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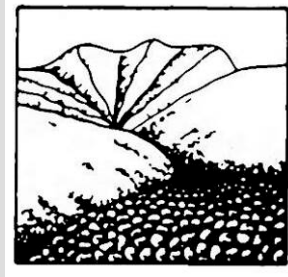
**8<sup>TH</sup> International Conference**

**DEBRIS FLOWS:  
DISASTERS, RISK, FORECAST, PROTECTION**



**Tbilisi, Georgia  
October 6-10, 2025**

<https://www.debrisflow.ru/en/df25/>



The National Academy of Sciences of Georgia, Tsoetne Mirtskhulava Institute of Water Management of Georgian Technical University, Ecocenter for Environmental Protection and the Debris Flow Association invite you and your colleagues to participate in the **8th Conference “Debris Flows: Disasters, Risk, Forecast, Protection”**, which will be held on **October 6-10, 2025, in Tbilisi, Georgia**.

Debris flows in mountainous regions cause significant damage to the economy and often lead to casualties among the population. Since the middle of the 19th century, individual cases of debris flows were studied in Georgia, debris flow hazard maps and debris flow zoning were created, stationary studies were conducted on control watersheds, experiments on debris flow reproduction in a special flume were carried out, debris flow protection structures were developed and constructed.

To solve the debris flow problem, cooperation of experts from different countries is required. One of the forms of such cooperation is the conferences “Debris flows: disasters, risk, forecast, protection”. The conference in Georgia is the eighth and continues a series of conferences held in Pyatigorsk (2008), Moscow (2012), Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk (2014), Irkutsk and Arshan (2016), Tbilisi (2018), and Dushanbe and Khorog (2020; due to pandemic held in a reduced correspondence format), Chengdu (2024).

The conference will be held in the year of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founder of debris flow science Boleslaw Statkowski (1825-1898), the first researcher of debris flows in the Caucasus.

The conference is being held with the participation of Georgia state agencies, institutes and universities from several countries.

The conference sessions will be followed by a two-day field seminar on debris flow basins in Georgia.

## Themes of the conference

The conference focuses on but is not limited to the following topics:

- Regional distribution patterns and impacts of debris flow disasters
- Formation mechanism of debris flow hazards
- Debris flow hazards related to glacial lakes
- Observation and modeling of debris flow hazards
- Monitoring, early warning, and prediction of debris flow hazards
- Risk assessment and disaster mitigation of debris flow
- Disaster chains of landslides and debris flows
- Schools and traditions of debris flow science

## Program of the conference

- Plenary presentations
- Oral presentations
- Poster presentations
- Discussions
- Field seminar in debris flow catchments of Georgia

## Important dates

Deadline for the abstract submission – **May 10, 2025**

Deadline for article submission for conference proceedings – **June 1, 2025**

Deadline for the online payment of participation in the field seminar – **September 1, 2025**

Arrival of participants to Tbilisi and registration – **October 5, 2025**

International Conference – **October 6-8, 2025 (Tbilisi)**

Field seminar – **October 9-10, 2025**

Departure of participants – **October 11, 2025**

## Conference venue

National Academy of Sciences of Georgia, 52 Rustaveli Ave., Tbilisi, Georgia.



View of the city of Tbilisi



National Academy of Sciences of Georgia

## Languages

Working languages of the conference: English, Georgian, Russian.

## Field seminar

The field seminar will consist of two one-day trips on October 9 and 10, 2025 to Kakheti (Alazani River valley near Telavi) and along the Georgian Military Road (Aragvi and Terek River valleys). After the trips the participants will return to Tbilisi.



## Application for participation and abstracts

If you wish to participate in the conference, please fill in the **registration form** on the website: [https://www.debrisflow.ru/df25\\_application\\_form/](https://www.debrisflow.ru/df25_application_form/). Abstracts are also included in the registration form. Also, for convenience, you can use the following link:



## Visas and rules of entry to Georgia



Citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Canada, China, all European Union countries, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, USA, Uzbekistan, and a number of other countries are allowed visa-free entry to Georgia. The list of countries whose citizens are allowed to enter without visas is given at <https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/en/entering-georgia>. For countries with which Georgia has a visa regime it is necessary to obtain a visa.

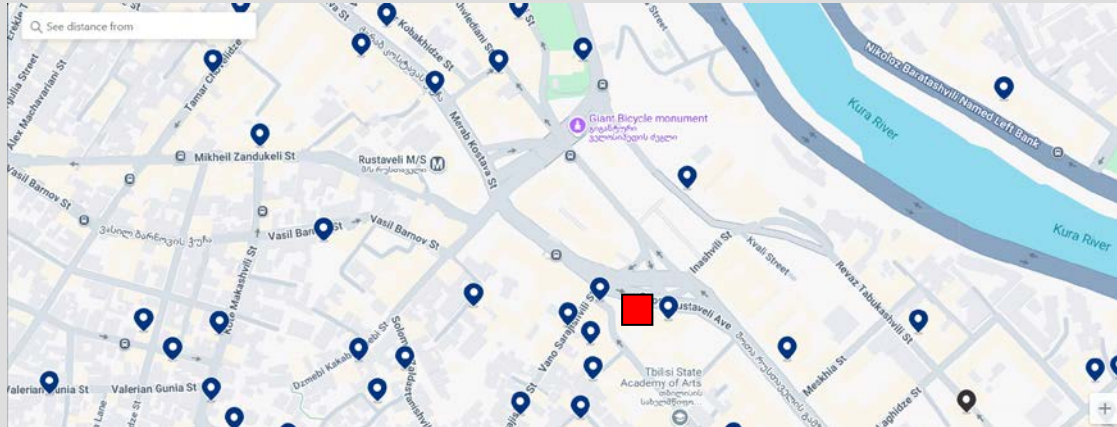
A foreign passport is required to enter Georgia. Shota Rustaveli International Airport is located 15 km east of Tbilisi. The airport receives flights from many cities, including Almaty, Amsterdam, Antalya, Astana, Baku, Delhi, Doha, Dubai, Geneva, Istanbul, Jeddah, Kuwait, Leipzig, Moscow, Munich, Paris, Riyadh, Sharjah, Tehran, Urumqi, Vienna, Warsaw, Yerevan. Buses and shuttle buses run from the airport to the nearest metro station.

Automobile border crossings are available at the borders with Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Turkey.

## Accommodation

Conference participants will pay for their own accommodation. Tbilisi has many hotels and apartments of different levels of comfort and cost.

Some hotels near the conference venue: The Biltmore Tbilisi\*\*\*\*\*, Radius Hotel Tbilisi\*\*\*\*\*, Royal Tulip Tbilisi\*\*\*\*\*.



The conference venue on the map of Tbilisi city center is marked with a red square icon. Dark blue icons are hotels and apartments around. The entrance to the metro station “Rustaveli” is 20 m from the building of the National Academy of Sciences of Georgia.

## Conference Proceedings

We plan to publish the proceedings of the conference. We accept original, previously unpublished articles. Articles should contain no more than 30,000 characters with spaces. Articles should be relevant to the conference theme.

The text of the article for the conference proceedings should be divided into sections: introduction, brief overview of the problem, methods, data, analysis, conclusions, acknowledgements and references. Pages should not be numbered. Page size - A4; text editor MS Word, single spacing. Font Times New Roman.

The following information is given at the beginning of the article (each paragraph on a new line):

### **Title**

### **Authors (initials and surnames)**

*Organization, city, country; e-mail (for corresponding author)*

**Abstract:** (not more than 250 words)

**Keywords:**

Next comes the main text of the article. It is desirable to divide it into sections.

Headings of the first level are in **bold**. Headings of the second level are *italicized*.

Figures (graphs, photos) should be placed in the text of the article, with numbers and captions. Figures should be clear and easy to read. In the electronic version of the collection the figures will be published in color format, in the printed version - in black and white.

Tables should be placed in the text of the article. The number and title of the table should be placed above the table. Equations should be numbered. Reference to the equation number is given in the text in parentheses. Letter designations and abbreviations should be deciphered when first mentioned. Measurement units are given in the International System of Units.

References to cited publications are given in italics in square brackets with the surname of the first author and the year of publication [*Yablokov, 2009; Schroder et al., 2010*]. The reference list should be given at the end of the article and should be in alphabetical order.

The file name consists of the surname and initials of the first author and should be typed in Latin letters, for example, ivanov\_a\_b.doc.

All articles should be submitted to the Organizing Committee for approval.

Please send articles to: [debrisflow.sel@gmail.com](mailto:debrisflow.sel@gmail.com). Please write in the subject line: **DF25: article (authors' surnames)**.

The deadline for submission of articles is **June 1, 2025**. Authors will be notified when articles are accepted. We plan to prepare the proceedings before the opening of the conference.

## Poster presentations

Posters for poster presentations are designed in A0 format in vertical orientation.

## Boleslaw Statkowski



The conference is timed to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Boleslaw Statkowski, the first researcher of debris flows in the Caucasus, head of the Caucasian Road district, author of the books "Investigations of the periodic Kazbek blockages", "About floods" and "Problèmes de la Climatologie de Caucase".

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## Registration fee

The **registration fee for participation in the conference is 150 USD**. The fee for undergraduate and postgraduate students is **75 USD**. The fee includes the publication of materials in the Proceedings of the Conference, a package of information materials, participation in the gala buffet reception, tea and coffee during breaks between sessions during 3 days, payment of translators' services and other organizational expenses.

The **fee for participation in the field seminar** on October 9 and 10, 2025 is **150 USD**. The payment includes transportation costs and meals during the trips.

**Requisites** for payment (in US dollars):

INTERMEDIARY: CITIBANK N.A.  
NEW YORK, USA  
SWIFT: CITIUS33  
ABA: 021000089

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SWIFT: TBCBGE22

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Purpose of payment: Participation in seminar, excursion fee for participant (first name, last name).

Instead of first name, last name, insert the participant's first name and surname. You can combine payments for several participants in one bank transfer. In this case, specify the names and surnames of all participants for whom the payment is made in the purpose of payment.

After sending, please report the payment and send a copy of the payment document to [debrisflow.sel@gmail.com](mailto:debrisflow.sel@gmail.com). This will allow to identify your payment and confirm its receipt by the Organizing Committee.

The deadline for sending payments is not later than **September 1, 2025**. The Organizing Committee strongly recommends sending the payment in advance.

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The Organizing Committee offers organizations an additional opportunity – sponsorship and participation in the exhibition related to the subject of debris flow studies and mitigation.

Organizations interested in sponsorship and/or exhibition package can contact Elena Savernyuk after May 10, 2025 for detailed information:  
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*We look forward to seeing you at the conference!*