

# TBILISI MEDICAL ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



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DEAR READER,

WE ARE PLEASED TO SHARE THE SIXTH EDITION OF THE TBILISI MEDICAL ACADEMY'S (TMA) NEWSLETTER.

IN THIS EDITION, WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN TMA FROM OCTOBER 2024 TO MARCH 2025.

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EDUCATION AND PARTNERSHIP

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The goal of the international scientific conference was to showcase research findings addressing societal challenges and advancing new knowledge. MEDIC 2024 covered topics such as personalized medicine, molecular pathology and medicine, digital health, and the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare.

Leading Georgian and international experts, experienced and young researchers participated in the event.

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At Akkon University, Nino Gagua presented to the German audience the research carried out within the framework of the transdisciplinary photo project "6 Days of Country Doctor." Nino, who participated in the project's first season, gave a presentation entitled "Through the lens of a camera: exploring health determinants in rural settings with medical students."

She shared the photos with the audience, which included health experts, scientists, researchers, and civil society, and also spoke about the importance of the photo project and its impressions on both the students and the doctors involved in it.

In addition to the symposium, TMA representatives were invited to attend the annual Virchow Prize 2024 ceremony hosted by the Rathaus Berlin. The Virchow Prize Award 2024 ceremony was attended by Dr. Mariam Jashi, Advisory Board Chair of TMA, CEO of the Global Sepsis Alliance, and former Member of the Parliament of Georgia.

After the end of the symposium, TMA representatives Mariam Jashi, Maka Maglakelidze and Nino Gagua were invited to the World Health Summit.

The 2024 World Health Summit was held on October 13-15 in Berlin (Germany). The summit stood under the patronage of German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, French President Emmanuel Macron, and Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.



**WORLD AMR AWARENESS WEEK (WAAW)**

World antimicrobial resistance (AMR) Awareness Week is observed annually from November 18th to November 24th. This week aims to raise awareness about the growing threat of AMR and its impact on global health. The theme for the Awareness Week 2024 is "Educate. Advocate. Act now".

Tbilisi Medical Academy is responding to the World AMR Awareness global campaign and on the 27th of November in the framework of the conference "Medicine: Innovations and Challenges 2024" offered the sessions with the participation of students and academic staff.

(Conference accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®).

## EDUCATION AND PARTNERSHIP

## TMA IN EUA THEMATIC WORKING GROUP



After a thorough application process, TMA's application was successfully accepted by the European University Association (EUA), and TMA representatives, Maka Zarnadze, Head of the Faculty Development Department, and Dea Goderdzishvili, Specialist in Medical Education and Research, will represent the Academy in the EUA Thematic Peer Group for one year (2025 March -2026 February).

This participation provides TMA with an opportunity for peer learning and the exchange of experiences, while also contributing to the Association's policy work on learning and teaching, such as within the context of the Bologna Process.

Last year-2024, TMA successfully participated in the EUA AI Task-and-Finish Group, with the active involvement of the Vice-Rector in Research, Eka Kldiashvili.

## TMA REPRESENTATIVES IN DUBROVNIK

"Quality in Doctoral Education" - the training of trainers of this name was hosted in Dubrovnik (Croatia). The event was organized by the Organization for PhD Education in Biomedicine and Health Sciences in the European System (ORPHEUS). Two of TMA's associate professors participated in the training: The head of the Faculty Development Department, associate professor of the Department of Microbiology, Dr. Maka Zarnadze, and the member of the grant committee of TMA, associate professor of the Department of Microbiology, Dr. Manana Loladze.

Training of trainers aimed to create training programs for scientific supervisors to ensure the quality of doctoral programs.



## BASIC PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE SUPERVISION

A training course on the Basic Principles of Effective Supervision was organized at TMA by the Faculty Development Department and the Scientific Research and PhD Department of the Academy. The training program was based on the Training of Trainers organized by The Organization for PhD Education in Biomedicine and Health Sciences in the European System (ORPHEUS), which was attended by TMA staff members.



## AMSE - 2024

The annual conference of the Association of Medical Schools of Europe (AMSE) was hosted by Thessaloniki (Greece) this year. The TMA delegation, which included the Dean of the School of Medicine Lali Mekokishvili, Deputy Dean for Educational Process Management Marika Tkheldidze, Head of Institutional Culture Development Department Maka Maglakelidze, Horizon Europe Grant Office Coordinator Magda Tvildiani and Rector's Current Affairs Coordinator Ana Mamiseishvili, presented two posters. - Presentation: "Application of photography and storytelling in developing medical students' attitudes towards practice in remote and rural areas" and "International Students Experiences: Enhancing Critical Analysis and Decision-Making Skills with Virtual Patient Simulation".



## PROF. GIULIO PETRONIO AT TMA

TMA hosted Clinical Microbiology Professor Giulio Petronio. The visit was part of the Erasmus+ cooperation between the University of Molise (UNIMOL, Italy) and TMA. Professor Petronio held meetings with the administration, including the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, the Vice-Rectors in Research and International Affairs, and representatives from the International Department, Faculty Development Department, and Quality Assurance Department. Discussions focused on the potential for further collaboration and the continuation of the Erasmus+ project.



## NEW PARTNERSHIP



Project IMG/IMG Unity Collective and TMA have established a campus chapter (Division) to support students with medical education, career development, and community service opportunities. This initiative helps future doctors build clinical skills, leadership abilities, and global connections. Through this partnership, TMA students receive mentorship, educational resources, and international career opportunities, preparing them to become skilled and compassionate medical professionals.

## EDUCATION AND PARTNERSHIP

## VISIT AT SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA UNIVERSITY

Associate Professor of the Academy's Department of Microbiology, Head of the Faculty Development Department of TMA -Maka Zarnadze, was in the Department of Microbiology of the University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain) within the framework of the staff development program - Erasmus Staff Mobility. As part of the mobility (November 11-17), she participated in the Antibiotic Resistance Awareness Week and gave a presentation - Hints of Antibiotic Resistance – Bacteriophages.



## TRAINING SESSIONS FOR ACADEMIC AND INVITED LECTURERS

The Faculty Development Department organized a week-long training program at TMA to promote the professional development of academic and invited lecturers.

The first training session focused on a reflection activity, which is conducted every semester among the portfolio mentors.

Sharing experiences—The meeting opened with Gela Beselia, a professor at Tbilisi Medical Academy, presenting the topic “Neurobiological Mechanisms of Memory” to an audience of physiology course lecturers.

Within the framework of the training week, one of the meetings was dedicated to the maximum use of the capabilities of the Anatomage.



## BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK

As part of Brain Awareness Week, the Science Club organized interactive activities, discussions, and presentations on the brain and emotions, focusing on the role of the amygdala, prefrontal cortex, and neurotransmitters in shaping our feelings. The winning students in the quiz received symbolic gifts. The students who gave the presentations were: Ana Koshadze, Ketevan Vepkhvadze, Mariam Tsiklauri, Ani Kajrishvili, Lika Titvinidze, Ana Kopaladze, Bela Amariani, Mariam Tsamalashvili, Natalie Paghava, Lizi Mokvanidze, Tako Dandurishvili, Gvantsa Gochitashvili, and Teona Datunashvili.



## VISIT TO MASARYK UNIVERSITY

Within the framework of the Erasmus+ mobility program, representatives of the International Relations Office of TMA, Natalia Kotchlashvili and Tekla Ratiani, attended International Staff Training Week, organized by Masaryk University.

The week was devoted to workshops and discussions. The participants of the meeting reviewed strategies, obstacles, and prospects for international mobility. The conversation also touched on discussing the needs of students with special educational needs, promoting their integration, and organizing international cooperation projects.

Within the framework of the visit, TMA delegates met with colleagues from the International Department. Meetings were also held with representatives of the Special Needs Student Support Centre, Marketing Department, and Student Services Departments, where the parties shared their experiences and discussed potential areas of future cooperation.

Aside to the formal part of the Staff Training Week, the representatives of TMA met with the exchange students from TMA and first incoming exchange student from Masaryk University, Viktor Kadeřábek, who will join TMA for one semester in Spring 2025.



## LALI MEKOKISHVILI WAS ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EADV

The dean of the School of Medicine of TMA, Prof. Lali Mekokishvili, was elected to represent Georgia on the Board of Directors of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV). The elections were held electronically, by secret ballot, and members of the Academy from Georgia participated.

The results were announced during the Congress at the EADV General Assembly which was hosted in Amsterdam (Netherlands). On behalf of TMA, Prof. Lali Mekokishvili, presented the results of clinical research with an electronic poster. The study contained important findings included the treatment of psoriasis with monoclonal antibodies.



EDUCATION AND PARTNERSHIP

**ARRHYTHMIA WINTER SCHOOL 2025**

The Arrhythmia Winter School is an important educational event aimed at enhancing the knowledge of medical students and young doctors in electrocardiography (ECG) and arrhythmia management. This year, Bakuriani hosted the Arrhythmia Winter School.

Over three days, students had the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and develop the ability to make quick decisions in emergency situations. The course also focused on first aid and arrhythmia management, which is essential in real clinical practice. The event brought together both Georgian and international students. Each day of the Arrhythmia School was unique and was filled with various activities.



**LET'S MAKE LEARNING FUN!**

Student-centered learning involves the active involvement of students in the learning process, which contributes to the development of self-development skills and increases the student's responsibility for forming their knowledge. Various active learning methods (TBL, Flipped Classroom, CBCR, Portfolio, etc.) are integrated into the educational program of TMA, however, motivated TMA lecturers also organize various extracurricular activities, which include multiple examples of active learning. At the initiative of Dr. Mariam Nikolashvili, an invited lecturer at the Department of Biochemistry, a New Year's Fun competition for Biochemistry I was held.

25 first-semester students participated in the activity and were divided into small (3-4 students) groups. They were required to identify clinical correlations related to biochemistry and answer blitz questions in a limited period.

**WALDORF SCHOOL STUDENTS AT TMA**

Thousands of lives can be saved every year through timely first aid. Yet, how can we act quickly and effectively to provide first aid in an emergency?

In response to these questions, TMA hosted students of the Tbilisi Free Waldorf School. The training was organized by the Academy within the framework of the Erasmus+ institutional development project - LIFESTRAND, with the participation of TMA students and academic staff. Within the framework of the event, the school students were given the opportunity to get acquainted with all the practical knowledge and skills necessary for first aid. The students also got acquainted with the TMA laboratory, clinical skills center, Anatomage virtual dissection table, and the library.



**ENTREPRENEUR GEORGIA**

Top Medical Universities in Georgia!  
Georgia has one of the greatest destinations for international students that offer a Medical Degree, and it is not without reason. In this article, we will walk you through the best of medical universities in Georgia with a focus on Petre Shotadze Tbilisi Medical Academy (TMA), explaining its reasons to make it an excellent destination for future doctors from around the globe.

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

**ASSESSMENT OF STREPTOCOCCUS MUTANS COLONIZATION IN PATIENTS WITH TYPE 1 AND TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS COMPARED TO CONTROL GROUP**

This research project explores the hypothesis that individuals with and without diabetes have distinct oral microflora. Specifically, it aims to quantify Streptococcus mutans in individuals with type 1 and type 2 diabetes compared to a control group. By understanding the significance of these microbial differences, it is expected to provide insights that could form the basis for further, more extensive studies.

The findings from this research have the potential to contribute to a deeper understanding of the microbiome and its impact on human health, paving the way for the development of diagnostic and therapeutic approaches.

Investigator: Lela Koriauli, Ana Gogoladze - TMA Students

**PROF. LALI MEKOKISHVILI'S RESEARCH ARTICLE IN JAAD**

A scientific article co-authored by Prof. Lali Mekokishvili, the Dean of the School of Medicine at TMA, was published in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology (JAAD), published by Elsevier and affiliated with TMA.

The article discusses the treatment of psoriasis with modern biological drugs. It reflects the results of an international multicenter clinical trial, with one of the centers having Prof. Lali Mekokishvili as the principal investigator.

JAAD ranks first among dermatology scientific journals worldwide, with an impact factor of 13.8.

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Dear Dr Mekokishvili,  
As co-author of the article *A Randomized Phase III Study to Compare Efficacy and Safety of BAT2206 (Proposed Ustekinumab Biosimilar) with Reference Ustekinumab in Patients with Moderate to Severe Plaque Psoriasis*, we are pleased to let you know that your article is now available online with author corrections incorporated. Full citation details, e.g. volume and/or issue number, publication year and page numbers, will be added when the final version becomes available.

A randomized phase III study to compare efficacy and safety of BAT2206 (proposed ustekinumab biosimilar) with reference ustekinumab in patients with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

## TEACHING CLINICAL CASE – SHIO OBOLADZE

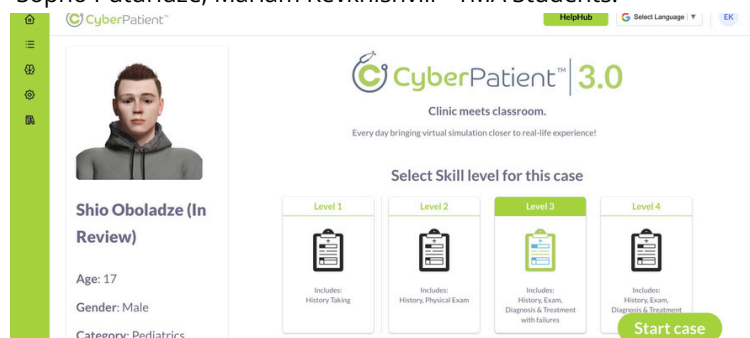
Meet Shio Oboladze, a young patient with a chronic disease. The teaching pediatric clinical case is prepared by the Petre Shotadze Tbilisi Medical Academy team in partnership with the K. Eristavi National Center of Experimental and Clinical Surgery and has been accepted and published on the CyberPatient simulation platform.

CyberPatient - An interactive, realistic simulation learning resource that facilitates the development of clinical reasoning and critical thinking skills.

TMA continues to collaborate with CyberPatient and is developing new clinical cases.

Researchers: Magda Tvildiani, Dea Goderdzishvili - TMA staff members.

Sopho Puturidze, Mariam Kevkhashvili - TMA Students.



## PROPERTIES OF HONEY AGAINST BIOFILMS FORMED BY PATHOGENS OF THE ORAL CAVITY

The purpose of this project is to investigate the effect of honey on the ability of target bacterial strains to form biofilms. Honey is known to inhibit the growth of pathogens commonly associated with burns and purulent wounds. However, direct application of honey to purulent wounds and skin is often impractical. As an alternative, honey-based poultices may serve as a convenient adjunct in the treatment of oral infections. These poultices could help prevent the formation of biofilms in the oral cavity. This project specifically aims to study the impact of honey on oral pathogens and their biofilm-forming abilities.

Investigator: Nino Chkhotishvili, Levan Bakhtadze, Mariam Berdzishvili, Tamar Kobulashvili, Lia Tevdoradze - TMA Students.

## RESEARCH WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF TMA STUDENTS

A publication was published with the participation of TMA students (Sopho Nakhutsrishvili and Mia Metreveli) „Surgical management of cerebellopontine angle teratomas with total and subtotal approach in adults: A case report”.

In the case of the first patient, a total tumor resection was performed, and in the second case, a subtotal resection (both operations were performed in Georgia).

The publication is available at the link - <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijscr.2025.110927>

## MB4GAP: MOLECULAR BIOMARKERS FOR GASTRIC ADENOCARCINOMA PERSONALIZATION

The proposal addresses the pressing need for further molecular categorization of gastric cancer (GC) subtypes, considering its significant global impact as the fifth most prevalent cancer and the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths. The study aims to determine the status of Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) and Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) infections, TP53 methylation pattern as an indicator of microsatellite instability (MSI), and the expression of HER2 and CLDN18.2 as indicators of chromosomal instability (CIN) and genomic stability (GS), respectively. Through a comprehensive approach, including sample collection from both healthy individuals and patients with diagnosed gastric cancer, the study aims to collect 200 samples for analysis.

Investigator: Ian Alexander Cree - Prof. Ian A. Cree, Honorary Professor of Pathology at University College London, Head of the World Health Organization (WHO) Tumor Classification Department in 2017-2022, Professor of TMA;

## AI-LABMED: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ENHANCED LABORATORY MEDICINE

This interdisciplinary project aims to integrate AI into laboratory medicine practices over a three-year period. The objectives include creating a flexible research database, developing AI models for error detection and data quality evaluation, improving laboratory testing and decision support, and streamlining laboratory workflows. Notably, the project employs advanced AI algorithms, and recurrent neural networks for outlier detection, error classification, and time series analysis.

The novelty of this project lies in its comprehensive approach to address challenges in laboratory medicine through AI integration.

The project “AI-LabMed: Artificial intelligence enhanced laboratory medicine” is funded by the Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia, call for basic research state grants 2024.

Investigator: Thomas Schrader - Professor, TMA.

## TMA'S SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## PINK OCTOBER AT TMA

As part of Pink October, TMA organized a Pink Day, which involved representatives and students of the academy to join the awareness campaign by wearing pink clothes and participating in the Live Chain organized by partner organization, Europa Donna Georgia.



TMA'S SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**FIRST AID TRAINING**

First aid is an essential life skill that everyone should know. For this purpose, on October 9, 2024, training was conducted for the employees of the Academy's administration, with the participation of TMA students, covering first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

The training was part of the Erasmus+ institutional development project LIFESTRAND, coordinated by TMA. The goal of the project is to teach first aid skills to vulnerable populations living in areas at high risk of militaristic conflict (Georgia, Ukraine) who have suffered due to Russian occupation and military aggression.

The LIFESTRAND project was created, planned, and implemented directly under the coordination of TMA, uniting nine universities in Georgia, Ukraine, Spain, and Portugal.



**PINK WORKSHOP IN TMA**

Why is breast cancer screening necessary and what services does the National Screening Center offer the public? Pink October in TMA continues with this theme. This time, the Academy hosted the head of the medical department of the National Screening Center, Dr. Tamar Skhirtladze. The purpose of the presentation was to raise awareness of the importance of early detection of breast cancer. The speaker talked about the challenges that the center is facing in this direction today and also touched on the current statistical situation in the country. In addition, she highlighted the positive outcomes of patients diagnosed at an early stage of the disease and shared her thoughts with the audience on how to involve more women in the screening program.

The event was also attended by women representing Europa Donna Georgia, who have overcome this disease or are currently going through this path. They shared their experiences with the students and talked with them about the emotions that most women experience at the time of diagnosis and also during treatment.



**WORKSHOP AT RUSTAVI'S MEDIATHEK**



Tbilisi Medical Academy (TMA) has conducted a first aid workshop which was hosted by Rustavi's Mediathek.

The workshop focused on important aspects of first aid which included how to assess a victim on the spot, how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and trauma management at the pre-hospital level - these were the issues that TMA representatives and students discussed with the population of Rustavi.

The participants who came to the Mediathek had the opportunity to gain hands-on practical experience along with theoretical knowledge and acquire basic first aid skills.

The workshop was held within the framework of the Erasmus+ Institutional Development Project - "LIFESTRAND", which aims to train first aid skills for staff, students and the general public of universities in Ukraine and Georgia and share experience in this direction.

**GET HEALTHY! SAY NO TO TOBACCO!**

The National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC), as part of the National Health Promotion Program, recently visited TMA to introduce a project called "Get Healthy" to students. The project's goal is to raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco use. Giorgi Maghradze, Chairman of the Health Promotion and Education Foundation, led the presentation.

TMA's third mission is to serve the community and implement campaigns based on their needs. In addition, this campaign is in line with the 3rd and 13th goals of the United Nations Sustainable Development, which involves the advocacy of health, well-being, and environmental measures.



## STUDENT LIFE &amp; ALUMNI

### SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDENT PROJECTS

The winners of the Social and Cultural Student Projects Competition were awarded. A specially appointed committee selected five winning projects.

The winner projects are:

- 1) "Planetary Health and Waste Management" - Avtandil Samadalashvili, Medea Kusiani;
- 2) "Whispers of Danger: Exploring the Effects of Decibels on Heartbeats" - Rishu Girish Shah, Tamar Dandurishvili;
- 3) "Special Needs Support" - Tata Tatalashvili, Elene Sajaia, Sesili Lazaria, Ana Chikovani;
- 4) "Students for Public Health" - Mariam Jorbenadze, Nana Katchiuri, Mariam Kevkhishvili, Saba Chikobava, Elene Liluashvili, Elene Gubeladze;
- 5) "VitalCare" - Nino Chkhutishvili, Levan Bakhtadze, Mariam Berdzenishvili, Lia Tevdoradze, Tamar Kobulashvili.

This year, TMA announced a competition for social and cultural student projects for the first time. This grant initiative aims to strengthen inter- and transdisciplinary approaches to solving complex healthcare issues, which aligns with the Academy's mission to serve and benefit society.

All projects are in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (3, 4, 6, 11, 13, 15, 17) and fully consistent with TMA's third mission, which is to serve the community.

#### Projects

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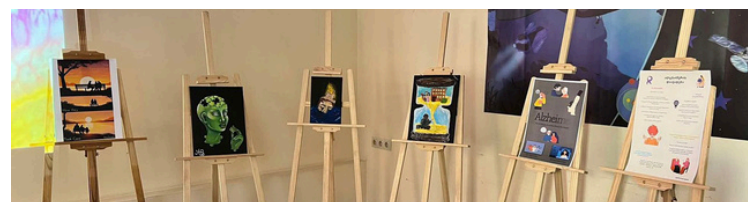


### ALZHEIMER'S CORRIDOR

"Alzheimer's Corridor" – Dedicated to Alzheimer's Awareness Month, TMA students united around this theme and presented works, including paintings and posters to raise awareness about the disease, the event aimed to spread general information, promote early detection, and reduce stigma around it.

The event was hosted by the TMA Alzheimer's Club. The head of the club, Khatia Devadze, spoke about the disease and how it affects a person's memory, thinking, and behavior.

As part of the event, a workshop was held that allowed the audience to experience the world from the perspective of a patient with Alzheimer's disease.



### WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

On March 21st, World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated. On this date, TMA students visited the Tskneti Day Center "Space for Development". The students participated in fun activities with the beneficiaries of the space, painted socks together, and presented learning and developmental toys to the adults.

The initiators of the visit to the development center are TMA students, who are implementing the "Special Needs Support" social project, which aims to promote the integration of people with disabilities into the society and create an environment where people with special needs can also express their talents.

"Special Needs Support" is one of the projects that won the competition for students social and cultural projects by the social grants committee at Tbilisi Medical Academy.



### WORLD BIOETHICS DAY - STUDENTS DEBATES

Students debate was held at Tbilisi Medical Academy to celebrate World Bioethics Day.

As part of the event, a resolution was discussed: "This Assembly determines the priority of organ transplant recipients based on their social value (e.g., profession, role in society, etc.)."

A panel of debate judges—Tekla Bakhturidze, Aleksandre Katsadze, Giorgi Dumbadze, Giorgi Barakadze, and Khatia Devadze—evaluated the resolution's discussion.

Following the decision of the judges, the best arguments were recognized, and Barbare Maraneli and Aleko Chkhetia's team was declared the winner of the student debate.

How relevant would a resolution be that states: "This Assembly grants priority status to organ transplant recipients based on artificial intelligence-defined societal value (e.g., value to society, research contributions, etc.)?"

### WORKSHOP - HARMONY OF HEALTH

The TMA student club "Helpers of Community" was hosted by the Buckswood International School. The students presented the project "Harmony of Health" to the school pupils, the goal of which was the importance of healthy eating and its popularization.

The project was carried out in three parts: proper nutrition, fitness, and a healthy lifestyle. Healthy sandwiches were also prepared for the pupils to taste. Students of the 11th and 8th grades participated in the activities offered by the "Helpers of Community".



STUDENT LIFE & ALUMNI

**SUCCESS OF TMA STUDENTS**

TMA students Tamar Kobulashvili and Mariam Berdzenishvili recently presented their research, "Antibacterial Action of Georgian Honey Against Bacteria Isolated from Skin Wounds," at the 6th European Congress of Applied Microbiology and Beneficial Microbes in Amsterdam (Netherlands). They conducted this research with colleagues Nino Chkhutishvili and Levan Bakhtadze under the guidance of TMA's Associate Professor Manana Loladze.



**OPEN DOOR DAYS 2025**

TMA is once again hosting applicants interested in medicine! This year's slogan is Meet Innovations, Touch the Future! Applicants had the opportunity to acquire basic first aid skills, get acquainted with the standardized patient and the medical simulation platform CyberPatient, and try out the capabilities of the virtual anatomical table. Applicants received comprehensive information about the Academy's educational and exchange programs, student life, and university scholarships. TMA students provided guidance and mentorship. Three open days have already been held in March, including an outdoor open day in the city of Rustavi. Open-day sessions are still ongoing.



**GRADUATION CEREMONY - CLASS OF 2025**

TMA celebrated the Graduation Ceremony for the International Class of 2025. Graduates were awarded the qualification of Medical Doctor (MD). Here's to the beginning of a new and exciting chapter in your life! Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors!



STUDENT LIFE & ALUMNI

TMA'S SUCCESSFUL ALUMNUS - MUATAZ ALI

We're super proud to share that our amazing alumna Muataz Ali, has been appointed as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Harvard Medical School and assigned to Brigham and Women's Hospital! He'll dive into platelet glycobiology, studying how glycosylation affects platelet function and clearance.



TMA'S SUCCESSFUL ALUMNUS - ELENE KEKELIA

Metastatic Breast Cancer in Georgia - Young Doctors' First Conference, led by our alumna Elene Kekelia.



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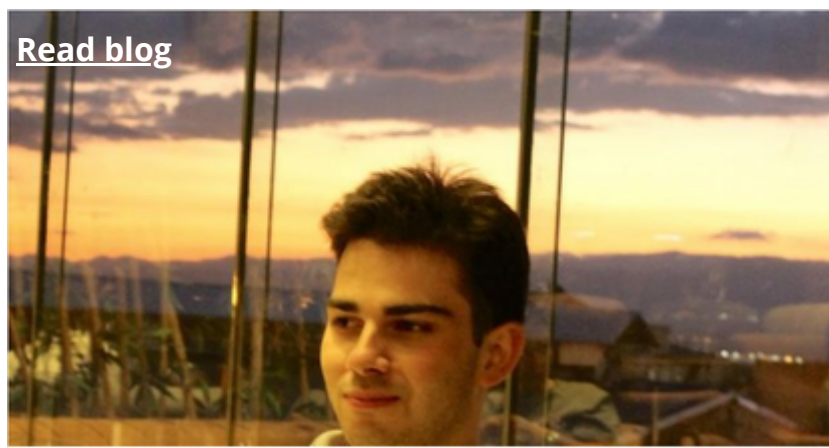


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