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Introduction

Caucasus International University is an educational-scientific institution that supports socio-economic progress and develops values of Georgian and world culture based on modern knowledge. This path allows the institution to raise a competitive young generation with democratic values for both the Georgian and international labor markets.

The document presents the annual report of the university for 2023. The reporting was carried out within the strategic cycle of the university for 2018-2024 and includes a report on the performance of activities provided for by the directions of strategic development.

Quantitative Indicators for 2023

5 faculties operate at the University:

- Faculty of Business and Technology
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking.

Faculties and the number of programs

Faculty	Cycle	List of Programs	Number
Faculty of Business and Technology	Bachelor's	Finance	9
		Management	
		Tourism	
		Business Administration in English	
	Master's	International Business Management	
		International Marketing	
		International Marketing in English	
Doctoral	Business Administration		
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities	Bachelor's	International Relations	7
		Journalism	
	Master's	International Relations and International Security	
		Global Policy and Security Studies in English	
		Media Studies and Multimedia Production	
	Doctoral	Political Sciences	
Mass Communications			
Faculty of Law	Bachelor's	Law	3
	Master's	Law	
	Doctoral	Law	
Faculty of Medicine	Bachelor's	Pharmacy	6
	One Cycle	Medicine in Georgian	
		Medicine in English	
		Dentistry in Georgian	
		Dentistry in English	

	Residency	Therapeutic Dentistry	
Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking	Bachelor's	Georgian Viticulture and Enology	2
	Master's	Georgian Viticulture and Enology	
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Number of students with active status according to programs

Faculty	Cycle	List of Programs	Number of Students
Faculty of Business and Technology	Bachelor's	Finance	74
		Management	161
		Tourism	173
		Business Administration in English	23
	Master's	International Business Management	40
		International Marketing	35
		International Marketing in English	10
Doctoral	Business Administration	40	
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities	Bachelor's	International Relations	240
		Journalism	114
	Master's	International Relations and International Security	41
		Global Politics and Security Studies in English	12
		Media Studies and Multimedia Production	8
	Doctoral	Political Science	64
		Mass Communications	20
Faculty of Law	Bachelor's	Law	395
	Master's	Law	95
	Doctoral	Law	39
Faculty of Medicine	Bachelor's	Pharmacy	43
	One Cycle	Medicine in Georgian	57
		Medicine in English	816
		Dentistry in Georgian	319
Dentistry in English		749	

	Residency	Therapeutic Dentistry	-
Viticulture and Winemaking	Bachelor's	Viticulture and Enology	342
	Master's	Viticulture and Enology	41

Number of staff

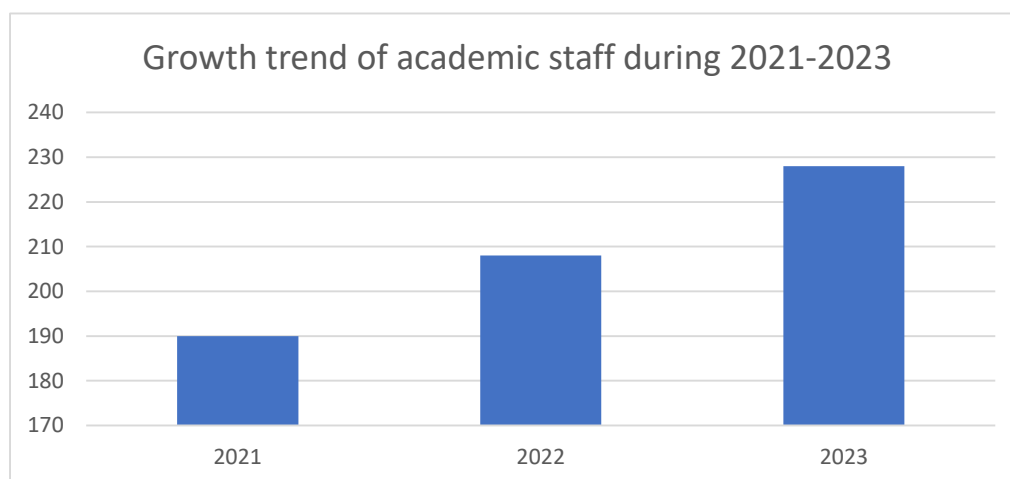
As of December 2023, the number of academic staff members in the university is 228. Among them:

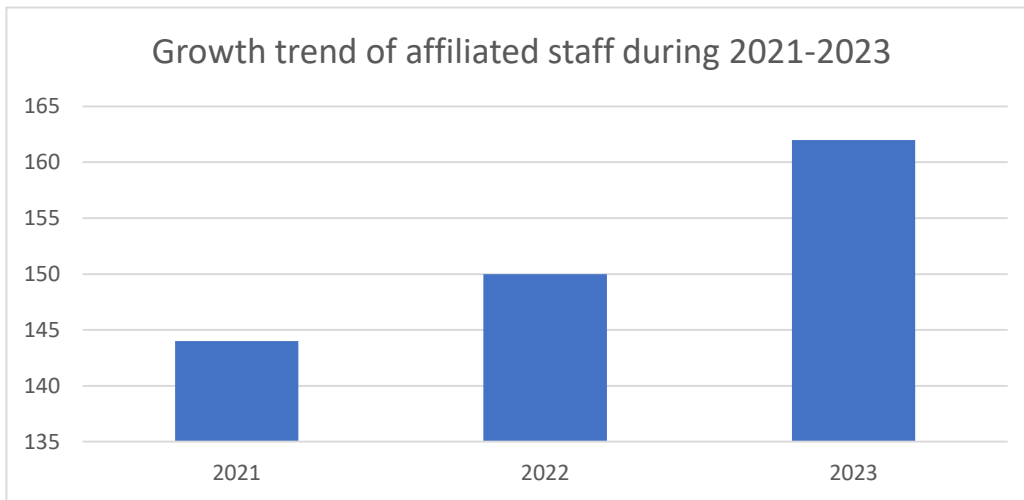
- 39 Professors;
- 137 Associate professors;
- 32 Assistant Professors;
- 20 Assistants.

Among them, a total of 162 are affiliated

- 21 Professors;
- 95 Associate Professors;
- 26 Assistant Professors;
- 20 Assistants.

As of December 2023, there has been an increase in the number of both academic and affiliated staff compared to previous years, as illustrated in the charts below:





Currently, 231 employees are employed in administrative positions at the university. Among them - 189 in administrative positions and 42 - in support positions.

During 2023, ten people completed internships in various structural units of the university, 6 of them were students of our university. During the probationary period, the activities of all 6 were positively evaluated, and the university made a job offer to them.

According to the action plan for continuous professional development of academic and administrative staff, the Staff Management Service implemented the following measures in the reporting period of 2023.

Following trainings were conducted for administrative staff:

1. Digital marketing techniques and analysis, brand strategy, digital platforms
2. Adult education and training management
3. First aid training
4. Accounting of working hours according to the legislation
5. Financial analysis (for the employee of the Financial Service)
6. Introduction of the internal regulatory documents of the university in order to improve competencies. Testing the specialists and coordinators of the Academic Processes Management Service.
7. Work process under ISO Standard
8. Training management
9. Promotion of persons with disabilities and people with special needs, familiarization with international standards.
10. Preparation of self-evaluation reports of educational programs
11. Business etiquette, wine etiquette
12. Effective communication, management of emotions and conflicts
13. Staff attraction and modern recruitment mechanisms
14. Training on labor safety
15. Staff attraction, retention, modern trends in evaluation
16. Team building event
17. English language competence improvement course for employees

During 2023, the following international business trips were carried out:

May 2023 - Head of Student Services visited Lebanon to recruit international students and attract local applicants

- September 2023: 1 staff member visited Dubai on student recruitment issues

During 2023, the following trainings were offered for professional development of academic staff

1. "High Impact Learning" – A Conceptual Educational Approach. Led by Professor Clarence Van Der Putte of the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences. Within the framework of the training, the professor introduced the project-based learning approach, its challenges and advantages to the academic staff.
2. Panel discussion on the topic - [„Crowdfunding - an innovative financial resource for budding entrepreneurs“](#), which was led by Khatuna Sandroshvili, the innovation specialist of the United Nations Development Program, Mariam Mirotadze, the head of the Georgian Crowdfunding Association, and Revaz Barbakadze, an expert in participatory governance.
3. "Preparation and submission of a successful research grant application", for academic staff involved in the implementation of the Business Administration Program. The training was led by the Deputy Head of the Scientific Research Department of the University, Associate Professor Shorena Kurdadze, who discussed the following issues on the example of the fundamental research grant competition of Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia and the fundamental research grant competition of Caucasus International University:
 - How to develop a research plan into a grant project - a general overview.
 - The basic structure of the project proposal (scientific research; scientific effectiveness; team of researchers; plan-schedule; budget) and discussion of sub-criteria.
 - Strengths and weaknesses of each component of the project proposal according to experts' assessments.
 - Parties involved in research and ways and methods of finding partners
 - Responding to the criticism of experts evaluating the grant application.
4. Workshop on the topic [Contemporary teaching and research methods in the field of business and economics](#), which was conducted by Natalia Medrano Saez and Alba García Milloni, the professors of the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of La Rioja (Spain) for the academic staff of the Faculty of Business and Technology.
5. Training for academic staff and doctoral students within the framework of the Erasmus+ program on the topic - ["Theoretical"](#). The training was led by Eleni Turna, Professor of Business Administration Department of West Attica University (Greece).
6. Training in modern teaching methods for the academic staff of the Faculty of Medicine.
7. Training for the academic staff of the Faculty of Law on the topic "Cyber operations and Georgia: novelty and modern challenges"

Scientific and research activities of the university

In 2023, the activities of the Scientific Research Department of the Caucasus International University were carried out according to the strategic and action plans of the university. The university documents on the management of scientific activity were developed and amended. In 2023, as well as in previous years, the Department's priority direction was to promote the activities of scientific staff, increase the quality of scientific productivity, and develop internationalization. In order to promote the activities of the scientific staff, during the year, scientific business trips were carried out, the publication of articles in high-level international journals and the visits of foreign

partners, as well as scientists participating in national and international grant competitions, were financed. During the year, also incentives were introduced for scientists and doctoral students to publish articles in journals indexed in the Web of Science and Scopus scientific databases.

It should be noted that the Department works intensively on issues of promotion of initiatives of young scientists and doctoral students. Scientific visits of young scientists and doctoral students were financed, their articles were published in the scientific journal of the university. The participation of young scientists and students is mandatory in the projects presented in the grant competition of the university.

During 2023, the Scientific Research Department carried out the following activities:

- Self-evaluation reports and annexes of the 6th standard of authorization of higher educational institutions were prepared.
- Analysis of the self-evaluation forms of the scientific activity of the affiliated academic staff of the university was carried out.
- Technical task of creating a self-evaluation program of scientific activity of the affiliated academic staff of the university was prepared and work on the mentioned issue was started.
- Project of changes in the strategic and action plans of the university's scientific activities was prepared.
- Administration of the international scientific journal of the university was carried out by the Department, the website of the journal: www.journal.ciu.edu.ge.
- A project of changes was prepared concerning the changes in the content of the scientific portal of the university research.ciu.edu.ge.
- Procedure for evaluating and encouraging scientific activities was approved.
- Within the framework of regulatory documents approved by the Department, support for the initiatives of affiliated academic staff, consulting activities (publishing articles, participation in international scientific conferences, preparation of scientific-grant applications, popularization of science, etc.) and monitoring of ongoing projects funded by the university were continuously carried out.

Support for the participation of scientific staff in international scientific events, scientific business trips:

During 2023, with the support of the University, members of our academic staff participated in the following international events:

1. Members of the academic staff of the university, Vakhtang Maisaia and Aliko Guchua, participated in the scientific conference held in Torun, Poland in May 2023
2. Zaza Tsotniashvili, a member of the academic staff, participated in the Global Learning Experience international study-research project of DePaul University (Chicago, USA) on April 14-22, 2023. Within the framework of the mentioned project, Mr. Zaza Tsotniashvili and his colleague, American professor Richard Farka, are working on a scientific research project - "Space of information warfare expression during the war in Ukraine".
3. Nana Amiranashvili, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, participated in the conference "In Search of a New Way. Sovereignty processes in the countries of the former Russian sphere of influence" at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. The topic of Mrs. Nana Amiranashvili's report was "The century-old beginnings of the strategic partnership between Georgia and Poland through the prism of the newspaper "Republic of Georgia".
4. Associate Professors Nino Zarnadze and Tea Kasradze of the Faculty of Business and Technology participated in the international conference, which was held in Boston on July 25-27, at the Harvard Faculty Club. The topic of Nino Zarnadze's report was "Facilitating Business Success by Boosting Trust in Society", and Professor Tea Kasradze's report was on "Promoting Financial Inclusion through Financial Education – Global Trends and Georgia".
5. Associate professors Eka Tkhilava and Khatuna Kacharava of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, participated in a scientific conference in Montecatini Terme, Italy, on July 28-31. The topic

of Eka Tkhillava's report was "Development prospects of Georgian regional media schools in the conditions of digital inequality", and the topic of Khatuna Katcharava was "Challenges and problems of the pandemic and post-pandemic in the higher education system in Georgia".

6. Affiliated Assistant Giorgi Pareshishvili participated in the Conference of the International Association of Political Science - "Politics in the Times of Cross-Border Crisis: Vulnerability and Resilience" in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on July 14-21. The topic of his report was "Religious Factors in Modern Political Processes".
7. On June 28-30, 2023, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Nino Mindiashvili, participated in the twenty-first international conference of the Humanities Research Network in Paris: "New Directions in the Humanities." The topic of her report was "The History of the Georgian Queen and European Literary Reflections".
8. Assistant Professor Gia Chubinidze of the Faculty of Medicine participated in the 61st annual PTCOG (Proton Therapy Corporate Group) Conference: Particle Integrated Therapy and Complementary Care, held in Spain on June 10-16, 2023. The topic of his report was the Development and testing of nanoparticles for the treatment of cancer cells by curie temperature-controlled magnetic hyperthermia.

During the year 2023, the following articles were published by the academic staff of the university:

1. Article by Tsitsino Bukia, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, „Comparative Analysis of the Pre- and Post-soviet Caucasian Press at the Example of Georgian Newspapers: “Sakartvelo” (Georgia) (1918) and “Kviris Palitra” (2022) was published in scientific journal Studies in Media and Communication. The journal is indexed in Scopus databases.
2. Article by Aliko Guchua, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, was published in a scientific journal - Journal of Liberty and International Affairs. Journal is indexed in the following scientific databases: SCOPUS, EBSCO, DOAJ, CEEOL, SSOAR, ERIHPLUS, HeinOnline, ANVUR, Columbia International Affairs Online, ProQuest, UGC-CARE List Group II.

During 2023, the following PhD students received funding for participation in international events/ publications

1. Giorgi Pareshishvili, Ekaterine Chalaganidze and Lia Zambakhidze, PhD students of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, participated in the international multidisciplinary scientific conference "Modern World Facing New Challenges" on April 2 in Larnaca, Cyprus.
2. Sopiko Gvinianidze, a student of the Doctoral Educational Program of Business Administration, together with three co-authors, published an article in the journal Georgian Medical News indexed in the Scopus database. The title of the article is Drug Policy in Georgia and Aspects of Pharmaceutical Business Regulation.

Visits of foreign scientists during 2023

1. The deputy dean of the Faculty of Law, Mrs. Tamta Tsirkvadze, is the head of the Ministry of Justice Grant Competition-winning project - "Program for Adaptation to Prison Life". On May 8-13, a foreign scientist involved in the research, a former member of the Committee on Torture, James McManus visited Caucasus International University and delivered a public lecture.

Science awards are given in 2023

In 2023, 11 members of the academic staff of Caucasus International University, as well as one doctoral student, published articles in journals indexed in the Scopus database. According to the "Rule on the Evaluation and Encouragement of Scientific-Academic Activities of Academic Staff", they were granted a bonus in the amount of 1000 GEL for each article. In total, the funding of the bonuses for published articles amounted to 12,000 GEL.

During 2023, projects in the following directions received funding from the Caucasus International University within the framework of the Fundamental Research Grant Competition:

1. American literature in Georgian literary studies
Funding: 27800 GEL
2. Legal and technological challenges of introducing digital governance in Georgia (on the example of the Estonian experience)
Funding: 30,000 GEL
3. Creation of a model for moving vines and related crops according to vertical zonation in the mountainous regions of Georgia
Funding: 9300 GEL
4. Social Security system in Georgia
Funding: 30,000 GEL

Scientific Journal of Caucasus International University

In 2023, the 2nd issue of the Scientific Journal of Social Sciences was published. The magazine includes the works of both Georgian and foreign scientists. All journal articles have undergone double peer review. Reviewers are Georgian and foreign external experts.

In 2023, Caucasus International University received funding from the Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia for the following projects:

State Scientific Grant Competition for Fundamental Research

- The connection of formal institutional variables with the determinants of entrepreneurial orientation on the example of small and medium-sized enterprises: contextualization of factors considering the characteristics of the country and organization during international entry.
Supervisor: Shorena Kurdadze, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Business and Technology
- Studying the clinical application potential of the Janashia-Lagvilava algorithm to determine the epileptic focus based on relevant quantitative data
Supervisor: Sopio Kasradze, Professor of the Faculty of Medicine, CIU was a co-sponsor and co-participant.

2023 Grant Competition of Mobility and International Scientific Events

- International Scientific Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Supervisor: Marika Kldiashvili, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Business and Technology
Coordinator: Shorena Kurdadze, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Business and Technology

Targeted Grant Competition for the Promotion of Science

- Georgian writing worldwide
Coordinator: CIU Multimedia Center
CIU was a co-participant and co-sponsoring organization

Shota Rustaveli Award of the National Science Foundation of Georgia - Competition for Special Achievements in Science

- Shengeli Kikilashvili, Assistant Professor of the Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking became the winner of the competition.

During 2023, the projects submitted to the Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia are:

- Magda Lortkipanidze, Ph.D. student of the Faculty of Law, "Impact of Smart Contract with traditional concepts of contract law"

- Mate Ivaniadze, Ph.D. student of the Faculty of Business and Technology "Consumer Attitude Towards Online Sales in the Fast Service Market in Georgia"

Grant competition for mobility and international scientific events:

- "Young Researchers for Viticulture and Enology"
Supervisor: Davit Maghradze, Professor of the Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking
Coordinator: Olan Gotsiridze, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking

State scientific grant competition for fundamental research:

- "Research and Conservation of the Biodiversity of Vitis vinifera L. Georgian Gene Fund"
Supervisor: Davit Maghradze, Professor of the Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking
- „AI4LabMed – Artificial intelligence for efficient and safe laboratory medicine practice"
Supervisor: Thomas Schrader

A grant competition announced within the framework of the international project - [TIER2](#) - funded by the European Union framework program for research and innovation "Horizon-Europe" - on the establishment of a network of reproduction of scientific research results in different countries:

- The winning project in the mentioned grant competition became the project of Shorena Kurdadze, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Business and Technology of the University - „Creating Research Reproducibility Network in Georgia“

The winning project of the grant competition for the promotion of scientific research projects studying the occupied territories of Georgia and international scientific events during 2023 was:

- "Settlement and residence of Ossetians in Georgia in the 20s and 80s of the 20th century on the example of the Tskhinvali"
Supervisor: Malkhaz Vakhtangashvili, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences
- "History of the occupation of Abkhazia (1918-1921)"
Supervisor: Aleksandre Rusetsky, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences

Project of the Caucasus International University became the winner of the grant competition on promoting the introduction of innovative services in the system of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, strengthening the protection of human rights and strengthening legal security:

- "Strengthening the protection of human rights in the occupied territories, among the displaced youth living in the villages near the dividing line"
Supervisor: Nino Mindiashvili, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences
Co-supervisors: Rezi Berulava and Nia Sadaghashvili

During 2023, the following articles were published in the journals indexed in Scopus, authored and co-authored by scientists affiliated with the Caucasus International University¹:

1. Alkhtib, A.O., Ali, K., **Sajjani**, A.K., Anweigi, L.
Barriers and enablers for oral health promotion programs amongst primary healthcare stakeholders in Qatar – a qualitative investigation
(2023) BMC Oral Health, 23 (1), art. no. 924.
2. **Kasradze, S., Gogatishvili, N., Lazariashvili, M., Lomidze, G., Sander, J.W.** Validation of the Georgian version of a Stigma Scale of Epilepsy
(2023) Epilepsy and Behavior, 148, art. no. 109502.

¹ Names of affiliated professors of Caucasus International University are given in Bold
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3. **Gogiberidze, A., Khetsuriani, R., Pailodze, M., Arabuli, M., Kandelaki, S., Tortladze, M., Khitiri, L., Jikia, I.**
Characteristics of Intercalated Discs Responsible for Histological Changes of the Left Ventricle in the Experiment Involving Mechanical Loading on 30-Day-Old White Rats (2023)
Journal of Medicinal and Chemical Sciences, (6), pp. 2707-2715.
4. **Guchua, A.**
NATO'S ROLE IN THE POLICY OF NON-PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND GLOBAL SECURITY: A SHORT OVERVIEW
(2023) Journal of Liberty and International Affairs, 9 (2), pp. 495-506.
5. Verulava, T., **Omanadze, K.**
Hospital healthcare anti-crisis management issued in Georgia
(2023) Archives of the Balkan Medical Union, 58 (2), pp. 131-140. Cited 1 time.
6. Chirakadze, A., **Chubinidze, G.**, Bose, M., Hatui, L., Dvali, N., Khuskivadze, N., Bhattacharyya, S., Pradhan, R., Devdariani, M., Gumberidze, L., Davlianidze, L., Kostichuk, N.
Selective Toxicity Testing of Gemcitabine, DMSO, Rubidium and Cesium Salts and Saline Solution Compositions in A549 and NHDF Cell Lines
(2023) Bulletin of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences, 17 (3), pp. 93-99.
7. Papava, V., **Maisaia, V.**
On Economic Security under Confrontational Globalization and the Main Concepts of Geo-Economic Warfare
(2023) Bulletin of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences, 17 (3), pp. 117-120.
8. Iobashvili, M., Pailodze, M., Jikia, I., Kharabadze, M., **Tortladze, M.**, Gogiberidze, A., Kvesitadze, N.
Detection of Molecular Mechanisms of Angiogenesis during Growth-Development in the Period before the Uterine Leiomyoma Forms in Women in the Reproductive Phase
(2023) Bulletin of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences, 17 (3), pp. 106-112.
9. Mitagvaria, N., Chirakadze, A., **Chubinidze, G.**, Dvali, N., Chichua, T., Khuskivadze, N., Devdariani, M., Gumberidze, L., Kostichuk, N.
Development and Acute Toxicity Testing of Anticancer Drugs Based on Alkali Metal Solutions for Treatment of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer
(2023) Bulletin of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences, 17 (2), pp. 142-147. Cited 1 time.
10. Bayandurov, E., Orjonikidze, Z., Sanikidze, T., Mantskava, M., **Tortladze, M.**
Characteristics of human saliva and rheological parameters as markers of the implantation success (2023)
Series on Biomechanics, 37 (2), pp. 103-111.
11. Meladze, M., Mamasakhlisashvili, L., Ujmajuridze, L., Migliaro, D., Domanda, C., Rustioni, L. Neglected cultivars for the Mtskheta-Mtianeti region (East Georgia): ampelography, phenology, and agro-climatology
(2023) Vitis - Journal of Grapevine Research, 62 (2), pp. 75-84.
12. Rutjes, S.A., Vennis, I.M., Wagner, E., **Maisaia, V.**, Peintner, L.
Biosafety and biosecurity challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond (2023)
Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology, 11, art. no. 1117316.

Quality Assurance

In order to improve the quality assurance system, several measures were carried out at the university, which were aimed at improving the internal mechanisms of quality assurance and further automation of the assessment processes. For this purpose, the Quality Assurance Service reconsidered the recent experience, revised the practice of using mechanisms, operational documents and made changes, such as:

- Updating the information processing methods necessary for the academic performance monitoring mechanisms (adding new functionality to the electronic academic process management system, which generates relevant quantitative data in an automated mode);

- Modification of tools necessary for the utilization of internal quality mechanisms (the design of the tools was updated and several functionalities were added);
- Adding a function of determining the compliance of the student achievements with the requirements of the educational program in the academic processes management electronic system (which is fully automated);
- Etc.

At the same time, with the involvement of the Quality Assurance Service and stakeholders, at the end of the reporting period of 2023, the process of seeking innovative and more effective tools for evaluating the quality of teaching and learning began. As a result, at the end of the reporting year, new methods of monitoring the academic performance of students and evaluating the achievement of learning outcomes within educational programs were selected. In addition, the Quality Assurance Service plans to use a digital three-level assessment tool - [PERFORMANCE](#), which combines self-assessment, peer assessment and student assessment of academic and visiting staff.

It is important to note that, from the second half of 2023, Caucasus International University is actively working to strengthen quality and innovation in the educational process. Based on the summary of last year's results, at the beginning of 2024, it is planned to create Quality and Innovation Teams at the faculties, which will include employees of the Quality Assurance Service and academic staff with special experience in the development of teaching methods. The Quality and Innovation Team will assist academic staff in integrating innovative teaching methods and technologies into the learning process.

In the direction of educational programs, the Bachelor's Program in Information Technologies was submitted to the National Center for the Education Quality Enhancement and was granted 4-year accreditation, thus increasing the number of educational programs at the university even more. Additionally, at the end of 2023, the Doctoral Program in Georgian Viticulture and Winemaking and Bachelor's Educational Programs in English Language and Literature were submitted for accreditation. Also, the administrative proceedings of planned monitoring of the Bachelor's Educational Program in Law were successfully completed.

In addition, relevant educational programs have been updated with the addition of the following elective courses:

- American Literature (from Colonial Beginnings to present)
- Speech and Public Speaking
- World Literature – Contemporary Novel
- Pharmaceutical Law
- Digitalization of Law
- Human Rights Monitoring in Closed Institutions, et.

As a result, the principle of selectivity was once again reinforced and the curriculum of educational programs was diversified.

It is important to note that the Quality Assurance Service successfully implemented the following:

- Raising the quality of educational programs and bringing them closer to international standards;
- Training for lecturers in order to bring programs and syllabi into compliance with the new qualification framework;
- Training for lecturers in modern teaching and learning methods and updating of syllabuses in this direction;
- Updating of syllabuses with the latest Georgian and foreign language literature and study materials;
- Modifying mechanisms of learning outcomes;

- Preparation of evaluation reports on the learning outcomes of the current programs;
- Analyzing the stakeholder survey results.

Student Activities

The table shows the list of student events implemented throughout 2023:

Lifelong Learning and Career Development

During 2023, the following activities were organized by the Lifelong Learning and Career Development Service:

- The Roin Migriauli scholarship was announced in the fall semester of 2023 within the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Caucasus International University and the Law Office - "Migriauli and Partners" and organized by the Lifelong Learning and Career Development Service. The selection of participants in the announced competition was carried out considering the following criteria: academic performance of the candidates; motivation letter of the candidate; participation in various activities in the field of law.
- On October 2, Dr. Irakli Gogiashvili, a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine of Caucasus International University, delivered a public lecture on the topic: "Heart". Within the framework of the lecture, the speaker mainly focused on the following issues: heart anatomy, heart defects, aortic insufficiency, treatment options, recommendations and diagnostic methods. He answered the audience's questions in the second part of the meeting. The public lecture was organized by the Lifelong Learning and Career Development Service of Caucasus International University in connection with the International Heart Day.

<https://ciu.edu.ge/news/index/eqim-irakli-gogiaSvilis-sajaro-leqcia>

- A masterclass on the topic – After Effect was organized by Caucasus International University Lifelong Learning and Career Development Service on October 9. Tornike Chelidze, Visual effects designer led the master class held for students. The speaker talked about the origin and significance of After Effect, as well as highlighting the programs that are compatible with it. In addition, he discussed how anime is made, 2D anime, what motion design is and what features it has. It is worth mentioning that, within the framework of the meeting, the students obtained information from the speaker on how to use After Effect in their professions.

An informational meeting was held with the representatives of "PSP Pharma" for students of the Bachelor's Program in Pharmacy at the Faculty of Medicine of Caucasus International University on October 11. At the meeting organized by CIU Lifelong Learning and Career Development Service, company representatives discussed the new trends and innovations in the field, as well as employment opportunities. Students had the opportunity to demonstrate their professional knowledge, ask questions and get the necessary information regarding future employment and development.

- "Georgian Diplomacy Week" was held for students and alumni of the international relations program at Caucasus International University on November 7. A meeting was organized with the representative of the Human Resources Management Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Nino Chabashvili, on the topic: "Diplomatic career and professional development prospects". In addition, in terms of professional development, a training course was planned and implemented on the topic: "Diplomatic Protocol and Etiquette", which was led by an expert in diplomatic protocol and etiquette, Giorgi Vashakidze.
- "Employment Forum 2023" was held on November 10. At the forum, students had the opportunity to explore the vacancies and internship programs offered by the participating companies.

- On November 17, a meeting was held with the representatives of the company Gepha. Students had the chance to receive information about employment and career development opportunities from company representatives.
- On November 30, a meeting was held on the topic: "First steps in career", where participants had the opportunity to receive advice from an invited speaker on such important issues as creating a CV and cover letter.
- During the meeting, the speaker also focused on the features of personal branding and highlighted the skills needed for a successful interview and decent employment. The meeting was led by the operational head of the company Unijobs - Elene Kochkiani.
- On December 4, a meeting was held with representatives of the Spanish language center "Iberia". Within the framework of the meeting, the interested students were introduced to the opportunities available at the center and talked about development prospects.
- On December 7, a workshop was held for students of English language programs on the topic: "How to write an effective CV and cover letter".
- On December 7, a meeting was held with the representatives of the State Employment Promotion Agency. Representatives of the State Employment Promotion Agency Nino Gogokhia (Head of the International Relations Department), Tamar Gedenidze (Employer Relations Manager), and Mariam Nagidze (Senior Public and Media Relations Specialist) talked about the offers and employment opportunities of the Agency. Opportunities and challenges in the Georgian labor market, demanded and popular professions were discussed at the meeting. Also, the representatives of the Agency shared information on active vacancies with interested students.
- On December 12, CIU students visited the House of Justice under the organization of Lifelong Learning and Career Development Service of Caucasus International University. Within the framework of the campaign - "Friend of the House of Justice", students got acquainted with the specifics of work at the Central House of Justice in Tbilisi and the experience of providing state services. Also, representatives of the House of Justice shared information about employment and internship opportunities with the students. After the information tour, the students were hosted by the chairman of the House of Justice, Lasha Lobjanidze. After the presentation, the students had the opportunity to get the information they wanted in a question-and-answer mode.
- On December 15, a professional tour was organized in Tbilisi City Council for the students of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of Caucasus International University. The meeting took place in question-answer mode. The students' questions concerned the involvement of citizens in the activities of the municipality and the implementation of various projects.
- On December 26, a training session was held for the lecturers of English language courses, the main topic of which aimed at raising the field competence of the academic staff and introducing modern standards in the educational process. The training was led by CELTA trainer, teaching process director of English Skills, Tamta Mshvidobadze.
- On December 28, the course "Career Coaching and Mentoring Program for CIU Students" ended, which was led by Mariam Chokheli, the founder of career consulting, mentoring and coaching space - Co.Liberum. Within the course, participants acquired knowledge through interactive sessions, which would help them make responsible decisions in real life. The program included seven meetings - once a week. Students participating in the program were given certificates.

Activity	Direction
What? Where? When?	Education
In the 7th round of the Business League, the CIU team got the 3 rd place	
Win in the intellectual game "Azringi"	Education

In connection with International Day (March 8), a quiz "Women who changed the world" was held.	Education
Presentation of Education and Culture Clubs	Education
Quiz tour Discover Georgia	Education
What? Where? When? on "Hot Dog"	Education
Steering meeting and training for Debates	Education
Crossmaster was held in the Intellectual Club	Education
Intellectual duel	Education
Film show	Education
What? Where? When? In the 9th round of the Business League, the CIU team won the third place	Education
Intellectual and Educational Camp	Education
What? Where? When? The second round	Education
The first game of the Karl Popper Debate	Education
The second game of the Karl Popper debate	Education
What? Where? When? Television	Education
Meeting of the winner of What? Where? When? Television, with the dean of the Faculty of Business and Technology	Education
Brian Ring Championship	Education
Quadro Championship	Education
Quiz tour on cuisine	Education
Meeting with Tatuli Ghvinianidze	Education
We Are the World - Quiz for international students	Education
Melomania	Education
Football Jeopardy	Education

Finals of Debates	Education
Football quiz	Education
What? Where? When? Third round of the championship	Education
What? Where? When? On the first republic	Education
Jeopardy Championship	Education
CIU What? Where? When? Team is the vice-champion of the Thinker's Marathon	Education
What? Where? When? Closing of the Championship Season	Education
Intellectual Club of CIU starts a new season	Education
Success of the CIU What? Where? When? Team in the first tour of the Business League	Education
Information meetings regarding the clubs	Education
What? Where? When? The owl and the penguin	Education
Quiz Tour- Discover Georgia	Education
What? Where? When? First Tour	Education
CIU What? Where? When? Team won the second tour of the Business League	Education
Intellectual Duel was held at CIU	Education
Championship of Football Jeopardy	Sports
What? Where? When? Second tour of the Championship	Education
What? Where? When? Television second stage	Education
Intellectual Games of International Students	Education
The Karl Popper Debate	Education
Brain Ring Championship	Education

Team Jeopardy Championship	Education
Musical quiz	Education
What? Where? When? Third round	Education
Medical English quiz	Education
Sports intellectual marathon	Education
An evening of poetry organized by Karcerl Lux	Education
CIU What? Where? When? Team's Victory in the 4th round of the Business League	Education
Closing of the autumn season of the intellectual club	Education
What? Where? When? Television Second Stage	Education
Intellectual game of international students	Education
The Karl Popper Debate	Education
Brain Ring Championship	Education
Team Jeopardy Championship	Education
Musical quiz	Education
What? Where? When? Third tour	Education
Medical English quiz	Education
Sports intellectual marathon	Education
An evening of poetry organized by Karcerl Lux	Education
CIU What? Where? When? Team won the Fourth Tour of the Business League	Education
Closing of the autumn season of the intellectual club	Education
Sports intellectual marathon	Education

Evening of poetry organized by Karcerl Lux	Art
CIU What? Where? When? Team won the Fourth Tour of the Business League	Education
Student Life 2023 wrap-up event	Sports /Youth Tournaments were held
First place in mini-football	Sports
Rafting - first place (Student Festival 2023)	Sports
Bowling	Sports
Carting	Sports
Checkers, the first place, Student Festival	Sports
CIU futsal team - participated in the 2023 European Futsal University Championship where we played in the ¼ finals	Sports
In the 2022/2023 Basketball Super League season, B.C. Caucasus took the third place.	Sports
Georgian-folk songs - second place (student festival 2023)	Culture
In 2023, about 30 excursions were organized for both Georgian and foreign students	Culture
Closing of the autumn season of the intellectual club	Education

Library

In 2023, membership in the Ebsco EP Package Elite and eIFL networks was renewed and developed. Updated access was gained to the following databases:

1. Cambridge Journals Online,
2. Royal Society Journals Collection,
3. e-Duke Journals Scholarly Collection,
4. Edward Elgar Publishing Journals and Development Studies e-books,
5. European Respiratory Journal,
6. SAGE Premier,
7. IMechE Journals,
8. Mathematical Sciences Publishers,
9. Openedition Journals,
10. The Company of Biologists,
11. Academic Search Elite,

12. Business Source Elite,
13. Regional Business News,
14. Newspaper Source,
15. MasterFILE Elite ,
16. ERIC - (the Education Resource Information Center),
17. GreenFILE,
18. Library,
19. Information Science [& Technology Abstracts](#),
20. MEDLINE,
21. Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition,
22. Health Source - Consumer Edition,
23. Master FILE Reference eBook Collection,
24. eBook Open Access (OA) Collection (EBSCOhost),
25. Scopus,
26. Funding Institutional 27. Science Direct.

The list of scientific databases to which the university has access, as well as their description, can be found at the link: <https://ciu.edu.ge/menu/slug/electronuli-resursebi>.

Condition of library services for 2023

- ✓ To date, the total number of books in the library owned by the university includes 27,613 items. Of these, the number of textbooks corresponding to educational programs is 21,713 and was or is indicated in the syllabuses of educational programs, while 5,900 units are supporting literature. In 2023, according to the library rule, the inventory was processed from 29,230 to 30,123, which means that 893 books, articles or magazines were processed and registered in the library catalog according to the corresponding rule.
- ✓ At the end of the 2023 academic year, 780 textbooks are placed in the electronic library.
- ✓ The Library of the Caucasus International University cooperates with the National Library of the Parliament of Georgia and the National Science Library, within the framework of inter-library subscription service (BSA), which means that the National Library of the Parliament (<https://www.nplg.gov.ge>) and the National Science Library (www.sciencelib.ge) will issue a book fund from the warehouse for the temporary use.
- ✓ In 2023, the subscription was renewed only for Georgian newspapers, the cost of which is 1144 GEL. Subscribed newspapers: Kviris Palitra, Georgia Today and others. Also 7 magazines: Economy, Agrarian Georgia; Forbes Georgian; National Geographic-Georgian; Business and Management-Audit, Accounting and Finance + Business and Management, Entrepreneur Georgia, Harvard Business Review.
- ✓ On February 18, 2023, Caucasus International University signed an agreement with Turnitin, which is an originality verification and plagiarism prevention service, and checks papers for misquotation, copying, and stores the checked papers in the Turnitin repository, the database of which is growing and contains a large number of books, journal articles and conference materials. During 2023, approximately 900 works of students of Caucasus International University were checked in the anti-plagiarism system. The head of the library is the administrator of the Turnitin anti-plagiarism program and provides training for students on the techniques of working with it.
- ✓ Library of the Caucasus International University works with a full workload for students and academic staff from Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 20:00, and on Saturdays from 10:00 to 18:00. In 2023, 1547 books were issued from the library, of which 113 units were fiction, 714 units were in the direction of law, and the rest 720 were non-fiction books. The number of users of the library is 1330 readers.

During 2023, the library staff participated in the following trainings:

- "Search categories of eIFL international scientific databases." The meeting was attended by students and academic staff of Caucasus International University.

- Trainings and webinars of the Elsevier company:
 - ✓ April 11, SCOPUS – review
A review of the Scopus bibliometric database. Its capabilities. How Scopus helps scientists and science administrators. Sources and publications are indexed in the database.
 - ✓ April 25, ScienceDirect - Review. ScienceDirect resource overview. Elsevier Journals. Thematic pages. Journal Metrics
 - ✓ May 16, Scopus - Frequently Asked Questions, where the scientific base was discussed - Scopus - frequently asked questions and answers.
 - ✓ On May 23, ScienceDirect - Frequently Asked Questions, where ScienceDirect - Frequently Asked Questions and Answers were discussed.
 - ✓ September 20, Webinar - Source Metrics in Scopus
 - ✓ September 27, Webinar - Journal Profiles in ScienceDirect
 - ✓ October 18, Webinar - Selection of the right journal
 - ✓ October 25, Webinar - Bibliometric indicators of a scientist in Scopus.
- Training: "Information (altmetric) services in science". The lectures were devoted to the information needed for publishing articles in international journals and the methods and means of improving the citation index and the awareness of the researcher in the international space. The lectures were organized by the Association for Science and lasted 4 days, through the Googlemeet platform.
- Library employees also participated in the event - EBSCO Days in Georgia 2023. The event was intended for higher and vocational educational institutions and consisted of two parts;

In the first part, the following issues were discussed:

- ISM Services;
- EBSCO-ISM Work Report;
- EBSCO Electronic scientific databases and their practical use;
- Renewed offers;

Second part of the meeting was dedicated to:

- Sharing the best practices by the universities;
- Awarding the universities with high usage rates of EBSCO electronic databases;
- University library employees also participated in the training conducted by the National Scientific Library for librarians of member organizations of the Integrated Information Network of Georgian Libraries on the topic: "Optimization of self-evaluation and self-confidence". The training was led by trainers: Lali Badridze (psychologist and coach) and Ani Maisuradze (psychologist). The training covered the following topics:
 - formation of communication and listening skills
 - skills to express a won opinion and make a compromise decision;
 - strengthening the skills to understand and accept other people;
 - setting goals, forming an achievement strategy and optimizing self-esteem;
 - development of emotional intelligence, getting to know emotions and feelings;
 - skills to express them constructively;
 - the importance of self-evaluation;
 - types of self-evaluation (conflict and non-conflict)
 - development of self-control skills, optimization of self-evaluation;
 - stressful situations
 - formation and development of self-confidence
 - increasing confidence in own personality, abilities and potential.

During 2023, the Caucasus International University Library hosted the following events:

- Joint poetry evening of Eduard Ugulava, poet, Galaktion Tabidze prize laureate, Ilia Chavchavadze gold medal winner, and CIU students. Tamar Okujava, Nana Mikava, Lasha Svintradze, Irakli Mchedlishvili and Bakur Khubulava read their own poems and poems by Georgian classics in front of the audience. The event was musically accompanied by: Shaler (Shako) Gordulava and Beka Managadze. Poetry evening was attended by the administration and students of Caucasus International University.

Internationalization

During 2023, Memorandums of international cooperation were signed with the following universities:

1. The University of Liege, Belgium
2. Emu University, Uzbekistan
3. St.Cyril and St.Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo, Republic of Bulgaria
4. Deggendorf Institute of Technology, Germany
5. Agricultural University of Athens, Greece
6. Universidad Internacional De La Rioja-UNIR, Spain
7. Technical University of Moldova, Moldova
8. Sinergija University, Bosnia and Herzegovina
9. Vinnytsia Mykhailo Kotsiubynskyi State Pedagogical University, Ukraine
10. Kyrgyz National University< Kyrgyzstan
11. Universidade Paulista (UNIP), Brazil
12. Haute Ecole Provinciale de Hainaut Condorcet, France
13. University of Cyprus, Cyprus
14. The Polytechnic Institute of Viseu, Portugal
15. Florence Healthcare, Turkey

In total, 77 people were involved in various international mobility projects in both directions (inbound and outbound) in 2023. Of these, 9 administrative staff, 7 academic staff, 61 students.

It should be noted that in 2023, the International Relations Department developed and adopted the new internationalization policy of the Caucasus International University.

Business meetings

1. On July 6, Manuel Joubert, the vice-president of Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University for Europe, International Relations and the Francophonic World and Hong Khanh Dang, the Head of the general service of international relations and the deputy director of research visited the Caucasus International University.

The representatives of Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University were met by Kakhaber Kordzaia, rector of CIU, Dean of the Faculty of Business and Technology, Marika Kldiashvili, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Giorgi Khatidze and Coordinator of the International Relations Department, Svetlana Kirakosian.

Within the framework of the meeting, the parties introduced the universities to each other, discussed the possibilities of joint cooperation and agreed on the development of institutional cooperation.

2. The President of the Global Wine Tourism Organization visited Caucasus International University on October 5. José Antonio Vidal, a member of the Global Union of Wine Tourism, met with the leadership of CIU and discussed the main aspects of future cooperation with them.

The partnership between the parties involves two directions. On the one hand, it envisages the involvement of Caucasus Interstate University, as a business entity in future business activities, and on the other hand - the implementation of joint academic and educational project

Caucasus International University (CIU), together with the Georgian Eno Tourism Association (GETA), has been a member of the Global Wine Tourism Organization for two years. The mentioned partnership envisages the implementation of studies and training programs in the direction of wine tourism management. In addition, mutual cooperation facilitates the promotion of Georgia as one of the outstanding wine tourism destinations worldwide.

3. On April 20, the head of the tourism department of Chandigarh University (India), Prof. Sandif Guleria visited the faculty of business and technology of Caucasus International University. The visit was carried out within the framework of the memorandum of cooperation signed with Chandigarh University. At the meeting with the students, the professor talked about the peculiarities of tourism product formation, discussed the importance of the product, the challenges and priorities of its creation, issues of its sales and stimulation. The speaker also talked about the characteristics of India as a world tourist destination.

Within the framework of the visit, a meeting was held with Marika Klidiashvili, Dean of CIU Faculty of Business and Technology. The meeting was also attended by Nana Gadelia, the head of strategic projects of the faculty, Lali Mikeladze, the head of the bachelor's program in tourism, and Svetlana Kirakosian, the coordinator of the international relations department.

At the meeting, the parties discussed current issues of mutual cooperation and future perspectives. It should be noted that the Indian professor will take part in the "Tourism Week" organized by the Faculty of Business and Technology of the Caucasus International University in the month of May.

For reference, Chandigarh University, where about 60 thousand students study, is among the top three private universities in India.

Participation in international study fairs and exhibitions and membership in international organizations

The representatives of Caucasus International University visited India, at the educational exhibition organized by the Embassy of Georgia, where the university participated along with 11 other Georgian universities. This exhibition was used for interviews with prospective students as well as meetings with agencies.

Under the auspices of Study In Georgia, Georgian universities, including Caucasus International University, participate in various educational exhibitions. In September 2023, the university participated in an exhibition in the city of Rotterdam, <https://www.eaie.org/>, where meetings with partner universities were conducted. During the meetings, the details of signing the memorandum were discussed, as well as the possibilities of participating in various grant projects.

At this exhibition, the university signed an agreement with 8 foreign universities. Among the new partner universities, a Portuguese university, the Polytechnic Institute of Viseu should be highlighted. In the project application was prepared with the coordination of Caucasus International University under the EU Horizon Program. Excellence Hub competition, Viseu Polytechnic Institute is represented as one of the partners.

In November 2023, the representatives of Caucasus International University were in Berlin at the educational exhibition <https://www.icef.com/> for the purpose of recruiting students.

An agreement was signed with more than 10 agencies to recruit foreign students.

In 2023, Caucasus International University became a member of 2 international organizations, namely the European Association for International Education and ICEF.

Support measures implemented during 2023

International Relations Department is actively involved in the processes of internationalization of educational programs, which is manifested in the planning and implementation of international mobility programs for students, academic staff and administration, the involvement of foreign professors and/or trainers in educational programs and/or extra-curricular activities. Also, the department supports the faculties in performing various tasks in terms of internationalization.

At the Faculty of Medicine, the programs of Medicine and Dentistry in English have been brought into compliance with the requirements of the High Medical Council of Great Britain and the High Council of Dentistry, as a result

of which Great Britain will recognize the education of the students of Caucasus International University in the direction of medicine and dentistry.

Participation in International Projects

- In 2023, Caucasus International University joined the project "Consulting Services for Promoting Internationalization of Higher Education", which is implemented by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia within the framework of the "Georgia - Innovation, Inclusion and Quality" project with the financial support of the World Bank.

The project aims to promote the internationalization of higher education in Georgia and includes three main tasks: development of a joint doctoral program in education and science management, development of specialty English language modules and entrepreneurship modules, and the development and implementation of international season schools for doctoral students and young researchers.

In the first stage of the project, the institutional research and assessment of Georgian Higher Education Institutions with various components - learning and teaching, education, research, material and human resources, etc. was carried out. In the second stage, online workshops were held for the higher education institutions involved in the project and they were introduced to the goals of the project, and in the third stage of the project, several universities were selected, which will implement the tasks set by the project in cooperation with foreign consultants.

Caucasus International University was selected to implement the second task of the project. On the basis of CIU Faculty of Business and Technology, the "Business English" and "Entrepreneurship" courses will be developed in cooperation with international experts of the project, representatives of University College London Consultants, as Benchmark modules, which after the completion of the project will be offered to other Georgian universities as a guide for the implementation of the mentioned courses.

Activities of the Faculties

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

During the reporting period, the activity of the faculty proceeded according to the plan, many projects, conferences and other activities were implemented. Also, on the basis of unified national exams, the number of accepted students has increased per specialization.

Activities, projects, grants implemented at the Faculty

Activity	Description
Trainings to increase the qualification of academic staff	"Information Technologies in Science"
	"Main features of the structure of a scientific paper, use and verification of sources, citation styles, index, publication of a scientific paper in foreign journals".
Number of articles published by academic staff	30
Scientific research	Direction of the Bachelor’s Educational Program in International Relations - "Current Issues of Contemporary International Relations"

	Direction of the Bachelor's Educational Program in Journalism - "The Influence of Mass Media on the Formation of Public Opinion in the Process of Implementing Political Technologies (on the example of Georgia).
Erasmus+ grants	In the framework of Erasmus+, in order to raise the level of internationalization, the assistant professor of the Caucasus International University, Eka Beraia, was on a study-academic visit to the Josef Goluchowski University of Applied Sciences in the Republic of Poland. Eka Beraia conducted training for academic staff at the Polish University, a strategic partner of Caucasus International University, and gave three lectures for bachelor's and master's students on the topics: "Foreign Policy Analysis", "Hybrid War Theory" and " Research Methods of Applied Geopolitics ".
Other activities carried out	Visiting as a visiting researcher and professor at DePaul University.
	Presentation of the book "Canada" published by the United States and Canada Studies Institute (USACA) was held at the Caucasus International University. The publication of the textbook is sponsored by the Faculty of Social Sciences. The textbook covers a wide range of topics: Canadian history, constitutional framework, literature, winemaking, legal and gender issues. The authors of the textbook are Nana Parinos, Tsitsino Bukia, Ani Gagnidze, Ani Kibordzalidze, Nika Vachiberadze, Lado Kvikvinia.
Public lectures, visits	A two-week international course "South Caucasus in the context of regional security of the wider Black Sea region" was held at the Defense Institutional Development School. The mentioned course was attended by Teona Lezhava and Ani Gagnidze, students of the Master's Educational Program in International Relations and International Security of the Caucasus International University.
	Public lecture on "Polish-Georgian international relations: politics, culture, transgression". The lecture was led by Marcin Olejnik, Doctor of History, Doctor of Politics at Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznan, Poland), former Director of the Information Service of the Office of the Council of Ministers of Poland.
	Organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Caucasus International University and the Association of Security Researchers (USMA), a public lecture/discussion was held on the topic: "Foreign-political priorities of Georgia in the second half of the 18th century". The lecture was led by Vakhtang Guruli, Doctor of History, Professor, and Ketevan Shoshiashvili, Doctor of History, CIU Associate Professor.
	Tamaz Jologua's public lecture on the occasion of the Day of Georgian Journalism.
	Maiko Tkemaladze's public lecture was held on the topic: "Effective Management of Digital Platforms - A Beginner's Guide".
	Dimitri Amilakhvari - The legendary hero of the French Legion: unknown pages of the biography.
	At the NATO Information Center, a public lecture was held on the topic "Disinformation, Hybrid Threats and Foreign Influence", the lecture was led by Opher Friedman.
	Organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, a public lecture by film dramatist and director Beso Odisharia was held on the topic: "Analysis of the Modern Scenario" at Caucasus International University.

	Organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, a public lecture on the topic "Role of the Political Reforms in Central Asia: Example of Kazakhstan".
	Public discussion on the topic: "Accession of Finland to NATO and Euro-Atlantic perspectives for Georgia".
	A panel discussion was held on the topic: "Idea of secularism in Georgia - legal and theological context".
	Irakli Aladashvili's public lecture was held on the topic: "Military-political analysis of armed conflicts, peculiarities and dangers of mass media coverage of war"
	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Georgia to France, Permanent Representative of Georgia to UNESCO, Gocha Javakhishvili, held a public lecture on the topic: "Dynamics of Georgia-France Relations".
	Students of the Journalism program visited the Elene Akhvlediani Museum - under the leadership of Prof. Khatuna Kacharava. A public lecture was held by journalist Tea Sichinava, TV presenter of "Imedi" TV company.
	Topics of human rights and criminal law in cinematography - Rusudan Kvaratskhelia, Gia Meparishvili.
	Summer school was held at the Caucasus International University on the topic: "Peace Policy and Trust Restoration with the Occupied Regions".
	"Georgian Diplomacy Week"
Conferences	"Modern International Security and Weapons of Mass Destruction - Asymmetric Military Challenges and Regional Security Dilemma".
	Visit of doctoral students of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities to the "International Conference of Larnaca."
	Joint scientific conference of Caucasus International University and "National and Corporate Security Training and Research Center" - "National and Corporate Security".
	Visit of CIU professors and doctoral students of Mass Communication to the scientific seminar in Istanbul.

Faculty of Law

Under the auspices of the Faculty, many events were organized during 2023, both in the university and outside the university. Important memorandums were signed.

Activities, projects, grants, meetings, etc. carried out at the faculty are summarized in the table below:

Activity	Description
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Memorandums	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Memorandum of cooperation between the Caucasus International University and the Research Center of the Parliament of Georgia. 2. Memorandum of cooperation between the Caucasus International University and the Ministry of Education and Culture of Abkhazia 3. Memorandum of cooperation between the US Government Exchange Programs Alumni Association of Georgia (EPAG) and the Caucasus International University at the Caucasus International University. 4. Memorandum of cooperation between Caucasus International University and NNLE Law for Freedom.
Public Lectures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. David Schultz's public lecture - topic: "Thoughts on the Constitution of Georgia and the future prospects of democracy throughout the world" 2. Mariam Begiashvili, Guram Kraveishvili, Mariam Gigauri - topic: "Violence against women, domestic violence and femicide". 3. Sopio Demetrashvili - topic: "Constitutional control in Georgia - enforceable and self-executing decisions". 4. Levan Darbaidze - topic: "Restorative justice from the judge's perspective" 5. Tamar Gabisonia, Tamar Surmava - topic: "Prohibition of discrimination and informal employment" 6. Arkadiuszh Vudarski, Lado Sirdadze - topic: "Comparative-legal analysis of the judicial practice of invalidating paternity". 7. General Prosecutor's Office of Georgia - topic: "Organized crime, existing legislation, achievements and challenges". 8. Levan Gigineishvili - topic: "The modern crisis of truth and the post-truth world" 9. James McManus, Tamta Tsirkvadze - topic: "Importance and challenges of adaptation to prison life". 10. Public lecture - topic: "Idea of secularism in Georgia - theological context". 11. Public lecture - topic: "About the service of a law enforcement officer" 12. Roin Migriauli - topic: "Obtaining the status of a lawyer and organizing the lawyer's activity" 13. Public lecture - topic: "Future labor market: what awaits your profession in the technological world?". 14. Bela Pipia, Rusudan Kvaratskhelia, Nino Basilaia - topic: "Talking about women's rights" 15. Giorgi Khubua - topic: "Justice as a principle of law" 16. Anna Gvasalia - Topic: "Human rights and their protection mechanisms, ensuring an equal environment." 17. Union of Trade Unions of Georgia - topic: "Labor rights and mechanisms of their protection". 18. Tamar Tkeshelashvili - topic: "Legal issues within the competence of the Ministry of Justice System".

Trainings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On June 7 and 8, Georgian researcher and trainer of the project, associate professor of the Caucasus International University, Givi Mikanadze, conducted training for the employees of the penitentiary service at the Justice Training Center and gave certificates to the participants. 2. On December 2-3, within the framework of the National Championship of Mock Jury Court, trainings for students participating in the championship were held at Jacob Gogebashvili State University in Telavi, Caucasus University, Caucasus International University (CIU), National University of Georgia (SEU) and Sulkhana Saba Orbeliani University.
Presentations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of the book "1995 Constitution of Georgia: At the Beginnings of Creation" and "Scientific Research Institute of Constitutional Democracy" was held in the Niko Nikoladze conference hall of Caucasus International University. 2. A working meeting was held for students of the Faculties of Business and Law at Caucasus International University. Sopio Momtselidze, the head of the legal department of the agency, and Mariam Shaishmelashvili, the deputy head of the consumer rights protection department, made presentations on the issues of consumer rights protection mechanisms and competition policy. 3. Students of the summer school organized by the Caucasus International University presented group presentations on various current conflicts. 4. "CIU Academy for Entrants" project presentation and "Open Day" were held at Caucasus International University. 5. At Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, the presentation of the winning project in the grant competition announced by the Ministry of Justice of Georgia "Promotion of legal education in the future generation for the security of the legal state and its institutional development" was held.
Visits	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organized by the Caucasus International University, the participants of the Georgian-German summer school visited the Supreme Court of Georgia, the Parliament of Georgia, and the City Council of Tbilisi. 2. Students of the Faculty of Law of the Caucasus International University visited the Expert Forensic Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs as part of the Forensic Studies lecture course. 3. Freshmen students of the Faculty of Law of Caucasus International University visited the Supreme Court of Georgia. 4. Students of the Bachelor's and Master's programs of the Faculty of Law of the Caucasus International University visited the State Military Scientific and Technical Center "Delta".

Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The "Law Academy" project was held at the Caucasus International University. 2. Organized by the Faculty of Law of the Caucasus International University, the "Society Research Center" project was conducted by the project of NNLE "Law for Freedom" within the framework of cooperation with the Caucasus International University, "Competition in mock criminal trials" project was held 3. Project - Georgian-German summer school for students of the Faculty of Law 4. The representatives of the Georgian Defense Forces held an information meeting for the students of the Faculty of Law of the Caucasus International University about the project "Our Army" at the Caucasus International University. 5. Within the framework of the "Law Academy for Entrants" project, a "Mock trial" was held.
Grant Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The winner of the grant competition of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia - project: "Program for adaptation to life in prison" Tamta Tsirkvadze.
Conferences	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 11th international scientific conference of bachelor's, master's and doctoral students of CIU was held. 2. Scientific conference - "Modern challenges of national and international security" was held at the Caucasus International University, co-organized by the Training and Research Center for National and Corporate Security. 3. Scientific conference was held at the Caucasus International University on the topic: "At the beginnings of the First Republic of Georgia - considering the current constitutional development"

Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking

During 2023, the activities, projects, obtained grants, meetings held and other activities at the faculty are summarized in the table below:

Activity	Description
Programs	The planned 3-year reporting of the Master's Educational Program in Georgian Viticulture and Enology was implemented.
	<p>The learning outcomes of the program were corrected and the changes according to these outcomes were reflected in the relevant appendices of the program; Some changes have been made in the syllabus, in the structure and criteria of interim evaluations, and in the format of midterm and final exams.</p> <p>Mandatory literature in the syllabi was updated, supplemented with new textbooks and sources, as well as readers prepared by lecturers.</p> <p>An external evaluation of the Master's Educational Program in Georgian Viticulture and Winemaking was conducted.</p> <p>Doctoral educational program in Viticulture and Enology was prepared, application was submitted for accreditation of the program.</p>

Main news of the year	<p>Arrangement of the dean's office of the faculty in the Viticulture and Winemaking Campus was completed, repair works were carried out, necessary equipment and devices were installed.</p> <p>8 new auditoriums of the Viticulture and Winemaking Campus were improved, installed with computer equipment.</p> <p>All three samples presented by "Ethno Okami" at the 7th Kvevari International Wine Competition were enlisted in the prize category.</p> <p>Chinuri + Goruli green - silver medal; Okami 2022 - silver medal; Rkatsiteli 2021 - silver medal;</p> <p>The product of the "Ethno Okami" Winery of Caucasus International University - "Chinuri-Goruli Green" - was included in "Granik's Guide to Georgian Wines 2024" as one of the best wines, evaluated by independent international experts.</p> <p>Shengeli Kikilashvili, a research associate and lecturer of the Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking, won the competition of the Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation and received the prize for special achievements in agricultural science (2023).</p> <p>A joint project of the Georgian Wine Tourism Association (GETA) and the World Wine Tourism Organization (GWTO) was implemented, "Wine Tourism", the Faculty Student Advisory Board was established.</p> <p>Faculty representatives participated in the World Symposium on Geographical Place of Origins of Georgia, organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Georgian National Intellectual Property Center "Sakpatenti". CIU was invited for their activities in registering "Okami" as a PDO.</p>
Memorandums	<p>“Jiveli” Company „Giorgitsminda Winery“ Company Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University</p>
Internationalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty hosted a delegation from Niagara College (Canada). The theoretical and practical certificate course "Georgian Vine and Wine Culture" was held. • The faculty hosted the University of La Rioja delegation, which was on a one-week return visit to the Caucasus International University within the framework of Erasmus+ program staff mobility. Members of the delegation were: Miguel Angel Acedo-Ramirez - professor, director of the strategic project "European Universities Initiative", Department of Economics and Entrepreneurship; Julia Arbizu - Director of the Master's Program in Agronomy, Department of Agriculture and Food; Elena González Fandos - Professor of Food Technology, Director of the Strategic Project "Wine Region", Department of Agriculture and Food. • The faculty hosted outstanding scientists in the field of viticulture and oenology: Daniela Fracasetti and Ileana Vigentini - professors of the University of Milan (Italy); Jesús María Cantoral - professor at the University of Cadiz (Spain), with whom the staff conducts joint research projects to reveal the oenological potential of endemic yeasts. • Scientific research cooperation with the University of Milan; • Co-organization of the international scientific conference with the University of Wallachia (Romania).

Grant Projects	<p>Project name: Young researchers for viticulture and winemaking; Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation 2023 competition for mobility and international scientific events (II lot)</p> <p>Project name: Biodiversity research and conservation of the Vitis vinifera L. grapevine Georgian gene pool. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation 2023 State Scientific Grants Competition for Fundamental Research</p> <p>Name of the project: Creation of a model for the movement of vines and related crops according to vertical zonation in the mountainous regions of Georgia (winner). CIU 2023 Fundamental Research Grant Competition</p>
Scientific Activities	<p>Prospects of using Muscat Rkatsiteli in winemaking - S. Kitiashvili, Olani Gotsiridze http://vinoge.com/</p> <p>Eno-carpological Characterisation of Wildly Growing Grapevine (Vitis vinifera L.) Discovered in Georgia – M.Kikvadze; Sh. Kikilashvili; O.Gotsiridze; D.Rivera; D.Maghradze. GEORGIAN ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, Scientific Papers,) ISSN 1512-2743 N1(49), Publisher “ Agro”, Tbilisi, 2023 p.p.2-16 https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/m.kikvadze70%40gmail.com/FMfcgzGsmqztPCbhfrdcmvfwJDOQdzMW?projector=1</p> <p>Use of Muscat Rkatsiteli in Winemaking <u>Saba Kitiashvili</u>; <u>Olani Gotsiridze</u>, Nov 20, 2022 https://sciendo.com/article/10.2478/agr-2022-0012</p> <p>Grape Varieties Prevalent in Kvemo Kartli IRMA MDINARADZE. Agriculture Ph.D.,Associate professor at Caucasus International University; HOMELAND OF WINE MAGAZINE, https://nlinemedia.co.uk/grape-varieties-prevalent-in-kvemokartli/?fbclid=IwAR0bKWtYJ4mA93seowx_qonyUy7PWqyz1PioXoPNIAHOHuT5zTaFL_RGUuQ</p>
Conference	<p>International scientific conference "Biodiversity of agricultural plants and animals, prospects of conservation and use ". Topic - Study of Forest (wild) Grapevine Vitis vinifera ssp. sylvestris Gmel in Georgia. Authors - Sh. Kikilashvili, L. Mamasakhlishashvili., O. Gotsiridze., N. Bitsadze., D. Maghradze. Tbilisi. Georgia.</p> <p>XIII International Conference on Grapevine Breeding, Genetics and Management Wildly growing Eurasian grapevine (Vitis vinifera L.) in Georgia: composition, research and efforts for the preservation. M. Kikvadze, S. Kikilashvili, N. Bitsadze, T. Maghradze, G. De Lorenzis, R. O. Rubio, D.Rivera, R. Bacilieri, O. Failla, and D. Maghradze. Cappadocia, Turkey.</p> <p>N. BITSADZE., D. M. GADOURY., L. CADLEDAVIDSON., R. KHAZARADZE., SH. KIKILASHVILI., M. KIKVADZE., R. CHIPASHVILI., L. MAMASAKHLISASHVILI., L. UJMAJURIDZE., M. KEVKHISHVILI ., E. GELASHVILI ., G TCHABASHVILI ., E. KILADZE. , D. MAGHRADZE. 2023. PRELIMINARY FIELD STUDIES OF RESISTANCE OF GEORGIAN GRAPEVINE GERMPLASM TO POWDERY MILDEW (ERYSIPHE NECATOR - 22nd GiESCO International Meeting 2023</p>

	<p>International scientific conference "Georgian Vine and Wine Culture Research Project" within the framework of "Wine Days 2023".</p> <p>The chairperson of the organizing committee - the head of the scientific direction of the Faculty of Viticulture and Winemaking, prof. D. Maghradze, participants - scientific/academic staff of the faculty.</p>
	<p>In the viticulture-winemaking section of the XI bachelor's, master's and doctoral students conference of the Caucasus International University, 7 reports were presented with the participation of 8 students of master's and bachelor's programs, who were guided by 7 supervisors.</p>

Faculty of Business and Technology

Activity	Description
Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor's Educational Program in Information Technology has gained accreditation. 2. Work on a 3-year Bachelor of Business Administration educational program has begun. 3. Work on the English-language Bachelor's Educational Program in Information Technology has begun.
Material and Technical Base	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On May 19, 2023, a Mock Bank was opened at the Faculty of Business and Technology of the Caucasus International University. The bank is fully equipped with all the necessary equipment, which is necessary for the relevant service, including - a simulated cash register and an operator's accommodation space. 2. On May 19, 2023, the student project space was opened. The project space was equipped with modern design furniture and equipment.
Important Educational Initiatives/Projects/Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Career coaching and mentoring program https://rb.gy/i60huf, https://rb.gy/xw8bt5, http://surl.li/sggyi); 2. In order to develop entrepreneurial skills, the project "Business Incubator" is being implemented- https://rb.gy/4b7ik, https://rb.gy/mgu61); 3. Global Entrepreneurship Week 2023 / GEW was organized – http://surl.li/sgliq 4. Workshop: Increasing Creativity Capacity; 5. Workshop: Pitch Competition / Startup Challenge - Presentation of the ideas submitted to the incubator; 6. Workshop: Pitch Competition / Startup Challenge - Presentation of the ideas submitted to the incubator; 7. Startup Culture in the Classroom / Fair 8. Workshop - "How and with what to start working on a startup" 9. Effective pitch - training within GEW 2023(http://surl.li/sghae);

10. Final event of "Global Entrepreneurship Week" at CIU (<http://surl.li/sghat>);
11. CMO & CO-FOUNDER of startup MIVINO | LOOPER – CREATIVE ADVERTISING AGENCY - Erekle Eristavi's training on the topic - "The importance of digital marketing for startups (<http://surl.li/sghbc>);
12. New flow of autumn semester in business incubator of CIU (<http://surl.li/sghcb>);
13. Business Incubator Open Day at CIU for students of the Faculty of Business and Technology and stakeholders (<http://surl.li/sghck>);
14. "Business and Entrepreneurship Clinic" (<http://surl.li/sghcs>);
15. Visit of Professor Sandeep Guleria, Head of Tourism Department, Chandigarh University (India) to the Faculty of Business and Technology - <https://rb.gy/esfzj> ;
16. Working meeting with representatives of Credo Bank - <http://surl.li/sghdc>;
17. Presentation of Project "Business studies to support sustainable development" - (<http://surl.li/sghdm>);
18. Open Day of CIU Faculty of Business and Technology (<http://surl.li/sghdp>);
19. At the Faculty of Business and Technology of the Caucasus International University, within the framework of the Tourism Week, a public lecture was held on the topic: "Development of the tourism sector in Georgia. Vision and future plans of the National Tourism Administration" - <http://surl.li/sghdy>
20. Visit of the General Manager of Paragraph Tbilisi Hotel, Tomas van Opstal, Head of HR Department, Leila Akhmeteshvili, and Training Manager, Shorena Berezhiani - <http://surl.li/sghei>;
21. Faculty of Business and Technology of CIU launched the student project - Business studies in support of sustainable development" - <http://surl.li/sghdm>;
22. Finance Week - (<https://rb.gy/9oyhj>, <https://rb.gy/74rfi>);
23. Meeting with Doctoral Students - (<https://rb.gy/5ytzz>);
24. Meeting with successful alumni (<https://rb.gy/tlgm6>);
25. Meeting with entrants -(<https://rb.gy/qkmf0>);
26. Meeting with the alumni of the bachelor's program in tourism. (<https://rb.gy/zz552>);
27. Meeting with representatives of "Ambassadors" and "Council of Advisors", <http://surl.li/sgiby>;
28. Opening of Mock Bank at CIU <https://rb.gy/9eqfp>;
29. Masterclass – How to trade on Amazon, <https://rb.gy/a4f19>;
30. Master class on the topic: "How to start a career in the insurance sector", <https://rb.gy/x6ar4>;
31. Competition of Ideas in Marketing. <https://rb.gy/xsjdv>;
32. Professional field seminar in Davit Gareji monastery complex <https://rb.gy/amhqk>;
33. Public lecture: "Climate change and the financial sector" <https://rb.gy/r4tdu>;
34. "Harmony with yourself" presentation and master class on the topic: "Emotional intelligence"<https://rb.gy/79kf4>;

35. "Food losses and waste, the importance of the problem and challenges" - speaker: Jumber Maruashvili, policy advisor of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, FAO. <http://surl.li/sgicr>;
36. Meeting on the topic - "Research methodology" / "Data analysis" - speaker: Head of Marketing Research Laboratory of Caucasus International University, Tatia Bregvadze, <http://surl.li/sgicr>;
37. "The role of distribution in the supply chain, problems and challenges" - Speaker: Head of the Business Association of Distributors of Georgia, Iva Chkhonia - <http://surl.li/sgicr>;
38. Training on topics: What we need to effectively plan a career; and a Career mentorship program, <https://rb.gy/1vpbr>;
39. Training: "Negotiations and the impact of pricing on business results" <https://rb.gy/c957vt>
40. პანელური დისკუსია თემაზე - „ქალი ლიდერები ფინტექში“ <https://rb.gy/yasvum>;
41. "Prospects of wine tourism development in Georgia and Spanish experience". The meeting was chaired by Miguel Cambas, Doctor of Economics and Business of the University of Alcala (Spain), an expert in business management, professor in the direction of tourism management, honorary member of the Georgian Wine Tourism Association. <https://rb.gy/3tuudb>;
42. Event dedicated to the International Day of Tourism <https://shorturl.at/hmrKY> ;
43. Working meeting to deepen cooperation with potential employers was held on the topic - "Skills for Employment" <http://surl.li/sglij>;
44. Invited guest Archil Mchedlishvili, lecture - Operational Management <http://surl.li/sgign>;
45. Meeting in connection with the professional day of bankers, <http://surl.li/sgiha>;
46. Faculty involvement in National Bank projects: "Invite Finedu to class", <http://surl.li/sgihn>
45. "Green Economy and Sustainable Development Week", <http://surl.li/sgihu>;
47. Public lectures and debates within the "Green Economy and Sustainable Development Week" - <http://surl.li/sgiih>, <http://surl.li/sgiiu>, <http://surl.li/sgihu>
48. "Green entrepreneurship and workshop for students", <http://surl.li/sgijn>;
49. Lecture by Tsira Menteshashvili, chief accountant of "Nikol Service", accountant of "Kamara", "Teno" and "Techdesign", as well as financial manager of projects of the international organization Civil Forum on the topic: "Production of primary accounting documents in companies and opportunities to work with the Revenue Service" <http://surl.li/sgijv>
50. Public lecture of Tornike Zirakishvili, Deputy Director of LEPL "Produce in Georgia", <https://bit.ly/3Tj5Qx3>;
51. A public lecture was held on the topic: "How to choose the first job?" <http://surl.li/sgikf>
52. Rati Zautashvili's public lecture was held on the topic: "Sustainable development and involvement of stakeholders in the process of SDGs implementation", <http://surl.li/sgikl>

	<p>53. Erekle Zurmukhtashvili, co-founder of "Ally" company and director of "Livingstone" company, and Tornike Abuladze, co-founder of "Ally" company, managing partner of "Axel" (investment fund) meet with students, http://surl.li/sgikw;</p> <p>54. Memorandum with "Fintech Association" and project presentation, http://surl.li/sgilb;</p> <p>55. Marketing specialist Tamaz Gochelishvili's public lecture on the topic: "Revealing the subconscious: how marketing campaigns affect consumer decision-making"; http://surl.li/sgilk;</p> <p>56. In order to take care of improving practical skills, a practical seminar "Mobile applications in the modern digital world" was held for the students of the Bachelor's program in information technology, http://surl.li/sgilu;</p> <p>57. Training by Clarence Van Der Putte, Professor of the Amsterdam University of Applied Science for the academic staff. Topic: „High Impact Learning’ - a conceptual educational approach“. http://surl.li/sgimi</p> <p>58. Workshop of representatives of the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of La Rioja (Spain), Natalia Medrano Saez and Alba García Milón for academic and scientific staff on the topic - "Modern teaching and research methods in the field of business and economics", http://surl.li/sgimq;</p> <p>59. Training for academic and scientific staff on the topic: "Preparation and submission of a successful research grant application". https://bit.ly/3TBPiBV;</p> <p>60. Study tour to the “Chelti” company for students of the International Marketing Master's Educational Program, http://surl.li/sginc;</p>
<p>Memorandums</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Faculty of Business and Technology and the Retail Association https://rb.gy/dobq8; 2. A memorandum of cooperation was signed between the Faculty of Business and Technology and the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Association SMEDA, https://shorturl.at/ahvy1 3. A memorandum was signed between the Faculty of Business and Technology and "OPERATION GLOBAL ALLY"; 4. A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Faculty of Business and Technology and the Fintech Association; 5. A memorandum was signed between the Faculty of Business and Technology and the E-commerce Association; 6. A memorandum was signed between the Faculty of Business and Technology and Ishbank; 7. A memorandum was signed with "Woli" LLC. <p>Electronic versions of MOUs can be found at the link: https://bit.ly/3TDLLLe</p>

Grant Projects	<p>1. Project name: International scientific conference on innovation and entrepreneurship Project Supervisor - Associate Professor Maria Kldiashvili Leading Organization: Caucasus International University Dates of Project Implementation: 25.08.2023-20.06.2024 Dates of Event Implementation: 09.02.2024-11.02.2024 Type of the event: Conference Grant Agreement № MG-ISE-23-2530</p> <p>The project is financed by the Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia, and the Caucasus International University is the event host, project leader and co-sponsoring organization.</p> <p>The purpose of the high-profile scientific event organized by the Faculty of Business and Technology is to promote the development and internationalization of the latest scientific research on innovation and entrepreneurship in Georgia, as well as to deepen cooperation between the academic, public and business sectors and promote it among young scientists.</p> <p>2. The Faculty of Business and Technology of the Caucasus International University was involved in the project called Consulting Services for Promoting Internationalization of Higher Education, which the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia implemented within the "Georgia - Innovation, Inclusion and Quality" project, with the financial support of the World Bank. On the basis of CIU Faculty of Business and Technology, in cooperation with international experts of the project, representatives of University College London Consultants, benchmark courses of "Business English" and "Entrepreneurship" will be developed, which will be offered to other Georgian universities after the completion of the project, as a guide for the implementation of the mentioned modules (http://surl.li/sggwn).</p>
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The project presented by Georgia is the winner of the open competition of the international project TIER2 financed by "Horizon-Europe" among 15 European and 14 associated countries participating in the expansion of "Horizon-Europe". The consortium includes Tbilisi State Medical University (TSU), Aleksandre Natishvili Institute of Morphology of Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU) and Caucasus International University (CIU). The head of the project is Shorena Kurdadze, Deputy Head of the Scientific Research Department and Associate Professor of the Faculty of Business and Technology of Caucasus International University. (http://surl.li/sglfo). 4. The project of the Faculty of Business and Technology - "Peculiarities of gastronomic business marketing in the post-pandemic period, its digital transformation, challenges and opportunities" won the CIU Grant Competition for Fundamental Scientific Research. http://surl.li/sgleu. 5. The project "Connection of formal institutional variables with the determinants of entrepreneurial orientation on the example of small and medium-sized enterprises: contextualization of factors considering the characteristics of the country and organization at the time of international entry" won the 2023 Fundamental Research Grant Project of Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia. The head of the project is Associate Professor of CIU, Shorena Kurdadze (http://surl.li/sglfw).
Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The faculty participated in the international program, in particular it hosted the events planned within the framework of "Global Entrepreneurship Week 2023 / GEW". GEW is an international campaign aimed at promoting and encouraging the ecosystem of entrepreneurs. Within the framework of the week, from 2008 until today, each year about 200 countries take part. Caucasus International University represented Georgia at the mentioned event. During the week, various trainings, public lectures were held, and at the closing event, an exhibition and sale of the faculty's partner entrepreneurs, sharing of successful cases with students, panel discussion and discussion of the current needs of the field were held. (http://surl.li/sglko); 2. The research project "Business studies to support sustainable development" was implemented. Students of the Faculty, as well as the school pupils, participated in the project. Participants were mentored by representatives of the Faculty of Business and Technology and partner organizations, including representatives of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization - FAO, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Association SMEDA and the Georgian Distributors Association (http://surl.li/sginr, http://surl.li/sgiod, http://surl.li/sgion). 3. Caucasus International University (CIU) participates in an unprecedented international project: "Qualification Requirements for University Graduates in Health Tourism", the project is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD-German Academic Exchange Service) and is led by Deggendorf Institute of Technology DIT, Germany (http://surl.li/sgipf).

	<p>4. Within the framework of the "Internationalization of International Health Tourism" project of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Deggendorf Institute of Technology and together with the Bachelor's Program in Tourism of Caucasus International University (CIU), implement a joint research project to determine the current state of sustainable development of medical wellness and spa tourism in Georgia. (http://surl.li/sgipt).</p>
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Faculty of Medicine

Activities, projects, grants, meetings, etc. implemented at the Faculty

- In the spring of 2023, a cooperation agreement was signed between the Caucasus International University and the Health Service of Castilla-La Mancha. Within the framework of the agreement, the students of the Faculty of Medicine of the University had the opportunity to undergo a one-month practice in the leading clinics of the Castilla-La Mancha region. Two clinics were involved in the project - Hospital Comarcal de Alcazar de San Juan and Hospital General Nuestra Señora Del Prado. 11 students with high academic performance participated in the two-month exchange program
- Within the framework of the Erasmus+ program, from June 19 to June 30, 2023, 2 students of the dentistry program of the Caucasus International University underwent an intensive course at the university clinic of the partner Wroclaw Medical University. For the initial stage of the course, at the Simulation Center of Wroclaw Medical University, the students directly examined patients with the help of a special program, got to know the modern innovations in the field of dentistry from lecturers invited from different countries of the world. Among them were the leading lecturer of the scientific department of the University of Cagliari, Italy, Andrea Pera (lecture - genetic changes and its connection with dentistry), the lecturer from the University of Sapienza, Dr. Paulo Junior Fantozi (lecture - "the role of oral microflora in the pathogenesis of systemic diseases"). A mini-course on the use of artificial intelligence in dentistry was a novelty for students, which was led by Teodora Karteva, a lecturer at the Medical University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria
- Within the framework of the Erasmus+ exchange program, 1 student in the 3rd year of the Faculty of Medicine - was in Poland, at Jozef Galuchowski University of Applied Sciences.

Programs of the Faculty

4 one-cycle programs are implemented at the faculty:

- Georgian-language and English-language programs of medicine;
- Georgian-language and English-language programs of dentistry;
- 1 Bachelor's Program in Pharmacy;
- 1 Residency Program in Therapeutic Dentistry

During 2023, all programs of the faculty were modified and brought into line with the field characteristics of medicine and the new framework of national qualifications. Literature for dentistry and pharmacy programs was also modified and updated.

In 2023, in order to improve the quality of the teaching and learning process, the following were implemented:

- ✓ Updating-translation of first to fourth-semester textbooks;
- ✓ Enrichment of teaching materials of basic subjects with clinical correlations;
- ✓ Distinguish between cases and MCQ tests;
- ✓ Use of social networks for additional activities and assessment of students;

- ✓ Integration of new forms of evaluation in study courses (portfolio, professionalism and mini-clinical exam). In the current semester, a pilot evaluation of professionalism was carried out in the subjects: Medical Bioethics, General Surgery, Module: Fundamentals of Cardiovascular and Blood System Diseases. Professionalism assessment criteria were developed and written for the mentioned subjects - both general and subject-specific professional skills.
- ✓ In order to comply with the Sectoral characteristics of level VII higher medical education of the National Qualifications Framework, the credits for teaching the Georgian language in the English-language program were increased - they became 12 credits (6 in the first semester, 6 in the second semester).
- ✓ The English language program in Medicine (2018) was fully adapted to the GMC (General Medical Council UK) minimum workload requirement of 5,500 hours and program hours amounted to 5,777 hours.
- ✓ In order to comply with the qualification framework of the higher education of dentistry, the goals, objectives and outcomes of courses were revised in all syllabuses and also in the program, the syllabuses were transformed from 6 to 3 competencies.

Other activities carried out by the faculty

- Telemedicine Center at the base of the Faculty of Medicine initiated an elective study course - "Interprofessional telemedicine", for the purposes of the Programs in Medicine and Dentistry. Clinical informatics (telemedicine), which is widely integrated among clinical disciplines in the developed countries of the world, is an interdisciplinary field of medical science that includes the practical and theoretical use of electronic information technologies. Telemedicine plays a decisive role in its main field and transfers all kinds of medical information through telecommunication and computer technologies.
- Within the framework of continuous professional development, the faculty organized a retraining program - "Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation", which is designed for licensed doctors.
- For scientific activities, the Medical Students Scientific Society was created, the board of which includes both Georgian and international students. They organize certain activities and events which are briefly reviewed below:

1. On January 27, 2023, in the Niko Nikoladze conference hall, the presentation of the CIU Medical Students Scientific Society and the screening of the film - "Island of Madmen" took place.

Invited specialist - psychologist, neurofeedback therapist, CIU lecturer, Anano Bubuteishvili.



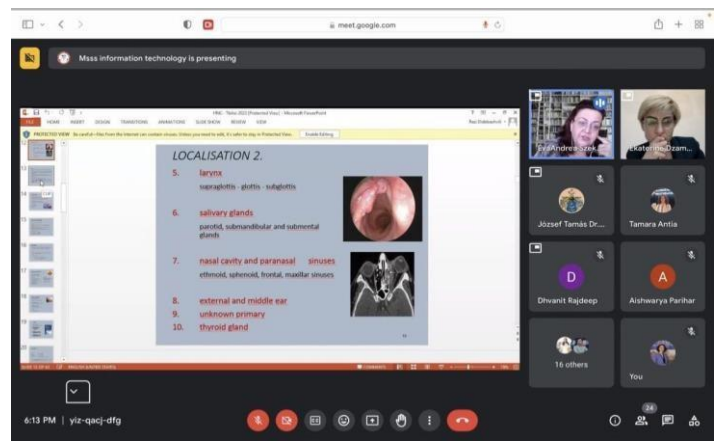
2. On May 8, 2023, an official introductory meeting was held between members of the Medical Students Scientific Society created on the base of the CIU Faculty of Medicine and students.



- On May 13, at Caucasus International University, under the organization of the CIU Medical Students Scientific Society, a joint public lecture of Bidzina Kulumbegovi and Tsothe Samadashvili was held on the topics: "Allergy as a disease of the 21st century" and "Anaphylactic shock - a serious consequence of an allergic reaction".



- On May 23, at 18:00 Georgian time, at the initiative of the CIU Medical Students Scientific Society, with the support of the CIU Faculty of Medicine and by the organization of Ekaterine Dzemelashvili, visiting lecturer of CIU, a public lecture was held on the Google meet online platform on the topics - "Head and neck cancer: etiopathogenesis and modern methods of treatment", "Otolaryngology, head and neck surgery". Invited speakers: Assistant Professor of the University of Debrecen (Hungary) - Eva Szekanec MD, PhD and Associate Professor of the Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery of the University of Debrecen - Tamas Joseph Batta MD, PhD



5. On May 20, 2023, an informative meeting was held at the initiative of the CIU Medical Students Scientific Society, where 4 MSSS members who participated in the exchange program in Castilla La Mancha clinics last year shared their experience with the students, the meeting was held in a question-and-answer mode.

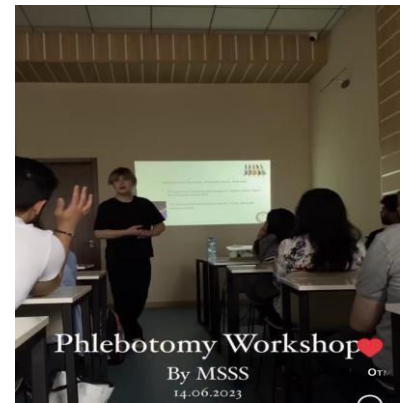


6. On May 27, a Georgian-language workshop was held under the initiative and organization of the CIU Medical Students Scientific Society, entitled: "Interpretation of Arterial Blood Gas (ABG) Results" Invited speaker: anesthesiologist-resuscitator Khatia Beridze

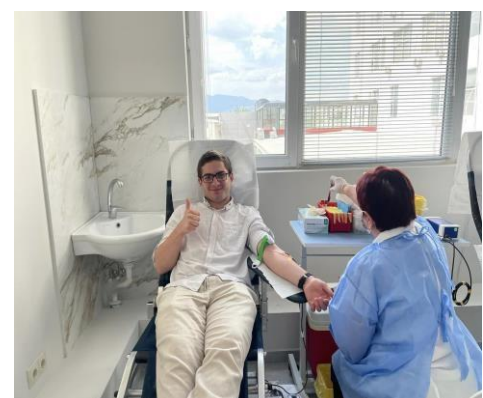


7. CIU Medical Student Scientific Society joins the International Blood Donor Day on June 14. A workshop entitled: "Preanalytics and its Laboratory Design" was held.

The workshop was led by: Lela Pantsulaia - Head of the Laboratory of Mardaleishvili Medical Center, Lecturer of the Faculty of Medicine of the Caucasus International University and Maka Gabidzashvili - Specialist at the Medical Skills Center of the Caucasus International University.



8. On June 15, 2023, the campaign "Donate blood, save life" was held at the Clinical Skills Center of Caucasus International University. The campaign was held through the National Blood Bank, and the academic staff and students of the Caucasus International University took part in it.



9. In the spring of 2023, a cooperation agreement was signed between the Caucasus International University and the Health Service of Castilla-La Mancha. Within the framework of the agreement, students of the Faculty of Medicine were given the opportunity to undergo a one-month practice in the leading clinics of the Castilla-Mancha region. Two clinics were involved in the project - Hospital Comarcal de Alcazar de San Juan and Hospital General Nuestra Señora Del Prado. Students with high academic performance participated in the two-month exchange program:

Students traveled to Spain in two streams:

1. July - Nino Siradze, Nino Bezhanidze, Ani Kvaratskhelia, Nodar Khubierovi, Ani Zenaishvili, Nutsa Makharashvili,
2. August - Tamara Antia, Mariam Kupreishvili, Nino Katamadze, Mariam Tsitsagi, Salome Mgliashvili



10. Salome Tsuleiskiri - 3rd-year student of the Faculty of Medicine took part in the Erasmus+ exchange program at Jozef Galuchowski University of Applied Sciences (Poland)

11. December 1 International AIDS Prevention Day

Speaker: Lika Gubeladze, Associate Professor of Caucasus International University, Doctor of Medicine



12. On December 8, 2023, at the Caucasus International University, on the occasion of World AIDS Day, a public lecture by professor Pati Gabunia, MD, specialist in infectious disease, was held on the topic: of HIV/AIDS achievements and challenges.

13. From December 11 to 18, 2023, a Health Week was held, the topic of which was "Addiction". The sequence of events started on Monday with the opening ceremony.





14. Mariam Shulaia - 6th-year student of the Faculty of Medicine, attended the STARMUS VI festival in Yerevan, Armenia, on September 5-6, fully sponsored by the university.



15. Mariam Shulaia - 6th-year student of the Faculty of Medicine, on October 9-15, attended WINTER SCHOOL within the framework of the joint project of DEGENDORF UNIVERSITY and Caucasus International University



16. Polish biologist and parasitologist MARIA WESOLOWSKA's workshop on parasitology (both theoretical and practical course), at Caucasus International University.



17. Mariam Shulaia - a 6th-year student of the Faculty of Medicine, on January 21, with the support of the university (provision of moulage and other necessary equipment), conducted the workshop "CERVICAL CANCER - PAP TEST", which was organized by the Global Consortium of Medical Education and Research.

Development of cooperation with clinics

A mutual cooperation and affiliation agreement were signed between the Caucasus International University, the corporation - "Evex Clinics" and the "Ghudushauri Clinic", as a result of which the resources of the clinics will be fully utilized and the quality of clinical teaching will be improved.

To date, the university has signed a memorandum of cooperation with 52 multi-profile clinics and medical and pharmaceutical institutions in order to implement the clinical and practical training defined by the educational programs of the medical field.