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Dear Colleagues,

welcome to the Second Circular of the 26th Limes Congress!

As you prepare for this exciting event, we're here to make your journey to Batumi easier. Let's start with travel arrangements. Whether you're flying in or using other means of transportation, we provide comprehensive guidance to reach this beautiful destination.

Regarding accomodation, while the LC XXVI Batumi is not associated with any hotel, we have prepared a list potential places for you to stay at in Batumi, with comments on their prices and distance from the conference halls.

Exciting news for those under 35 years of age in need of financial assistance: scholarships are available. Look out for application details in this Circular.

And there's more! Elevate your Congress experience with our engaging pre- and post-excursions, showcasing the region's cultural and natural wonders.

Stay tuned for updates in upcoming circulars. We look forward to welcoming you to Batumi for the 26th Limes Congress.

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1. Getting to Batumi

The major gateway airports to Georgia are the capital **Tbilisi** (TBS) and the country's second largest city of **Kutaisi** (KUT). The airports are roughly a 4-hour drive away (270km). A third option at **Batumi** (BUS) situated in the southwest of the country offers limited scheduled flights mainly from eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Access to Batumi:

Kutaisi-Batumi – there is a Georgian bus from the airport (approx. 25 lari) adjusted to the landing hours of planes. The bus stops in Batumi near the Radisson hotel, where you can take a TAXI/UBER/BOLT (approx. 10-20 GEL), or take a local bus or simply walk.

Tbilisi-Batumi – there are regular buses (METRO Georgia – <http://metrogeorgia.ge>; Georgian Bus – <https://georgianbus.com> and minibuses circulating from Tbilisi to Batumi every hour – travel fee is 20-25 GEL. Train: there are trains from Tbilisi to Batumi every day (night train and day trains) – travel fee is 25 GEL (Georgian Railway – <http://www.railway.ge>).

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Tbilisi

Airports:

Batumi:

Alexander Kartveli Batumi International Airport

<https://www.batumiairport.com>

Tbilisi:

Shota Rustaveli Tbilisi International Airport

<http://www.tbilisiairport.com> (336 km) provides direct flight to the domestic and international destinations.

Kutaisi:

David Aghmashenebeli Kutaisi International Airport

<http://kutaisi.aero/> (141 km) provides direct flight to the international destinations.

Train and bus tickets can be booked online:

Buses: <https://georgianbus.com/>; <https://metrogeorgia.ge/> – bus tickets can be also purchased at the airport.

Railway: <http://www.railway.ge/en/>

Once in Georgia, buses, marshrutkas (minibuses), taxis, rental cars and even trains can be utilised to move around the country.

time of the routes from the airports	
from Kutaisi to Batumi	2 hours
from Tbilisi to Batumi	5-6 hours
from Kutaisi to Tbilisi	4-5 hours

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2. Accommodation in Batumi

Here is list of potenatial hotels and hostels for your stay in Batumi, Georgia, offering a range of options to suit every traveler’s needs and budget.

List of the hotels situated in the neighborhood of the Congress Venue:

5* higher standard for a higher price

	Hotel’s name	Walking distance to congress venue
1	Hilton Batumi https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/busbthi-hilton-batumi/	1 min
2	Sheraton Batumi https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/bussi-sheraton-batumi-hotel/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0	1 min
3	Radisson Blue Batumi https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-batumi?cid=a%3Ase+b%3Agmb+c%3Aemea+i%3Alocal+e%3Ard+b+d%3Aeerut+h%3AGEBUS1	15 min
4	Colosseum Marina https://colosseummarina.ge/en/home	30 min
5	Courtyard by Marriott Batumi https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/buscy-courtyard-batumi/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0	20 min



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4* good standard for a reasonable price

	Hotel's name	Walking distance to congress venue
1	Wyndham Batumi https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham/batumi-georgia/wyndham-batumi/overview?CID=LC:HR::GGL:RIO:National:50527&iata=00093796	15 min
2	Le Méridien Batumi https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/busmd-le-meridien-batumi/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0	12 min
3	Metro Sky Tower Batumi https://www.metroskytower.com/en	25 min
4	New Wave Hotel Batumi https://www.newwavehotels.com/en	30 min

3* lower standard for a lower price

	Hotel's name	Walking distance to congress venue
1	Piazza Batumi https://www.piazzabatumi.ge/	25 min
2	Green Glass Hotel https://www.greenglasshotel.com/en	17 min
3	Hotel Old Town Batumi https://sites.google.com/view/hotel-old-town/	25 min
4	Hotel Park Batumi https://www.hotelpark.ge/	10 min



3. Visa Requirements

Planning your stay in Georgia, we kindly ask you to check whether you require a visa for entry into the country. To determine your visa eligibility, please visit the official website of the Georgian government at: <https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/en/entering-georgia>.

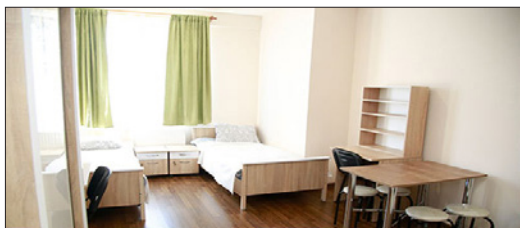
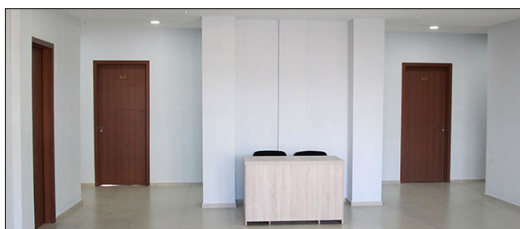
Once on the website, locate the box with the question “Do I need a visa?” and proceed to answer the questions step by step. This will guide you through the process and provide you with the necessary information regarding visa requirements based on your nationality and other factors.

If it is determined that you require a visa to attend the conference, the organizers are prepared to assist you by providing a letter of invitation. Please inform us promptly if you need this documentation, and we will gladly provide it to facilitate your visa application process.

Also, if you plan to take part in post-congress excursion, which includes crossing the border into the Republic of Türkiye, or to visit or transit other states in connection with LIMES XXVI, please check whether you need additional visas.

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4. Scholarships for young researchers

The Organizational Committee of the 26th Limes Congress is pleased to announce the opportunity to apply for a scholarship dedicated to young researchers (under 35 years of age, i.e. born in 1989 or later). The scholarship will include a congress participation fee waiver and free accommodation in dormitory rooms at the Shota Rustaveli State University in Batumi.

Selection criteria

- The Applicant for the scholarship should be under the age of 35 at the time of the application procedure (year 1989 or later).
- We will only accept the applications of the authors that have already submitted a contribution (paper or poster).
- Secondary priority will be given to residents of the East and Southeast Europe countries and participants from outside Europe.

Congress participation fee

The waiver covers only the costs of the Congress fee. It does not include the closing dinner.

Accommodation

Free accommodation will be available in a dormitory rooms at the Shota Rustaveli State University in Batumi.



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Application procedure

Applicants are required to submit the following documents:

- Scientific Curriculum Vitae
- Motivation letter
- Letter of recommendation

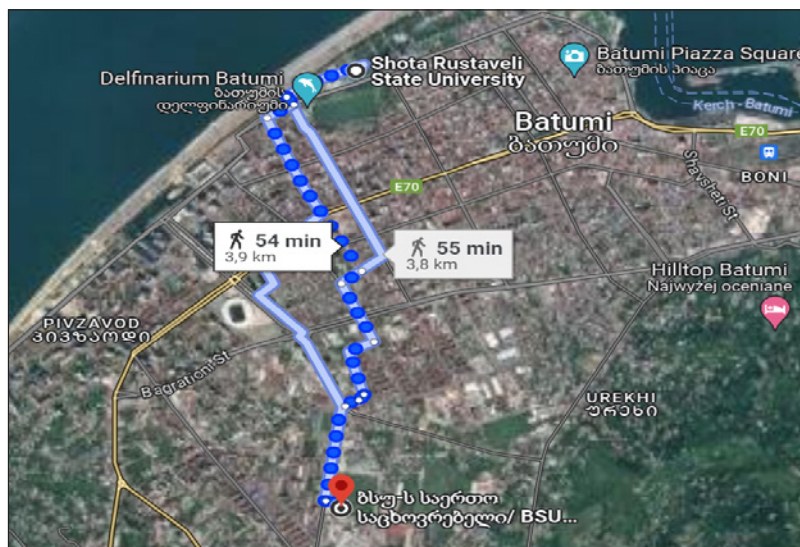
Application procedure will last until **30.04.2024**.

Please send the documents to our e-mail: limes2024@uw.edu.pl.

Selection procedure

In the event that the number of applications exceeds the available scholarship limit, a random draw will be conducted.

Shota Rustaveli State University Dormitory address:
BSU Dormitory, 15 Leonidze St, Batumi, Georgia.





5. Pre-Congress Tour

Where: Georgia

Dates: 6-7 September 2024

General info:

The pre-congress tour takes place on the territory of Georgia. Please check the [visa requirements](#) for your citizenship!

Booking must be done before end of **30.04.2024**. We'll have the application form for tours ready for you in the first week of April. Payment procedure will be given in the Third Circular.

Participants should carry a valid passport during the entire trip.

Please note, that the tour starts 6th of September around 9:00 AM. It is your own responsibility to book a hotel for a night before the beginning of the tour.

The trip requires some physical fitness, associated with the need to walk sections during hikes, climb stairs, ramps, and takes place in terrain with varied topography. Even when using buses to visit some sites during the trip, there is often a need for walking uphill.



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National Museum in Tbilisi



Tbilisi



Khinkali

Programme

Day 1

The tour starts at starting point in a walking distance from Tbilisi National Museum. The exact location will be sent later to the participants of excursion.

National Museum – the biggest and the most important museum in Georgia with rich and unique collection of ancient artifacts coming from several sites (Vani, Martkopi, Mtskheta, Ananuri etc.). Collection of golden, silver and bronze objects is the highlight of the museum.

Lunch break

Tbilisi walking tour: Rustaveli Avenue, Kote Abkhazi, Peace Bridge, Cable Car to Narikala Fortress, Walking down to the mosque, Waterfalls and to Maidan square. A Half day walking tour will give us the impression of several architecture pearls of the capital city of Georgia.

Coffee break

Check in at the hotel

Georgian dinner evening with national dances



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Day 2

Breakfast

Departure to Dzalisa. Coffee break upon arrival and visiting of the site.

Dzalisa was the city known in antiquity as Zalissa according to Claudius Ptolemy. One of the most important centres in ancient Iberia. The most impressive are remains of the palace with paved with mosaic floor of unique beauty.

Jvari Panorama – the most beautiful panorama of the Mtskheta region from the place of construction of the Georgian Monastery Jvari

Transfer to Armazi and visiting the site.

Armazi was an Iberian city situated on a strategic location on the crossroads of trade routes. Particularly noteworthy among the ruins of the ancient kingdom of Iberia are the remains of a fire temple and also the ruins of several private baths made in the same way as in rich houses in the Roman provinces. The remains of a massive fortification wall also attract attention.

Wine break

Lunch in Mtskheta

Mtskheta visit (including Sveti Chovelvi Church, Samtavro necropolis from Roman period). Main part of the capital city of ancient Iberia. The heart of Georgian Christian faith with great story of St. Nino.

Transfer to Kutaisi, check in at the hotel and dinner.



Jvari Panorama



Mtskheta



Dzalisa



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Day 3

Breakfast

Departure to **Geguti Palace** and visit.

Arrival to Batumi between 13:00 and 15:00 (the bus will take you to the University of Batumi and you can easily transfer to your hotel by taxi).

Pre-excursion package:

Based on TWIN room – **175 EUR** per person

Based on SGL room – **200 EUR** per person

Price includes:

- Tourist coach transportation during the programm days
- Accommodaton in Tbilisi (1 night) and Kutaisi (1 night)
- Meals (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners)
- Entrance fees to all mentioned in the programme sites and museums
- Guiding services in English
- Wine tasting

Price do not include:

- Personal insurance
- Drinks not mentioned in the programm
- Personal expenses
- Costs of visa to Georgia
- Transportation to and from the airport

This tour starts at Tbilisi and ends in Batumi. It is your own responsibility to arrive on time for the departure of the bus. The bus will not wait for the people that are late.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:
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Geguti Palace

6. Post-Congress Tour

Where: Turkey

Dates: 15-16 September 2024

General info:

This trip will be organised on the territory of Turkey. Please check the [visa requirements](#) for your citizenship !

Booking must be done before end of **30.04.2024**. We'll have the application form for tours ready for you in the first week of April. Payment procedure will be given in the Third Circular.

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Programme

Day 1

Tour starts at **Batumi University** early in the morning.

Departure to the Sarpi and crossing the Georgian-Turkish border. The first stop is Rize.

Rize visit – Byzantine fortress was built at the same time as Petra Justiniana. The well-preserved fortification walls are noteworthy. From the fortifications, you can also enjoy a panoramic view of the modern city.

Coffee break

Trabzon visit – Trebizond was Greek colony, headquarters of the *Roman* Pontic fleet, an important fortress on the borderlands of the *Roman Empire* destroyed during the invasion of the Boranians, and finally the capital of the Byzantine Empire of Trebizond. Although the turbulent history was not conducive to the survival of ancient monuments, the remains of massive defensive walls, which can be found in various parts of the old city, go back to Pre-Roman and Roman times.

Lunch break

Departure and visit **Sumela Monastery** – Sumela is an unique place, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is amazing Byzantine monastery largely carved into the rocks. Outside and inside the caves, magnificent wall paintings on sacred themes have been preserved. Equally unique are the views that accompany a trip to this place.

Departure to Trabzon and check in at the hotel.

Dinner at the hotel.



Rize



Sumela



Sumela



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Day 2

Early breakfast and departure to Satala.

Coffee and tea break at Gümüşhane

Satala – The site is known primarily as the headquarters of Legio quindecima Apollinaris. It was the legionary fortress closest to the Roman defence system on the coast of Colchis. Today, part of the site of the former legionary fort is occupied by a Turkish village. A number of architectural relics visible on the surface (!) have been preserved both *intra muros* and around the fortification. Many details and fragments of inscriptions carved in stone can be found in the walls of contemporary houses and farm buildings.

Lunch break

Departure to Trabzon and Batumi (You can select your departure airport, arrival to Trabzon between 18:00-19:00, arrival to Batumi between 20:00-22:00).

Coffee and tea break on the way

Arrival to the hotel at Batumi and end of the tour.

Post-excursion package:

Based on TWIN room – **200 EUR** per person

Based on SGL room – **225 EUR** per person

Price includes:

- Tourist coach transportation during the program days
- Accommodation in Trabzon (1 night)
- Meals (1 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner)



Trabzon



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Satala



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Trabzon



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