

Proposal to Host FSCD 2028

Tbilisi, Georgia

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FSCD 2026 Business Meeting

Why Tbilisi for FSCD 2028?

- ▶ Strong local community in logic
- ▶ Experienced organizers with a record of major international events
- ▶ Central, well-equipped university venue
- ▶ Affordable accommodation, food, and local transportation
- ▶ A distinctive meeting point between Europe and Asia



Our goal

To offer the FSCD community an academically strong, accessible, and memorable conference in Georgia.

Conference Venue



- ▶ Historical first building of Tbilisi State University
- ▶ Central location in Tbilisi
- ▶ Plenary hall for more than 300 participants
- ▶ Several rooms for parallel sessions, workshops, and tutorials
- ▶ Campus-wide internet access, including eduroam
- ▶ On-site technical and administrative support

Tbilisi State University

- ▶ Established in 1918
- ▶ The oldest and largest university in Georgia
- ▶ Approximately 22,000 students across seven faculties
- ▶ Long experience hosting international conferences, schools, workshops, and academic competitions

Location

The venue is within walking distance of hotels, restaurants, cafes, parks, museums, theatres, and other cultural attractions.

Facilities at the Venue



Technical Infrastructure

- ▶ AV-equipped lecture rooms
- ▶ Projectors, microphones, and computers
- ▶ Stable wireless internet and eduroam
- ▶ Recording and live-streaming capability
- ▶ Spaces for coffee breaks and informal interaction
- ▶ Additional rooms for workshops, tutorials, business meetings, and satellite events

Expected attendance

The venue comfortably supports approximately 200 participants, including workshop attendees.

Organizing Team

Proposed Conference Chair

Besik Dundua
Tbilisi State University / VIAM

Local Organizing Committee

Besik Dundua
Mikheil Rukhaia
Additional TSU faculty, researchers, and
student volunteers

External Advisors

Sandra Alves
Matthias Baaz
Mariangiola Dezani-Ciancaglini
Santiago Escobar
Maribel Fernández
Furio Honsell
Temur Kutsia

Experience Organizing Scientific Events

- ▶ **JELIA 2025** — 19th European Conference on Logics in Artificial Intelligence, Kutaisi
- ▶ **ITP 2024** — 15th International Conference on Interactive Theorem Proving, Tbilisi
- ▶ **CiE 2023** — Computability in Europe, Batumi
- ▶ **CLAS 2022** — Computational Logic Autumn Summit, with ten co-located events, Tbilisi
- ▶ **2024** — EuroProofNet Summer School on AI for Reasoning and Processing of Mathematics, Kutaisi
- ▶ **2019** — Winter School on Theoretical Foundations of Computer Science and Autumn School on Machine Learning, Tbilisi
- ▶ **since 2005** — Annual International Tbilisi Summer School in Logic and Language

The team has experience with both fully in-person and hybrid event organization.

Institutional and Financial Support

- ▶ Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
- ▶ Ilia Vekua Institute of Applied Mathematics
- ▶ Kurt Gödel Society
- ▶ Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia
- ▶ Local technology companies and international academic partners

Expected in-kind support from TSU

Conference rooms, networking infrastructure, technical staff, administrative assistance, and volunteer coordination.

Tentative Dates

Main conference: **September 4–8, 2028**

- ▶ Workshops and affiliated events may be organized immediately before or after the main conference.
- ▶ The proposed dates are tentative.
- ▶ We are flexible and ready to coordinate the final dates with the FSCD Steering Committee.

Flexibility in Dates and Location

Our preferred option is to host FSCD 2028 at Tbilisi State University in early September. However, we are flexible regarding both the dates and the location of the conference.

- ▶ July and August are normally the hottest months in Georgia, particularly in Tbilisi.
- ▶ Nevertheless, summer conditions can vary considerably. For example, July 2026 has so far been relatively mild, with temperatures of approximately 25°C on average.
- ▶ If the FSCD community prefers a July date, alternative venues can be considered in other Georgian cities.

Alternative Host Cities

Batumi

- ▶ Located on the Black Sea coast
- ▶ Suitable alternative for a summer conference
- ▶ Possible venue: Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University
- ▶ Successfully hosted **CiE 2023**

Kutaisi

- ▶ Possible venue: Kutaisi International University
- ▶ Close to Kutaisi International Airport
- ▶ Numerous direct Wizz Air connections
- ▶ Successfully hosted **JELIA 2025**

The successful organization of **CiE 2023** in Batumi and **JELIA 2025** in Kutaisi demonstrates our experience in organizing major international conferences across different locations in Georgia. Accordingly, if the FSCD Steering Committee prefers a different time of year or venue, we are fully prepared to adapt.

Preliminary Registration Fees

Category	Early	Late
Regular conference	350 EUR	450 EUR
Student conference	200 EUR	300 EUR
Workshop only	100 EUR	150 EUR
Accompanying person	150 EUR	150 EUR

Fees are expected to include conference materials, coffee breaks, social events, and the conference dinner.

The organizers plan to apply for funding through the Georgian National Science Foundation Conference Grant Program. If successful, this may help reduce some of the fees.

Hybrid Participation

- ▶ The preferred format is fully in person
- ▶ Hybrid participation can be supported if requested by the community
- ▶ Live streaming of talks
- ▶ Remote presentation capability
- ▶ Recording infrastructure
- ▶ Online access for remote participants

Final arrangements will depend on budget, participant demand, and recommendations from the FSCD Steering Committee.

Travel and Local Transportation

- ▶ Tbilisi International Airport offers direct flights to destinations across Europe and Asia, including London, Paris, Amsterdam, Geneva, Zurich, Milan, Munich, Rome, Copenhagen, Vienna, Belgrade, Warsaw, Athens, Bucharest, Riga, Istanbul, Tel Aviv, Doha, Dubai, Shanghai, . . .
- ▶ One-stop connections are available from New York City, Atlanta, São Paulo, Cape Town, Tokyo, Sydney, . . .
- ▶ Seasonal direct flights serve additional European destinations.

Travel and Local Transportation

- ▶ Kutaisi International Airport provides an additional low-cost gateway, with 30 nonstop destinations in 15 countries and cheap direct shuttle connections to Tbilisi and other major Georgian cities.
- ▶ TSU is easily accessible by public transport, taxi, or on foot from many nearby hotels.
- ▶ Public transportation is inexpensive, and app-based taxi services are widely available.

Accommodation and Food

Typical accommodation prices

Hostel / guesthouse: 25–40 EUR

Mid-range hotel: 50–100 EUR

Higher-end hotel: 120+ EUR

Food near the venue

Georgian cuisine

Vegetarian and vegan options

International cuisine

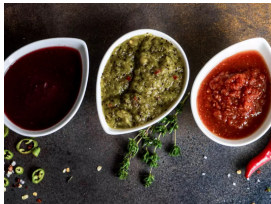
Affordable lunch choices

Many accommodations and restaurants are within walking distance or a short metro ride from TSU.

Tbilisi



Georgian Cuisine



Georgian Wine Tradition



Possible Excursions



Uplistsikhe



Mtskheta



Stepantsminda



Kakheti wine tour



Rainbow Hills



Greater Caucasus

We hope to see you in Georgia in 2028

