



## About the Editors

### Editors-in-Chief:

**Amiran Gamkrelidze**  
MD, PhD, ScD, Professor



#### Key qualifications:

- ◇ 1990, Institute of Immunology, Moscow, USSR, defended second Academic Degree (ScD)
- ◇ 1979, Tbilisi State Medical Institute, Georgia, defended first Academic Degree (PhD)
- ◇ 1968-1974, Tbilisi State Medical Institute, Georgia, Diploma of Physician (MD)

#### Relevant work experience:

- ◇ 2013-present, National Center for Disease Control and Public Health, Tbilisi, Georgia, General Director
- ◇ 2005-2013, WHO Country office in Georgia, Country Programme Coordinator for STIs / HIV / AIDS
- ◇ 2004-present, University of Georgia, Tbilisi, professor
- ◇ 2004-present, Tromsø University, Norway, visiting professor
- ◇ 2004-present, Center of Allergy and Immunology, scientific advisor
- ◇ 2001-2004, Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, Minister
- ◇ 1999-2000, Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, First Deputy Minister
- ◇ 1994-1995, National Health Management Center, Director
- ◇ 1982-1987, Institute of Clinical Immunology of Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany, researcher in clinical immunology
- ◇ 1982-1987, Department of Pediatrics of the University of Linköping, Sweden, researcher

Dr. Amiran Gamkrelidze is a member of Editorial Boards of Journals: World Allergy Organization Journal, Allergo-Journal (Germany), Georgian Medical News, Georgian Respiratory Journal. He is also a member of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, German Association of Allergology and Clinical Immunology, Board of Georgian Association of Allergology and Clinical Immunology.

**Toralf Hasvold**  
MD, PhD, Professor Emeritus



#### Key qualifications:

- ◇ Qualified as Medical Doctor at Oslo University in 1973
- ◇ Defended my PhD in 1996 at Tromsø University, Norway
- ◇ Licensed as Specialist in Public Health / Community Medicine in 1996
- ◇ Licensed as Specialist in General Practice 1988 – 1998 (Did not relicense after 1998)
- ◇ Licensed as Trainer in General Practice from 1988

#### Relevant work experience:

- ◇ Professor of General Practice, University of Tromsø 01.12.98 -
- ◇ Professor emeritus since 01.01.2011
- ◇ Director of Centre of Integrated Care and Telemedicine, University Hospital of North Norway: 01.08.08 – 01.01.11
- ◇ Dean of Medical Faculty, University of Tromsø: 01.08.05 – 01.08.07
- ◇ Honorary Professor of Public Health at University of Georgia: 01.09.2009 –
- ◇ Visiting professor, James Cook University, Townsville, Australia: 28.10.02 – 31.03.03
- ◇ WHO Public Health Advisor to the Ministries of Health in the Republic Armenia and Georgia: 01.12.96 – 02.12.98
- ◇ WHO Public Health Advisor to the Ministries of Health in the Republic Armenia and Georgia: 01.12.96 – 02.12.98
- ◇ Municipality doctor/Public Health Officer/Chief Doctor in Bardu Municipality: 01.04.85 - 01.08.96
- ◇ Bardu: District doctor: 01.07.83 - 01.04.85
- ◇ Salangen: District doctor - in charge: 01.04.82 - 01.07.83
- ◇ Balsfjord: District doctor - in charge: 21.11.74 - 01.05.78 and 01.05.80 - 31.03.82

## Executive Editor

### Vasil Tkheselashvili

MD, JD, PhD, ScD, Professor

#### Key qualifications:

- ◇ 2006, Washington, USA, ACS and UICC training in “Global Mission in Cancer Control”
- ◇ 2000, Sofia, Bulgaria, IACR and ENCR training in “Population Based Cancer Registration”
- ◇ 1997-2002, Tbilisi Law Institute, Diploma of Lawyer (JD)
- ◇ 1989-1992, Prof. N.Petrov Oncology Research Institute, St.-Petersburg, Russia; In 1992 defended second Academic Degree (ScD)
- ◇ 1988, Oncology Scientific Center, Moscow, IARC training in “Cancer Epidemiology”
- ◇ 1979-1982, Prof. N.Petrov Oncology Research Institute, Leningrad, USSR; In 1982 defended first Academic Degree (PhD)
- ◇ 1977-1979, Oncology Scientific Center, Tbilisi, Post-graduate training in oncology, Licensed as Specialist in Oncology
- ◇ 1971-1977, Tbilisi State Medical Institute, Georgia, Diploma of Physician (MD)



#### Relevant work experience:

- ◇ 2011-present, The University of Georgia, Tbilisi, Professor
- ◇ 2010-2011, G.Natadze Research Institute of Sanitary, Hygiene and Medical Ecology, Deputy Director
- ◇ 2006-2010, The University of Georgia, Tbilisi, Invited Teacher
- ◇ 2005-2006, Georgian State Medical Academy, Tbilisi, Professor
- ◇ 2004-2006, Tbilisi Cancer Center, Deputy Director, Head of Population Based Cancer Registry
- ◇ 1999-present, National Association of Cancer Control (NACC), Tbilisi, Founder and President
- ◇ 1994-2009, National Cancer Center, Tbilisi Department of Cancer Epidemiology and Control, Head
- ◇ 1994-1996, National Cancer Center, Tbilisi, Deputy Director in Information and Cancer Control
- ◇ 1983-1994, Oncology Scientific Center, Tbilisi, Department of Gynecology, Scientific Staff (steps: Junior, Senior, Leading)
- ◇ 1982-1983, Oncology Scientific Center, Tbilisi, Department of Gynecology, MD, Oncologist, Gynecologist

## Members of the Editorial Board:

### Zaza Avaliani

MD, PhD, Professor

#### Key qualifications:

- ◇ 1994-2003, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Tbilisi State Medical University, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- ◇ 1984-1986, Doctor Pathology-anatomist, Tbilisi State Medical Institute, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- ◇ 1978-1984, Medical Doctor (MD) specialized in General Medicine. Tbilisi State Medical Institute, Faculty of Medicine, Tbilisi, Georgia.



#### Relevant work experience:

- ◇ 2014–Present, Executive Director of National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases
- ◇ 2013–2014, Medical Director - Martin D. Abeloff Laboratory, Cancer Research Center
- ◇ 2012–Present, Deputy Director Tbilisi Central Hospital
- ◇ 2012–Present, full Professor Georgian University Nursing School
- ◇ 2012 Present, Deputy Director, Medical-diagnostic clinic “444”, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- ◇ 2012–Present, Program and Project Administration Head at clinic “Health Center”, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- ◇ 2011-Present, Medical doctor (MD), Pathologanatomist, clinic “Geohospitals”, Georgia.
- ◇ 2007–Present, President, Association of Georgian Pathologists XXI, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- ◇ 2006–Present, President, Association of Medical Education Professionals, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- ◇ 2002–Present, Member, National Bioethics Council, Expert at Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- ◇ 1999–Present, Member, Association for Medical Education in Europe.
- ◇ 2009–2010, Director, Vocational Training Center “Speqtri”, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- ◇ 2009–2010, Expert at National Scientific Fund, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- ◇ 2007 – 2009. Full professor, program leader, IB EuroCaucasian University, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- ◇ 2007–2009, Head of Strategic Development and Quality Control Department, Aversi Clinic, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- ◇ 1998 – 2007. Associated Professor, Pathology Department, Tbilisi State Medical University, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- ◇ 2003 – 2006. Vice-rector, Head of Education/Sciences Department, Tbilisi State Medical University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

## Members of the Editorial Board:

### Nino Chikhladze

MD, PhD, Associate Professor

#### Key Qualifications:

- ◇ 1988-Qualified Medical Doctor at Tbilisi State Medical Institute, Faculty of Medicine, Georgia
- ◇ 1988-Faculty of International Relation with specialization in French, Tbilisi State University, Georgia
- ◇ 1989-Tbilisi State Medical University Hospital №2, Internship in Internal Medicine, Georgia
- ◇ 1997-PhD at Tbilisi State University, Georgia
- ◇ 2001-Licensed as specialist in Public Health and Health Care Management



#### Relevant work experience:

- ◇ Since 1988 she has been involved in clinical activities, since 1992 - in academic activity as well. Since 1996 she has been lecturing at TSU. From 2006 till present she is an Associate Professor at the Public Health Department of the Faculty of Medicine of TSU and the Head of Faculty's Quality Assurance Department. She is also a member of Faculty Scientific Board.
- ◇ Since 2005 she has been actively involved in reformation of Higher Medical Educational System of Georgia. She is a co-author of „Benchmark Statement in Medicine” (2011) and „Benchmark Statement in Nursing” (2010) in Georgia. She is an Expert of National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement of Georgia.
- ◇ She is an Expert of the UNESCO Global Ethics Observatory. She has been involved in academic activities as a scholar, visiting professor in the frame of different programs at Universities Paris and Rennes (France), Granada (Spain), Tartu (Estonia).
- ◇ She has an experience in coordinating International projects (supported by European Union, Norwegian Center for International Collaboration in Education) in the sphere of Public Health and Medical Education.
- ◇ She is the author of scientific works and manuals. She is a member of Scientific Editorial Board of International Journals (Morocco, Poland).
- ◇ Professor Nino Chikhladze has been awarded for her contribution to the Development TSU Medical Faculty by TSU Administration.

### Tamar Lobjanidze

PhD(c)

#### Key qualifications:

- ◇ 1979-1986 Tbilisi State University, Medical Physics Faculty, Graduate Diploma
- ◇ 2013/05-up to now PhD (c) in Public Health (Doctoral Thesis: "Evaluation Systems and development of Public Health and Social Services Modeling in Georgia") , The University of Georgia



#### Relevant work experience:

- ◇ 2006-up to now Dean of School of Health Sciences and Public Health, The University of Georgia
- ◇ 2016/1- up to now Team leader for UG, SIU Project CPEA-2015/10057 “Georgian-Norwegian Collaborative in Public Health (GeNoC-PH)
- ◇ 2010/10- up to now Co-director of bachelor program “Healthcare Administration” and master program: “Public Health and Health care Policy”
- ◇ 2007- up to now Member of board, National Medical center of Developing and inculcation of Guidelines and Protocols, MOLSHA (Ministry of labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia)
- ◇ 2012/6 - 2015 Co-coordinator, coordinator for Georgians HEIs
- ◇ SIU Project CPEA-2012/10040 “Doctoral Programme in Public Health: Norway Experience of Third Cycle Studies for Georgia”
- ◇ 2011/9-2011/12 Project Coordinator, Project N TA-CIS/2007/147562, contract EU/ET/04-24 “Preparation of Academic Personnel for Nursing in Bachelor Study”
- ◇ 2010/10- 2013 Academic Staff, TEMPUS project No.511303-TEMPUS-1-2010-1-UK (GE) “Master Programmers in Public Health and Social Services”
- ◇ 2009/9 – 2010/5 Project Coordinator, Training for Health Sector Managers, GHSPIC Project 2.1./LTA
- ◇ 2009 –up to now Affiliated Faculty University of Scranton, PA, USA, Health Management Education
- ◇ 2007-2009 Board Member, Join Committee of Healthcare Reforms in Georgian Penitential systems
- ◇ 2005-2008 Top Manager, Epilepsy Prevention Centre of Georgia
- ◇ 2004-2009 Regional Coordinator, Children Safety Programme with seaport of USAID ACTS-International Georgia
- ◇ 1996-2004 Vice-Chief, Public Health Department (MOLSHA Georgia)

## Members of the Editorial Board:

### **Nata Kazakhashvili**

MD, PhD, Associate Professor

1973-1979 studied in TSMU, after graduation conducted practical medical work in 1980-1986. In 1986 started to work in the public health sector and health organization from Tbilisi municipal health service. In 1993-2007 she worked in health care system of Georgia at different managerial positions, including head of mother and child issues department, head of state health program management department, deputy general director in the issues of medical insurance of united state foundation of Georgian social insurance. She has been participating in and cooperating with partner programs implemented by international organizations in Georgia since 1994. She has been actively involved in international conferences and seminars regarding issues of public health; the most important among them are: preparation of European declaration of rights of the patients (1994, Amsterdam, Netherlands), training course in management (1994, Atlanta, USA), implementation of strategy of improvement of health protection of mother and child in developing countries (1997 WHO European regional bureau, Copenhagen, Denmark), implementation of the first project of World Bank and Georgia about reform of the health care system (1995-1999); participation in primary health care system reform project together with WB/EU/DFID/OPM (1998-2002); In 2004-2008 she together with Oxford Policy group (OPM) participated in preparation of training program for managers of primary health care, as a member of the training program and a lecturer. She has been an associate professor of TSU since 2004 and she manages training programs of the bachelor and postgraduate students “Public health care”, “Organization and management of health care”. Since 2006 she has been managing training courses of postgraduate: “Bioethics and medical law”, “Management and improving of quality of medical service”. She participates in implementation of a partner program of SU/Scranton University. From 2012 she participated in International Project “The World Justice Project” (WJP) as Expert. she have had TEMPUS project “postgraduate programs in public health and social service”. Duration of the project is 36 months - 2010-2013

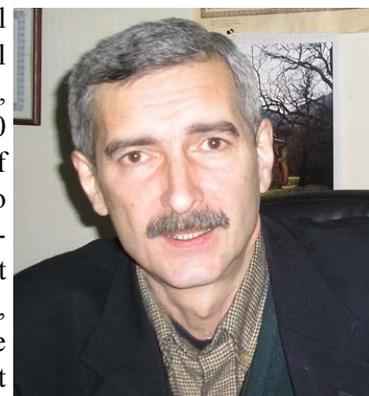


and USAID/G-PAC/TSU projects “preparation and implementation of educational programs for teaching the health policy in Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University” the duration of the projects May 2011-December 2011. She is a corresponding member of the academy of medical-social sciences, member of professional association of perinatologists and neonatologists, member of the society of pediatricians of Georgia, expert-consultant of the magazine “Parents’ school”, author of 32 scientific works, reviewer of numerous manuals and methodological recommendations, a consultant. She was awarded by a special medal and a certificate of WHO/EURO for eradication of poliomyelitis in European region. She has been working as a first deputy Director General of Chachava clinic and continues pedagogical activities in Tbilisi State University, as well as University of Georgia.

### **Paata Imnadze**

MD, PhD, Professor

Science Director, National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC), Tbilisi, Georgia. 1992-2010 he was Director General of the NCDC. He continues to serve as the head of the Department of Public Health at the Tbilisi State University, and was formerly Associate Professor of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the Tbilisi State Medical University. He is member of the National Council on Bioethics and President of the Public Health Association. Prof. Imnadze was a member of the WHO Intergovernmental Working Group on the Revision of the IHR (2004-2005), the WHO European Technical Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (2005-2011), and in 2012 was a member of the Editorial Group “Environmental health inequalities in Europe”. From 2003 to 2006 he was a member elect of the Joint Coordinating Board of the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases. He is a Member of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee concerning Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV). Prof. Imnadze published 40 peer-reviewed articles, 3 manuals, about 100 abstracts, and has been honored with the Order of Dignity.



## Members of the Editorial Board:

### Alexander Tsiskaridze

MD, PhD, ScD, FESO, Professor

Professor of Neurology, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Scientific Director at the Sarajishvili Institute of Neurology and Head of Neurological Service at Pineo Medical Ecosystem.

After obtaining the Honor Diploma of Medical Doctor from Tbilisi State Medical University, Alexander Tsiskaridze continued his academic career in Sarajishvili Institute of Neurology in the capacity of intern (1988-1989). In the late 90ies he has undertaken European Neurological Society Fellowship in Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois, Lausanne, Switzerland and later he gained Swiss National Science Foundation Fellowship at the same University (2003-2004).

Dr. Tsiskaridze started his professional career since late 80ies at Sarajishvili Institute of Neurology in the capacity of Junior Scientific Researcher. Later he became Senior Scientific Researcher, Head of Research Department and finally held the position of Scientific Director.

Dr. Tsiskaridze is the author of 53 scientific articles. He has received numerous international and local degrees, awards and honors including the degree of Candidate of Medical Sciences (PhD), the degree of Doctor of Medical Sciences, Sarajishvili Medal and Honour Diploma for Achievements in Neurological Research of Georgian Association of Neurologist and Neurosurgeons, Young Investigator's Award of the European Stroke Council, Bruce Schoenberg International Award in Neuroepidemiology of the American Academy of Neurology, Georgian National Scientific Prize and Silver Medal for the Cycle of Papers on Cerebrovascular Disorders, Order of Merit of President of Georgia.

Prof. Tsiskaridze is the member of Board of Directors and Founding Fellow of European Stroke Organization, member of Scientific Panel on Stroke of the European Academy of Neurology, member of Board of Directors of Curatio International Foundation.

He is a member Editorial Board of various journals including European Neurology (Karger Publishes) and European Stroke Journal (Sage Publishers). He serves as a peer-reviewer of Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry, Stroke, Journal of Neurological Sciences, Internal and Emergency Medicine, Neuroepidemiology, Cerebrovascular Diseases, European Neurology, Frontiers in Neurology, Journal of Neuroinflammation, Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Diseases, and Case Reports in Neurology.



### Otar Toidze

MD, PhD, ScD, Professor

Key qualifications:

- ◇ 1998 – Certificate of The Trainer of the Epilepsy Academy of the International League Against Epilepsy
- ◇ 1966-1972 – Tbilisi state Medical University, MD



Relevant work experience:

- ◇ 2015-present University of Georgia, Full professor
- ◇ 2012-2014 – Medical doctor and Chief Adviser at the Institute of Neurology and Neuropsychology
- ◇ 2004-2012 - Member of the Parliament, Chairmen of The Committee of Health and Social Issues
- ◇ 2005-2015 Member of European Federation of Neurological Sciences
- ◇ 2005-2010 – An international study “Prevalence of Epilepsy and antiepileptic Treatment Gap in Georgia” – Principal Investigator
- ◇ 2005 Honorary title of the World Medical Association - “Most Carrying Physician of World 2005”
- ◇ 2003 Golden medal and Honorary title of the Ministry of Health of Georgia - “The best doctor of Georgia 2003”
- ◇ 2000-2004 – An international multicentre study “An International Antiepileptic Drugs and Pregnancy Registry” – National Coordinator
- ◇ 2000-2004 rector of the institute of traditional and classical medicine
- ◇ 1994-2000 prorector of The institute of traditional and classical medicine
- ◇ 1973-2004 - Medical doctor and Scientific Fellow at the Institute of Clinical and Experimental Neurology
- ◇ 1999-2004 Fellow of Royal Medical Society, UK
- ◇ 1996-2015 - Vice-President of the Georgian League Against Epilepsy

## Members of the Editorial Board:

**Otar Vasadze**  
MD, PhD, Professor



### Key qualifications:

- ◇ Qualified as Medical Doctor in 1976 at Tbilisi State Medical University, Tbilisi, Georgia
- ◇ Defended PhD in 1982 at Institute of General Pathology, Moscow, Russia
- ◇ Affiliated Faculty in the Department of Health Administration and Human Resources, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA, USA from 2000
- ◇ Licensed as Specialist in Public Health and Health Management in 2003
- ◇ Professor in the School of Health Sciences and Public Health, University of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia from 2007

### Relevant work experience:

- ◇ Professor of Health Management, University of Georgia: 01.11.2007 -
- ◇ Associated Professor of Health Management, University of Georgia: 01.02.2005 - 01.11.2007
- ◇ Director of National Institute of Health of Georgia: 01.05.2003 – 02.08.2004
- ◇ Director of National Health Management Center of Georgia: 10.06.1997 – 30.04.2003
- ◇ Deputy Director of National Health Management Center of Georgia: 01.07.1995 – 10.06.1997
- ◇ Head of Department of Primary Health Care and Continuous Medical Education Informatization of Institute of Informatics and Complex Automation in Health: 21.11.1994 – 01.07.1995
- ◇ Head of Scientific-Research Department of Tbilisi State Medical University: 01.13.1989 – 21.11.1994
- ◇ Head of the Group of Surgical Treatment of Institute of Cardiology: 01.07.1983 – 01.13.1989
- ◇ Junior Scientific Researcher of Institute of Surgery: 01.04.85 - 01.08.96

Author and co-author of 45 articles, 4 textbooks, 3 books and 1 dictionary, in total 53 publications.

**Elza Nikoleishvili**  
MD, PhD, Professor



### Key qualifications:

- ◇ Qualified as Medical Doctor at Tbilisi medical Academy in 1995
- ◇ Defended PhD in 2006 at Tbilisi State Medical University
- ◇ Licensed as Specialist in General Pediatrics in 2001
- ◇ Trainer and Head of Training courses: 1) Pharmacovigilance barriers and perspectives in Georgia. Practical aspects 2. Control of substances under special control. Practical aspects 2017-2018

### Relevant work experience:

- ◇ 2013- to present University of Georgia. School of Health Science and Public Health. Head of Pharmacy Department. Head of Pharmacy Bachelor and Master Programs. Professor
- ◇ The Member of working board of Public Health core competencies for the Public health professional 2018-2019
- ◇ 2014-to present lecturer of pediatrics in David Tvildiani Medical University
- ◇ 2010 –to present International Medical Tourism Company, Co-founder and Medical director.
- ◇ 2010-2013 Pharmaceutical Company “Medservice” Head of Promotion and marketing regional department
- ◇ 2009-2010 Director of Multiprofile Medical Clinic “Uno +”
- ◇ 2006-2009 Pharmaceutical company “ Medinserv” Head of marketing and promotion regional department
- ◇ 1998-2006 M. Guramishvili Pediatric Clinic - pediatrician

## Members of the Editorial Board:

Irakli Mchedlishvili

MD, PhD, ScD, Professor



### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Head of the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and Public Health Department, Tbilisi State Medical University, Professor, Dean of Faculty of Public Health, Vice-President of Preventive Medicine Academy, Deputy Head of Doctoral Dissertation Council of Public Health Faculty of TSMU. Head of the Master program "Epidemiology and Environmental Health", Chairman of Council of Public Health Faculty, Member of Associations: Public Health; Infectionists, Hepatologists, Parasitologists, Epidemiologists and Microbiologists; Environmental Health; Fighting Against Cancer. Member of the Education Development National Center Appeals Committee.

### MEDICAL DEGREE AND POSITIONS

Doctor of medical science, Professor, Head of the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and Public health Department, Tbilisi State Medical University, Dean of faculty of Public Health.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATION

- 1971 – 1977 Tbilisi State Medical Institute, Public Health Faculty, Specialty: Hygiene, sanitation and epidemiology
- 1977-1978 Senior laboratory technician at the department of epidemiology of Tbilisi State Medical Institute
- 1978-1989 Assistant at the department of epidemiology of Tbilisi State Medical Institute
- 1989-1994 Docent (Associate Professor) at the Department of Epidemiology of Tbilisi State Medical Institute
- 1994-2005 Head of the Department of Epidemiology of Tbilisi State Medical University

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2005-2006 Head of the Department of Public Health of Tbilisi State Medical University
- 2006 to 2009 Head of Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Full Professor.
- 2009 to date Head of the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and Public Health Department, Tbilisi State Medical University, Professor

From July 2016 Dean of Faculty of Public Health

### PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Participation in the local and international medical meetings, including international conferences, held in Moscow, Sankt-Petersburg, Tallinn, Tashkent, Baku, Erevan, Atlanta, Miami, Glasgow etc.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

40-year experience. I deliver lectures at Tbilisi State Medical University for Medical and Public Health Faculties as well as several Master Programs. Program director of Master Program „Epidemiology and Environmental Health“.

### PUBLICATION

Author of 110 published works, including 44 – during the past 10 years (see attachment). Most of them are on epidemiology of infectious diseases, namely viral hepatitis, salmonellosis, meningococcal infection, leptospirosis and others. Author of the text-books: "Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases" and "Epidemiology".

### MENTORING AND EXPERTIZING OF DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

Mentor of 8 Doctoral degree thesis. I have been opponent of number of master and doctoral degree thesis and expert of Academic Doctoral Programs.

Academician **Ramaz Shengelia**, MD, Ph.D., Sc.D.



- ◇ Head of the Department for the History of Medicine and Bioethics. Tbilisi State Medical University (TSMU);
- ◇ Director of the Michael Shengelia Museum for the History of Georgian Medicine (since 2000)
- ◇ Scientific Secretary of Georgian (Caucasian) Gene Pool Research Commission at Georgian National Academy of Science (since 2013)

In the various times he worked as: Head of Publishing House of TSMU; Dean of Medical Faculty of TSMU; Chief Editor of Georgian Medical Encyclopedia; Deputy Director of Experimental and Clinical Medicine Research Institute of TSMU. Has published up to 230 scientific and publicist (Journalistic) works. Among them 14 monographs and fiction as well. Since 2012 - Vice-President of International Society for the History of Medicine (ISHM).

Professor R.Shengelia is elected as a Member of: Georgian National Academy of Sciences, European Academy of Art and Science; Washington Academy of Sciences; Georgian Academy of Medical Sciences.

## Members of the Editorial Board:

### Mariam Margvelashvili

DDS, MSc, PhD

Dr. Margvelashvili received her DDS from Tbilisi State University, Georgia in 2007. She earned her Master of Science in Dental Materials from the University of Siena, Italy in 2009. She defended her PhD at the Tuscan School of Dental Medicine, University of Siena, Italy in 2013. Between the periods of 2009-2011 she was a Post-Doctoral Associate at Tufts University, Boston, USA implementing research on Stem Cells. She became a Professor and the Head of the Department of Dental Medicine at the University of Georgia in 2013. Currently, she implements her ITI Program at the department of Prosthodontics and Operative Dentistry, Tufts University, Boston, USA.

Dr. Margvelashvili has lectured both nationally and internationally in Continuing Education (CE) Courses. Since 2013 she is an FDI CE Program Speaker in Eastern European countries.

Dr. Margvelashvili has both published numerous scientific articles as well as serves as a reviewer for international journals.

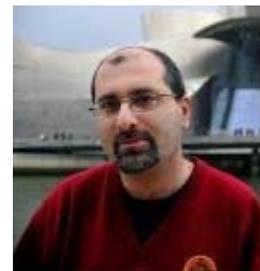


### Vladimer Luarsabishvili

MD, VD, PhD, Professor

Key qualifications:

- ◇ 2016, Madrid Autonomous University (PhD)
- ◇ 2005, Tbilisi State Medical University (PhD)
- ◇ 2003, Tbilisi State Veterinary University (VD)
- ◇ 2002, Tbilisi State Medical University (MD)
- ◇ 1998, Tbilisi State University



Relevant work experience:

- ◇ 2018-present, Scientific Coordinator, University of Georgia
- ◇ 2017-present, Professor, New Vision University
- ◇ 2013-2017, Head of Unit, Archive of Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia
- ◇ 2010-2015 – Expert of curriculum and Assistant professor, Ilia State University
- ◇ 2006-2008 – Deputy Director, Georgian-German College “Allemagne”
- ◇ 2006- Specialist, Child Care Department, Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia

### Davit Tophuria

MD, PhD, Associate Professor

Key qualifications:

- ◇ Qualified as Medical Doctor DAUG University Georgia 2004
- ◇ Defended my PhD in 2007 at Tbilisi State Medical University, Georgia
- ◇ Licensed as Specialist in Clinical Toxicology 2007



Work experience:

- ◇ Assoc. Professor of Human Normal Anatomy Tbilisi State Medical University
- ◇ Assoc. Professor of Human Normal Anatomy University of Georgia
- ◇ Head of International Students education at Tbilisi State Medical University
- ◇ International Faculty member of IASGO

Author/co-author 61 International Publications, 2 Books

## Managing Editors:

### **Julieta Andguladze**



Juliette Andghuladze has completed her first degree at Shota Rustaveli State University (Batumi, Georgia) on the West-European Languages and Literature, and her MA at The University of Georgia (Tbilisi, Georgia) on the Media Management. She holds the position of Head of Editorial Department of The University of Georgia. Her interest focuses on the editorial style issues in the Georgian periodicals - scientific journals, books. Her work experience counts 9 years in publishing industry.

### **Besik Lukhutashvili**



Besik Lukhutashvili has graduated from the Tbilisi State Institute of Foreign Languages. His specialization is philologist in English language. He has good experience of translating and editing scientific articles, treatment guidelines and protocols, legislative documents related to health care, etc. He has worked at Publishing House Diogene as texts editor. At present he holds the position of Head of International Training Center at the School of health Sciences and Public Health of the University of Georgia.

### **George Lobzhanidze** MD, PhD(c)



Graduate of Aieti Medical School. He has pursued PhD education at Tbilisi State University and University of Tromsø. Professional experience includes clinical medicine (Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine), health administration, project management, teaching and medical research. Currently he holds a position of Clinical Director at Medalpha Hospital Network and delivers lectures at Tbilisi State University as an Invited Lecturer.

## Members of the International Advisory Committee:

### Diego Rada Fernandez de Jauregui

BPhm, PhD, MSc, Associate Professor

#### Key qualifications:

- ◇ 2008–2012: MSc in Research Methodology in Health Sciences, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain.
- ◇ 2004–2007: PhD in Pharmacy, University of the Basque Country, Spain.
- ◇ Supervisors: Prof. Enrique Etxebarria/Prof. Carlos Abecia
- ◇ 1996–2002: BSc in Pharmacy, University of the Basque Country, Spain.



#### Relevant work experience:

- ◇ 2011-Present: Associate professor. Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, University of the Basque Country (Spain).
- ◇ 2009–2010: Epidemiologist in the Primary Care Research Unit of Basque Public Health System/Osakidetza. Bilbao, Basque Country (Spain).
- ◇ 2007-2009: Epidemiologist in the EuroNeoStat project: European Information System to Monitor Short- and Long-Term Morbidity to Improve Quality of Care and Patient-Safety for Very-Low-Birth-Weight Infants (VLBWI). The project was financed from 2006 to 2008 by the DG SANCO (Directorate General of Public Health and Consumer Protection) of the EC (European Commission). Neonatal Epidemiology Unit, Cruces Hospital. Bilbao, Basque Country (Spain).
- ◇ 2008: Stay of 2.5 months in the Integrated Centre for Care Advancement through Research (iCARE), University of Alberta, Edmonton (Canada). International research collaboration between the Canadian Neonatal Network™ (CNN) and European Neonatal Network (EuroNeoNet/EuroNeoStat).
- ◇ Nowadays, Prof. Rada is participating as epidemiologist in different projects related to Public Health, nutritional epidemiology (promotion of healthy nutrition in children), pain management and pharmacoepidemiology (variability in drug prescription) and has several high quality publications in these fields. In addition, he is also actively involved in Educative Innovative Projects to study collaborative teaching and learning methodologies for quality improvement in University level.

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Dr Mabhala has expertise in epidemiology, social justice and research in a wide range of public health domains. He has had several senior public health roles within the UK National Health Service and higher education institutions, including senior public health skills development programme manager at the University of Oxford Institute Of Health Sciences.



His current international roles as expert in public health epidemiology include:

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Nationally Dr Mabhala sits in All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health. He has fellowships and memberships of the most prestigious of the UK's public health bodies – Member of the Faculty of Public Health (MFPH), Fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health (FRSPH), and Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine (FRSM).

Dr Mabhala's research interest centres on socio-economic determinants of inequalities in health and social justice. His recent research work has had a focus on marginalised population groups and under researched subjects including homeless, new psychoactive substance users, students' determinants of health and food bank. His research on homeliness was nominated for "2018 EducateNorth award"

He has published extensively in international peer-reviewed journals. He is co-editor of *Health Improvement and Well-Being: Strategies for Action*, which was highly commended in the British Medical Association's Medical Book Awards 2015, and co-edited *Key Concepts in Public Health* (2009). He is a reviewer in several international peer-reviewed journals.

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