

VII European Forum on Historic Gardens

# “A Europe of United Gardens”

hosted by the Zugdidi Botanical Gardens



Dadiani Historic  
Architectural Museum Hall  
(Zugdidi, Georgia)

May 29th to 30th, 2024



European Route of  
Historic Gardens

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# DAY 1 WEDNESDAY

MAY 29<sup>th</sup>

9.00-18.00

## VII EUROPEAN FORUM ON HISTORIC GARDENS «A EUROPE OF UNITED GARDENS»

Venue: Dadiani Historical-Architectural Museum Hall.

Conducted by **Veriko Rapava**, manager of logistic proceedings at Zugdidi Botanical Garden

8.30-9.00 **REGISTRATION**

Forum venue.

9.00-9.30 **OFFICIAL OPENING  
OF THE FORUM**

**Mamuka Tshotseria**, Mayor of Zugdidi Municipality  
**Shalva Agumaya**, director, Zugdidi Botanical Gardens  
**Lukasz Przybylak**, acting president, European Route of Historic Gardens.

9.30-14.30 **GENERAL CONFERENCE:  
“HISTORIC GARDENS AT THE  
THRESHOLD OF THE NEW  
CENTURIES: SANCTUARIES OF  
TRADITION OR EXPERIMENTAL  
FIELDS OF EXPLORATION?”**

Lectures by European Historic Gardens' representatives.

9.30-9.50

**Implementation of large-scale (100 or more participants) projects on the basis of objects with the status of cultural heritage - “Christmas ball in Dadiani palace” - on the example of the project”**

**Anzor Okujava**, director, Historical and Architectural Museum of Dadiani Palaces and **Sophio Kobakhidze**, curator of educational projects & first category certified English guide, Historical and Architectural Museum of Dadiani Palaces, Georgia.

9.50-10.10

**Sophiivka: union of art and science**, by **Iryna Denysko**, senior researcher, National Dendrological Park Sofiyivka, National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine.

10:10-10:30

**National Botanical Garden of Georgia – Historic Mission and Impact across Centuries** by **Irina Danelia**, director, National Botanical Garden of Georgia and **Tinatin Barblishvili**, deputy director, National Botanical Garden of Georgia, Georgia.

10.30-11.00

**Coffee break**

11.00-11.20

**Challenges and concerns, research endeavours, and results in the conservation and management of historic gardens in Romania**,

by **Alexandru Mexi**, researcher, Department of World Heritage, National Heritage Institute of Romania, Romania.



11.20-11.40

**Batumi Boulevard on the trace of the 143 years history,**

by **Lasha Mikeladze**, director,  
Batumi Boulevard, Georgia.

11.40-12.00

**Historic Gardens as specific sites of landscape architecture education,**

by **Albert Fekete**, curator, Hungarian Garden Heritage Foundation and director, Institute of Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning and Garden Art, MATE, Hungary.

12.00-12.20

**Tradition and experiment in contemporary orangery culture in Polish historic garden,**

by **Katarzyna Hodor**, assistant professor, Chair of Landscape Architecture, Cracow University of Technology and **Jacek Kuśmierski**, historic gardens specialist, Museum of King Jan III's Palace at Wilanów, Poland (online).

12.20-12.40

**Refunctionalization project of the ancient greenhouses**

by **Viola Paola**, salvaguarda e valorizzazione del complesso del parco, Reggia Di Caserta, Italy (online).

12.40-13.00

**The Gardens in Complex Times,**

by **Maria Adriana Giusti**, full professor of restoration of historic gardens, scientific curator of historic Garzoni garden, Italy (online).

13.00-13.30

Questions and answers.

13.30-15.00

**Lunch at Dadani Palace hall**

15.00-18.00 **PANEL PRESENTATION.**

**"HISTORIC GARDENS UNITED IN CHALLENGES: PESTS AND DISEASES"**

15.00-15.15

**A rare species of dendroflora of Kutaisi Botanical Garden, pests and diseases of endemic plants,**

by **Marina Kutsia**, deputy director, Kutaisi Botanical Garden, Georgia.

15.15-15.30

**Sustainability practices in combating disease and pest problems in historical gardens,**

by **Emine Atalay Seçen**, landscape architect, Directorate of National Palaces of the Republic of Türkiye, Turkey.

15.30-15.45

**Preliminary observations on the occurrence of diseases and pests on fruit trees in the gardens of Nieborów,**

by **Katarzyna Żak-Zatorska**, head of the garden department, branch of the Museum in Nieborów and Arkadia, National Museum in Warsaw, **Małgorzata Sekrecka**, entomologist, and **Hubert Głos**, phytopathologist, Institute of Horticulture in Skierniewice, Poland.

15.45-16.00

**Measures to fight pests and diseases of woody plants in Zugdidi Botanical Garden**

by **Tamar Zarandia**, agronomist, Zugdidi Botanical Garden, Georgia.

16.00-16.30

**Coffee break**

16.30-16.45

**Biodiversity of Kolkheti National Park,**

by **Khatuna Katsarava**, head of administrative division, Kolkheti National Park Administration, Kolkheti National Park, Georgia.

16.45-17.00

**Thuja diseases and their control in the urban greening,**

by **Mzia Beruashvili**, principal investigator, Agrarian University, Georgia and

**Nani Goginashvili**, principal investigator, Agrarian University, Georgia.

17.00-17.15

**Challenges of plant protection in the baroque garden of Eszterháza**, by **Ágnes Balogh**, Eszterházy Castle Garden, Fertőd. Hungary (online).

17.15-17.30

**Historic gardens of eastern Georgia facing to climate change – threats and challenges,**

by **Natalia Kharabadze**, researcher, Plant Protection Laboratory of the National Botanical Garden of Georgia, Plant Introduction and Collection Management Department, Georgia.

17.30-18.00

Questions and answers and closing.

18.00-19.00

**Visit to Dadiani Palace**

All Annual Forum attendees.

20.00-22.30 **ERHG OFFICIAL DINNER**

[Only for partners](#)

Venue: Samefo Restaurant  
Transfer to the venue will be arranged by Zugdidi Botanical Garden.

## DAY 2 THURSDAY

MAY 30<sup>th</sup>

### ERHG GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Venue: Zugdidi Botanical Garden  
Gamsakhurdia ave. N 1

9.00-11.30 **ERHG GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

9.00-9.30

Extraordinary General Assembly.

9.30-11.00

Ordinary General Assembly.

11.00-11.30

Handing out diplomas for partners who entered in may 2023.

[Only for partners](#)

11.30-12.00 **Coffee break**

12.00-13.30 **Guided visit to Zugdidi Gardens**

[All Annual Forum attendees](#)

14.00

**Lunch at Café Botánico, Zugdidi Botanical Garden**

[All Annual Forum attendees](#)





## Emine Atalay Seçen

**Ph.D. Landscape Architect, National Palaces Administration of the Republic of Turkey, Istanbul**

Emine Atalay Seçen graduated from Ankara University, Department of Landscape Architecture in 2000. Between the years 2000-2004, she worked in the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye. Dr. Atalay Seçen graduated from Ankara University, Institute of Natural and Applied Sciences, Department of Landscape Architecture in 2004 with a Master's degree and Ph.D. (Thesis Title: 19th Century Design Principles of Dolmabahçe Palace and Bayildim Gardens and its Plant Restitution) in 2011. During her doctoral studies, she also started working as a landscape architect at the National Palaces Administration and continues to work on the maintenance and restoration of historical gardens. Her main areas of interest are historical landscapes design of Ottoman palace gardens, its plant and architectural elements. Although she has publications on these subjects, she continues her research.



## Ágnes Balogh

**Landscape Architect, Eszterháza Nonprofit LLC, Fertőd**

Ms Ágnes Balogh (MSc in landscape architecture, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Budapest, 1997; Executive Master of Business Administration, Corvinus University of Budapest, 2023) is a landscape architect with two and a half decades of experience. She has gained complex knowledge in landscape design, construction and maintenance of private gardens and public spaces. As a practicing expert she manages her own micro company since 2003 undertaking landscape design and green area construction. She is based near Lake Balaton, one of the most popular tourist destinations of Hungary, she designed and conducted the plantings of annual flowerbeds of the Tagore Promenade at Balatonfüred (2005-2009) and received a certificate of appreciation from the Municipality for her work in public space renewal and urban development. Between 2019 and 2023 she managed the maintenance of prominent historical gardens (Dég, Bajna, Tata, Nádasdudány) as part of the National Castle Program of the Hungarian Government. As chief landscape architect of, Eszterházy Castle at Fertőd since 2023, Ágnes is devoted to the sustainable and efficient management of the historic castle garden. She is a member of Chamber of Hungarian Architects.



## Tinatin Barblishvili

**Deputy Director of National Botanical Garden of Georgia (NBGG)**

Plant physiologist, botanist, PhD in Biology. Deputy Director of National Botanical Garden of Georgia since 2016 (Science, Collections, Education). Researcher at the Niko Ketskhoveli Institute of Botany and NBGG (1994-2016). Worked on Documentation of the collection of Georgian crops germplasm preserved at the Institute for Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research (IPK), Gatersleben, Germany (2005). Author of more than 20 publications on the subject of photosynthesis, plant conservation, plant genetic resources, seed biology, ethnobotany. Since 2007 until present participant of a number of international projects in cooperation with Millennium Seed Bank Partnership, RBG, Kew, UK (Saving the Flora of Caucasus, Global Tree Seed Project for the Caucasus, Threatened Biodiversity Hotspot Programme and others) and Botanical Garden Conservation International (BGCI), aimed at ex and in situ Conservation of threatened tree species of Georgia. Participant of the landscape masterplan preparation project for NBGG (2018-2019) and Vake Park, Tbilisi (2019) led by the British landscape company CBA (Chris Blandford and Associates).



## Mzia Beruashvili

**Doctor of Agriculture (PhD), Chief Specialist of the LEPL Scientific Research Center of Agriculture, invited Professor of the Agrarian University, Specialist in Plant Protection, Phytopathologist.**

She has a long experience in plant pests research and biological protection; participated in 4 projects of Shota Rustaveli Scientific Foundation in this direction:

- The 19th-century mycological herbarium and a live collection of micromycetes strains and prospects for maintaining and renovating FR/571/7-120/14;
- Development of innovative methods in organic viticulture #216934;
- Promotion of production of bio nuts with environmentally safe, innovative methods FR17\_581;
- Dictionary of pests and diseases of agricultural and forestry crops, SP-21-609.

Mzia Beruashvili has published 97 scientific and scientific-popular works related to plant pests and diseases, their biological protection and organic agriculture. She is the author of the textbooks "Plant Protection" and "Biological Farming" published within the framework of the joint project of the Center for Educational Quality Enhancement and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). She has participated in many international conferences and forums.



## Irine Danelia

**Director of National Botanical Garden of Georgia (NBGG)**

Botanist, geneticist, PhD in Biological Sciences, Professor of the Georgian Technical University (Faculty of Agricultural Science and Biosystems Engineering). As a Director manages NBGG since 2021. Educational and scientific research activities at GTU since the establishment of the faculty (2014) until now. Leads courses in Forest Botany, Plant Morphology, Anatomy, Physiology, Plant Genetics and Breeding at MSc and BSc levels. Long-term research experience at the Institute of Botany of Georgia. Field of interests: Plant Systematics, Genetics, Plant Protection, Plant Conservation. Irine Danelia has been conducted research over the last 20 years, which results are presented in more than 20 publications in highly rated scientific journals. Vast experience of several international cooperation teaching and research programmes (University of Palermo UNIPA (Italy), Poznan University of Life Sciences (Poland) – within Erasmus+ staff exchange programme). Involvement in various projects: Landscape restoration and development of recreational infrastructure in Tbilisi Urban Forest (2020-2022). Project Donor: Development and Environment Fund; Threatened Biodiversity Hotspot Programme (2021-2022). Project Donor: Royal Botanic Gardens (Kew) UK, Millennium Seed Bank Partnership MSBP.



## Iryna Denysko

**Senior researcher, National Dendrological Park Sofiyivka, National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine.**

Iryna Denysko graduated from Pavlo Tychyna Uman State Pedagogical University (1996), majoring in biology; Candidate of Biological Sciences. She has been working at the National Dendrological Park "Sofiyivka" of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine since 2002. The main direction of scientific research is biology of roses and introduction them in urban areas in the natural and climatic conditions of the Right-Bank Forest-Steppe of Ukraine. She is a laureate of the M.M. Grishko Prize in the field of plant introduction. I. Denysko is engaged in the preparation of documentation for the entry of "Sofiyivka" into the UNESCO World Heritage List, as well as in maintaining relations with foreign institutions. She is a member of the Academic Council of the park.



## Albert Fekete

**Curator at the Hungarian Garden Heritage Foundation and director at the Institute of Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning and Garden Art, MATE**

Graduated Landscape Architect, Head of the Institute of Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning and Garden Art Budapest, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, founder and curator of Hungarian Garden Heritage Foundation. Doctor in Landscape Architecture (PhD) and in Architecture (DLA), researcher, teacher, guest lecturer in several European and overseas universities, licenced landscape architect and licensed for renovation of heritage sites, with international design experiences. Founder and owner since 2000 of the Lépték Terv Landscape Office in Budapest and since 2007 of the AB PLAN Design Office in Romania. Leader or co-author of more than 70 realized landscape projects related mainly to heritage site preservation in Hungary, Romania, Germany, Holland and Spain. Awarded among others in 14 design competitions and winner of several national and international professional recognitions, for instance the „Landscape Architect of the Year” prize in Hungary in 2012 and 2017, and the Europa Nostra Award in Research category, in 2014. Vice president of the Hungarian Association of Landscape Architects (HALA) and national delegate of the HALA in IFLA Europe.



## Maria Adriana Giusti

Full professor of restoration of historic gardens.  
Scientific curator of the Historic Garzoni Garden

Full Professor of Restoration in retirement at the Polytechnic of Turin, where she teaches restoration of gardens in the degree course in landscape architecture; member of the "International Experts Network on Cultural and Natural Heritage" (Campus of Excellence in Cultural and Natural Heritage, Andalusia); Foreign Honorary Professor, Xi'an Jiaotong University (China); scientific curator of the Garzoni Garden in Collodi and of the PNRR on the restoration of the same garden; member of the Board of Directors of the National Carlo Collodi Foundation; Professor of history and restoration of gardens, Máster Oficial en heritage histórico y cultural, University of Huelva (Spain); Professor of History of Landscapes and Gardens, School of Specialization in Architectural and Landscape Heritage, University of Florence and Ferrara; she is the founding president of the Verzieri Toscani Garden Club and vice president of the Italian Garden Union (UGAI); she collaborates with APGI in the development of the Garden Lexicon; she is member and curator of various editorial scientific committees.

Prof. Giusti is the author of over three hundred publications, including: *Restauro dei giardini europei. Storia e teorie*, University Press, Firenze (forthcoming); *Les jardins viennois des symphonies éternelles*, "Jardins", n.11, 2022, pp.39-43; Maria Adriana Giusti, Chiara Santini, Susanna Caccia Gherardini, eds., 1981-2021. *Giardini storici. Esperienze, ricerca, prospettive a 40 anni dalle Carte di Firenze*, "Restauro archeologico", University Press, Firenze, 2021; *Giardini lucchesi. Il teatro della natura dalla città alla campagna*, Publied, Lucca, 2017 (English and French trans.); *Materials and symbols. Garden vs Landscape*, ETS, Pisa 2010.



## Nani Goginashvili

Nani Goginashvili is Doctor in agricultural sciences, associate professor, biologist.

She has 35 years of experience working at a V.Guliashvili Forest Research Institute. The main directions of her research are: plant genetic resources, non-timber forest products, planning of agroforestry measures and forest entomology. Several national and international projects were implemented under her leadership. Methods of evaluation of non-timber forest resources (NTFPs) and rules for determining exploitation stock was elaborated by her.

At present, she is head of the Research Division of Agroforestry Cultures of the Scientific Research Center of Agriculture, under her leadership since 2015, a living collection of forest species has been established on the Dzhigaura base of the Scientific Research Center of Agriculture, where more than 100 species are grown.

In 2013, by her leadership the international conference "Modern Challenges of Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus" was organized. She also works as a lecturer at the Forestry Faculty of the Agricultural University of Georgia. She is the author of more than 90 scientific articles, brochures, monographs, books, dictionaries. She is a participant of several international conferences and congresses.



## Hubert Głós

Phytopathologist. National Institute of Horticultural Research, Department of Plant Protection, Skierniewice, Poland

Hubert Głós - phytopathologist, conducts research in the scope of plant protection against fungal diseases, checking the effectiveness of plant protection products, developing and improving fruit plant protection programmes and possibilities to reduce the use of plant protection products. Specialization in bark and wood diseases as well as fruit storage diseases. Head of many registration and implementation studies of plant protection products, contractor of research projects at developing new solutions in the field of plant protection against diseases. (<https://orcid.org/0000-0001-8999-8089>)



## Katarzyna Hodor

Architect and Assistant Professor at the Chair of Landscape Architecture, Cracow University of Technology

D.Sc. Ph.D. Arch. Katarzyna Hodor, Prof. PK is an academic specializing in landscape architecture, serves as a Professor and member of the Senate of the Cracow University of Technology. In 2008 she defended her Ph.D. dissertation with distinction on *The influence of suburban manor houses and their gardens on the landscape of the microregion of the Krzeszowicki through*, under the supervision of Full Prof. D.Sc. Ph.D. Arch. Anna Mitkowska. Throughout her scientific career, Prof. Hodor has conducted research focused on identity and cultural heritage in relation to sacred landscapes and the revalorization of historic gardens, villages, and towns. She has collaborated with organizations such as ICOMOS, IFLA, and the Ministry of the Interior, Sports, and Infrastructure of Rhineland-Palatinate. An accomplished author, she has published numerous works on landscape protection and revalorization. Her book, *The Riformati monks in the Lesser Poland Province towns from the 17th to the 18th century and their influence on shaping cultural landscapes*, received recognition from the General Conservator of Monuments and the Association of Monument Conservators – Poland (SKZ). Prof. Hodor serves also as the Landscape Architecture Section editor in the „Space-Urbanism-Architecture” magazine and as a guest editor in the „Sustainability” and „Land” magazines. She is the main organizer of the Conference in the series of garden art and historical dendrology in Cracow and a member of several organizations: the Polish National Committee of International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS Poland), the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), the Association of Polish Landscape Architects (SPAK), the Association of Landscape Architecture – Poland (SAK).



## Khatuna Katsarava

Head of administrative division, Kolkheti National Park Administration, Kolkheti National Park, Georgia.

Khatuna Katsarava has been working as a head of administrative division in Kolkheti National Park Administration since 2008. At the same time she is founder and director of Kolkheti National Park Friends Association (since 2016). The association with the financial support of different donor organizations (APM Terminal, US Embassy in Georgia, Peace Corps) implemented several Eco educational projects for youth of Samegrelo and Guria regions (“Kolkheti National Park Youth Ambassadors”, “Kolkheti Volunteers”, “Girls’ Birdwatching camps”, “Eco Camps”, Wild photography trainings, etc). During 16 years of her working experience in Kolkheti National Park Administration she has been involved in implementation of various projects and activities carried out at site. She has good experience in project design and management.

Khatuna Katsarava has experience working with national and international organizations and research institutions such as Wageningen University and Research (The Netherlands), Georgian National Tourism Administration, Department of Tourism and Resorts of Ajara, The United States Peace Corps, Fauna and Flora International (FFI), Caucasus Environmental NGO Network (CENN). She was International volunteer in Point Reyes National Seashore, CA in 2010 (February-April). Khatuna Katsarava holds a BA in foreign languages from I Javakhsvili State University and MA in Economics and Management, from the Kutaisi Technical University.



## Natalia Kharabadze

Doctor of Agricultural Sciences, Plant Protection specialist.

Researcher at the Plant Protection Laboratory of the National Botanical Garden of Georgia, Plant Introduction and Collection Management Department. Invited lecturer at the Agrarian University of Georgia. She completed her doctoral thesis within the framework of the structural doctoral program “Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems” of the Agricultural University of Georgia and Kassel University. The title of her dissertation topic is “Bio-ecological Characteristics and Biological Control of *Halyomorpha halys* (Stål, 1855) (Heteroptera: Pentatomidae) in Georgia”. She is the co-author of 9 publications and has participated in 7 international conferences.



## Sophio Kobakhidze

**Curator of educational projects & first category certified English guide, Historical and Architectural Museum of Dadiani Palaces, Georgia.**

Sophio Kobakhidze graduated from Zugdidi Branch Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University Main Course. She has a Degree of Bachelor of Philology in the speciality of English. She worked as an English teacher at the Prince Murat Georgian French College and was a volunteer at the International Committee of red cross. From 2007 up to present date, she is working at the Historical Architectural Museum of Dadiani palaces. She is an English Language Guide and curator of educational projects. From 2022, she is certified first category guide.



## Jacek Kuśmierski

**Historic Gardens Specialist of the Museum of King Jan III's Palace at Wilanów and Independent Collaborator of the European Route of Historic Gardens**

Jacek is a historic gardens specialist, currently employed at the Museum of King Jan III's Palace at Wilanów, Warsaw. Vice-chair of the Eduard Petzold Foundation and co-founder of the Eduard Petzold European Centre for Garden Art, which will be the first garden museum in Poland. He is studying at Cracow University of Technology and conducting research for his doctoral dissertation on the exotic plant collections restoration in historic gardens. Previously, he earned a master's degree in landscape architecture and postgraduate diplomas in museum studies, cultural diplomacy and cultural management at leading universities in Poland. Author of books: *Oriental paradise: Turkish influence in the Polish gardens* (2023), *A Europe of united gardens: the role of the European Route of Historic Gardens in the implementation of the cultural policy of the European Union* (2021), *Hortuseum: musealisation of the European gardens in the twenty-first century* (2020). He is an independent collaborator of the European Route of Historic Gardens (ERHG) and member of several organizations such as: the Polish National Committee of International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS Poland), the International Council of Museums (ICOM Poland), the Association of Monument Conservators – Poland (SKZ), the Association of Landscape Architecture – Poland (SAK) and the Association of Polish Architects (SARP). His interests focus on cultural history of gardens, protection and conservation of historic gardens, heritage interpretation and garden tourism.



## Marina Kutsia

**AAP. Branch of the Union of Cultural, Artistic and Educational Institutions of the City of Kutaisi Botanical Garden, deputy director. The degree of a Candidate of sciences Agricultural, ATSU Agricultural Academic Doctor.**

1992-1997 has finished Georgian State Institute of Subtropical Agriculture, Specialty-Plant protection, Qualification-An Agricultural biologist. has finished L.Kanchaveli Georgian, research institute of Plant protection Specialty-Plant protection, Qualification- The degree of a Candidate of sciences Agricultural.

1999-2011 was working-Georgian State Institute of Subtropical Agriculture, Agrobiologia Sciences Department. 2011-2024 works -Akaki Tsereteli State University, Agrarian Faculty, Subtropical crops and Landscape Architecture Department, Associate professor. 2018-2024 works -AAP. Branch of the Union of Cultural, Artistic and Educational Institutions of the City of Kutaisi Botanical Garden, deputy director.

Has published 35 scientific work, One auxiliary manual and five lecture courses have been published. She is an associate member of the Georgian Academy of Environmental Sciences. She has a husband and a son.



## Alexandru Mexi

PhD, landscape architect, researcher at the National Institute of Heritage – Department of World Heritage (Romania) and assistant professor at the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in Bucharest – Department of Landscape Architecture

Alexandru Mexi is a landscape architect, master and PhD in cultural studies. He is employed as researcher at the Department of World Heritage within the National Institute of Heritage in Romania and holds the position of associate professor at the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in Bucharest - Department of Landscape Architecture. At the university, he imparts knowledge on garden and landscape history, conservation, restoration, management, and enhancement. He is also a certified specialist by the Romanian Ministry of Culture in the field of preservation of historic monuments and cultural landscapes.

Over the years, Alexandru Mexi has contributed to national and international cultural and research projects focused on historic gardens and cultural landscapes. He has also developed projects for the conservation, restoration, management, monitoring, and/or enhancement of historic listed public parks and private gardens, cultural landscapes, as well as UNESCO World Heritage sites in Romania. In 2019 he has initiated the first garden restoration summer school in Romania (at the Cantacuzino Domain at Florești, Prahova county), an annual interdisciplinary program dedicated exclusively to garden heritage. In 2017, he authored a book on the royal gardens and cultural landscape at Sinaia, which is anticipated to be included this year in the Romanian World Heritage Tentative List. He has also published scientific papers and chapters in collective volumes on landscape architecture, historic gardens, and cultural landscapes, both domestically and internationally. Active in professional organizations and NGOs related to cultural heritage, landscape, and environment, Alexandru Mexi is a member of bodies such as ICOMOS Romania and the Romanian Landscape Architect's Association. He also serves in the Executive Committee of the European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools since 2018.



## Lasha Mikeladze

Director of Batumi Boulevard, Georgia

Lasha Mikeladze graduated from high school with honors and continued his studies at Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University. In 2013 he graduated from the Faculty of Ecology and Natural Sciences with a bachelor's degree. In 2015, at the A. Tsereteli State University, he was granted a master's degree in ecology, and in 2017 in biology. Since 2020 he has been a doctoral candidate in the field of agroecology.

Since 2011, he has many years of work experience in leading positions in private and public agencies. Among them: Batumi Waters LLC, Agroservice Center N(N)LE, Batumi Greening Service N(N)LE, Batumi Botanical Garden N(N)LE. During the same period, he actively participated in various scientific conferences, as well as in local and international trainings on environmental protection and ecology issues. Since 2022, he has been the director of Batumi Boulevard LEPL.



## Anzor Okujava

Director, Historical and Architectural Museum of Dadiani Palaces

Anzor Okujava graduated in 2000 from the Russian-Georgian educational center. He studied at the Moscow State Academy, Faculty of Finance and Banking and at Tbilisi State University of Economic Relations, Finance and Banking (master's degree). During several years he worked at Liberty Bank in various positions. From 2019 to 2020, he was the head of the folk and applied art department of the Palace of Arts in Tbilisi and in 2021 he started working in the Historical-Architectural Museum of the Dadiani palaces as a curator of the palace of Prince Niko Dadiani. From 2022 up to present date, he is the director of the Historical-Architectural Museum of Dadiani palaces.



## Małgorzata Sekrecka

Entomologist. National Institute of Horticultural Research, Department of Plant Protection, Skierniewice, Poland

Małgorzata Sekrecka – PhD in Agricultural Sciences, entomologist, scientific worker in Department of Plant Protection, National Institute of Horticulture Research, Skierniewice, Poland.

The main goal of her research:

- occurrence of pests and beneficial fauna in orchards and soft fruit plantations,
- biological, integrated and ecological plant protection methods
- biological effectiveness of plant protection products and their impact on non-target organisms.

She also takes part in the implementation of national and international research projects. She is the author or co-author of several dozen scientific publications, popular science articles, chapters in two books.



## Paola Viola

### Salvaguarda e Valorizzazione del Complesso del Parco, Reggia di Caserta

Graduated in Conservation of Cultural and Environmental Heritage, since 2000 she has worked at Reggia di Caserta - Ministry of Culture - at the Conservation and Enhancement Service of Gardens. She deals with the technical-scientific activities relating to the care and enhancement of the environmental and landscape heritage of the Royal Palace of Caserta. She takes care of the educational and information activities relating to the Historical Park and the English Garden and the tactile and olfactory paths. Contact person for collaboration and research activities with Universities, Public Offices and National Scientific Institutions (ARPA, CNR etc.) aimed at the conservation of the plant heritage, with particular regard to monumental trees and historical collections, phytosanitary control and increase of plant specimens through the reproduction of ancient plants and valuable specimens, in order to preserve the ancient genetic makeup and the original physiological and ornamental characteristics.

Referent of the relations between the Reggia di Caserta and the National and International Associations active in the field of protection and promotion of the Gardens. Follows the activities of the Reggia di Caserta for the *Green Table of the Museums*, in which the main Italian museums with important historical gardens participate. She holds University Masters in the management of ornamental greenery and is currently a PhD student at the University of Bologna with a research project relating to the management of historic gardens. She has produced scientific publications, articles in specialist journals and she has participated in study days and conferences on the theme of ornamental greenery and historic gardens.



## Katarzyna Żak-Zatorska

### Head of the Garden Department. National Museum in Warsaw, Branch of the Museum in Nieborów and Arkadia, Nieborów, Poland

Graduated of the Faculty of Landscape Architecture of the Cracow University of Technology (2007). In 2009, she graduated with honors from the Postgraduate Studies in Interior Architecture and Industrial Design of the Silesian University of Technology in Gliwice, Faculty of Architecture. She completed postgraduate studies at the Faculty of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences (2011), major: the Faculty of Protection and Conservation of Historic Garden Assumptions.

For 7 years she worked in design office, cooperating with architects, contractors and public institutions. She has experience in managing investment processes.

As a Head of the Garden Department since 2017, employed at the National Museum in Warsaw, branch of the Museum in Nieborów and Arkadia. She is responsible for the 17th century baroque garden complex in Nieborów and the 18th century sentimental and romantic garden in Arkadia. The author of numerous projects for dendrological inventory. A garden researcher, passionate about utility gardens and historic walled kitchen gardens.



## Tamar Zarandia

### Agronomist, Zugdidi Botanical Garden, Georgia

Tamar Zarandia graduated from the public school of Jikhashkari village and became a student of Zugdidi Independent University. From 1996 to 2016, she has been working as a biology teacher at Jikhashkari public school N2. At the same time, she was studying for a post-graduate course and later became a doctoral student of Agrarian University. Since 2015, she has been working as a manager of agricultural programs, as an agroconsultant, in Agrohouse.

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# INFORMATIONS

## REGISTRATION

Please,  
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to attend the annual  
forum online

## ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

- The Annual Forum will be held online and in person
- Lectures will be held in English

## ATTENDANCE

### ATTENDANCE IN PERSON:

- Free

### ONLINE ATTENDANCE:

- A meeting link will be sent ahead of time to all registered online assistants





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