00 - 15:30 Group discussions on fundraising.

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break.

16:00 - 16:30 Reports from groups.

16:30 - 17:00 Presentation by Rima Kupryte, OSI – NLP

17:00 - 17:15 OSI-Azerbaijan National Library Program's activity.

Inna Grudskaya, Azerbaijan

17:15 - 17:30 Library and Bibliographical resources of Azerbaijan: Problems of Development and Distribution

Nadir Ismailov, BSU, Azerbaijan

18:00 - 21:00 Evening reception of the Conference participants and invited guests.

Day 4 (5 June 98 - Fri):

10:00 - 12:00 A summary panel discussion, including Azeri, Armenian, Georgian and Western specialists, of what will have been presented during the two days of the conference and of what can be done based on it; what the possible areas are for the regional cooperation. The conference participants will get into small groups and discuss what positive steps can be taken to improve cooperation among South Caucasian libraries on the way to establish a regional library network. A coordinating committee will be elected to conduct future efforts in that direction.

10:00 - 10:30 Group discussions

10:30 - 11:00 Group reports

11:00 - 12:00 Evaluation and recommendations

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

Departure