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Research papers

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Participations in conferences

- 14-22.08, 2021. 21th International Multidisciplinary Scientific Conference on Earth and Planetary Sciences. Karst and Pseudokarst Landscape of Georgia (Caucasus). A Short Review. Albena, Bulgaria. SWS Scholarly Society
- 14-22.08, 2021. 21th International Multidisciplinary Scientific Conference on Earth and Planetary Sciences. Arsenic and Lead Content of Racha, Samegrelo and Zemo Svanetian Soils, Georgia. Albena, Bulgaria. SWS Scholarly Society
- 14-22.08, 2021. 21th International Multidisciplinary Scientific Conference on Earth and Planetary Sciences. About Karst (Chemical) Denudation in Zemo Imereti Plateau (Country of Georgia). Albena, Bulgaria. SWS Scholarly Society
- 9-13.09, 2019. International Multidisciplinary Conference Actual Problems of Landscape Sciences: Environment, Society, Politics. On the Evolution of Karst Caves in The Conditions of Platform Karst (Zemo Imereti Plateau Case Study: Georgia). Tbilisi, Georgia. Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
- 7-8.11, 2019. International Conference Actual Problems of Geography. Karst Caves Origination Conditions in the Zemo Imereti (Chiatura) Structural Plateau, Georgia. Tbilisi, Georgia. Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
- 29-31.08, 2019. International Conference of Hidden Geographies. Geomorphological and Speleological Study of Muradi Cave in the Racha Limestone Massif (Country of Georgia). Ljubljana, Slovenia. European Association of Geographers (EUROGEO)
- 28.06-07.07, 2019. 19th International Multidisciplinary Scientific Conference on Earth and Planetary Sciences. About Genesis of Karst Caldera of Denudation-Tectonic Landform. Georgia, Caucasus. Albena, Bulgaria. SWS Scholarly Society
- 2-6.04, 2018. 15th Multidisciplinary Conference on Sinkholes and the Engineering and Environmental Impacts of Karst and the 3rd Appalachian Karst Symposium. Mapping of Potential of Show Caves in the Racha Limestone Massif (Country of Georgia). Shepherdstown, West Virginia, USA. University of South Florida
- 23-29.07, 2017. 17th International Congress of Speleology. Karst morphological processes and evolution of the limestone massif of Georgia from depositional, sedimentary, and structural investigations in Muradi Cave. Sydney, Australia. International Union of Speleology
- 31.05-3.06, 2015. New Mexico Geological Society's 2015 Annual Spring Meeting. Rollalong Resistivity Surveys Reveal Karstic Paleotopography Developed on Near Surface Gypsum Bedrock, Lakewood, New Mexico. Socorro, NM. USA. New Mexico Geological Society
- 7-10.05, 2015. International Conference-Applied Ecology: Problems, Innovations. Preliminary outcomes of the Eki mountain Karst-hydrological and speleological study. Tbilisi, Georgia. Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
- 19-23.10, 2015. 21th National Cave and Karst Management Symposium. Discovery and Management of Georgian Caves. Cave City, Kentucky. National Cave and Karst Research Institute, USA.
- 5-9.10, 2015. Multidisciplinary Conference on Sinkholes and the Engineering and Environmental Impacts of Karst. Hydrological and hydrogeological Characteristics of the Platform Karst-Zemo Imereti Plateau, Georgia. Rochester, Minnesota, USA. National Cave and Karst Research Institute, USA.
- 5-9.10, 2015. Multidisciplinary Conference on Sinkholes and Engineering and Environmental Impacts of Karst. Rollalong Resistivity Surveys Reveal Karstic Paleotopography Developed on Near Surface Gypsum Bedrock. Rochester, Minnesota, USA. National Cave and Karst Research Institute, USA.
- 19-22.10, 2014. The Geological Society of America's Annual Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia. Geophysical Investigation of Sinkhole Collapses in Southeastern New Mexico. Vancouver, BC, Canada. National Cave and Karst Research Institute, USA.
- 21-28.07, 2013. 16th International Congress of Speleology. Speleology of Georgia. Brno, Czech Republic. International Union of Speleology
- 10-12.04, 2013. The 2nd International Symposium on Kaz Mountains (Mt. Ida) and Edremit-Human Environment Interactions and Ecology of Mountain Ecosystem. Cave Tourism Potential of Georgia. Edremit, Balikesir, Turkey. University of Balikesir

Research grants

- 20.09.2019-20.03.2020. The first high-resolution stable isotopes variations of speleothems in Georgia: A study of climate change over the past 12,000 years for future predict. State Department of US. Principal Investigator

- 20.09.2019-20.03.2020. Paleoclimate research using speleothems. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. US. Researcher
- 03.08.2016-03.02.2017. Monitoring Chiatura's polluted drinking waters (№SAMRS/2016/SG/04/GE). Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation. Key personnel.
- 07.07.2017-07.01.2018. Measures to protect drinking water from pollution (№SAMRS/2017/SG/03/GE). Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation. Key personnel.
- 2007-2009. Glacier's dynamics in the Caucasus, the climate change and modeling of river runoff. INTAS. England. Assistant personnel.
- 22.02.2019-22.02.2022. Classification of Karst Landscape of Georgia. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia. Principal investigator.
- 20.09.2019-20.12.2019. Stable Isotope variation of Speleothems. International Education Center. Principal investigator.
- 20.12.2019-10.12.2020. Karst Map of Georgia. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia. Principal investigator.
- 1.10.2017-31.12.2017. Speleogenesis in e variety of soluble rocks. International Education Center. Principal investigator.
- 01.03.2016-01.09.2016. Research of Speleological Resources of Georgia and their use in Practice. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia. Principal investigator.
- 30.03.2015-30.03.2016. Speleo-Geomorphological study of the Racha limestone massif by using modern research methods. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia. Principal investigator.
- 31.03.2014-31.03.2017. Identification of karst phenomena formation (genesis) conditions in the territory of Georgia and prospects of revealed cave systems exploitation for tourist purposes. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia. Key personnel.
- 04.04.2014-04.04.2016. Glaciological Catalog of Georgia. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia. Key personnel.
- 17.09.2013-10.06.2014. Research of Karst Processes in Georgia. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia. Principal investigator.
- 12.08.2012-10.09.2013. Speleological Research of Shaori karst Depression. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia. Principal investigator.
- 2009-2012. Monitoring of Zopkhito Glacier mass balance on the background of climate change. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia. Assistant personnel.

Internship

- U.S. 2020. University of Massachusetts. MA. State Department of US.
- U.S. 2019. University of Massachusetts. MA. International Education Center.
- Italy. 2017. University of Bologna. International Education Center.
- U.S. 2016. University of South Florida. FL. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia.
- U.S. 2015. Western Kentucky University. KY. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia.
- U.S. 2014. National Cave and Karst Research Institute. NM. U.S. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia.

Other Activities

- 2017-present. Journal of Sustainable Geoscience and Geotourism. Switzerland. Reviewer
- 2019-2020. Member of Climate System Research Center at UMASS. U.S. Member
- 2016-present. Official Delegate of the European Speleological Federation. Member

Award

2015. The Medal of the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University