

FRENCH INSTITUTE IN GEORGIA – CURRENT PROJECTS

Memorandum with Georgian Teachers' house

Following a MoU between the French Institute and the Teachers' house of Georgia, training has been conducted in September 2012 to train a group of French language trainers that now regularly conduct short and long-term teachers trainings in Tbilisi and the regions. One French language teacher is interning for 3 months in public schools in Tbilisi, Batumi and Kutaisi, under the supervision and in cooperation with the Teachers' house.

Fund for the development of French language in Georgia

The Fund for the promotion and the development of French language teaching in Georgia was launched in December 2012 under the initiative of the French Ambassador to foster French teaching in Georgian public schools. Since its creation, the fund has gathered approximately EUR 60 000 through fundraising in private and public sectors in France and Georgia. The Fund thus subsidizes, in 10 schools of Georgia in Tbilisi and in the regions, 2 hours/week classes for 2 groups of pupils in each of 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades (circa 1000 students), by remunerating and training the teachers, purchasing French language textbooks.

French-speaking Course Program in Computer Science

This double bachelor degree between Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Paris8 University and INALCO (National Institute of Oriental Studies in Paris) has been created in 2002 under the initiative of former Georgian Ambassador to France. Each year, the French Institute finances the purchase of high tech material, missions to Georgia for the French professors of the program, provides for a native French language teacher. Besides, its students regularly receive scholarships from the French government to continue their studies at Paris8 University at Master level.

Scholarship program of the French government (BGF)

Each year, the French Institute selects recipients of Master and PhD scholarships funded by the French government. Those full-funded scholarships that include a monthly retribution, university fees, health insurance, lodging indemnity enable students and young scientists to pursue their study and research in France for the duration of one university year at Master level and from 2 to 6 months at PhD level. The whole budget for 2014 amounts to 94 470€ and fund the project of 8 Master students, 4 researchers and 1 civil servant at the National School of Administration.

Conferences in social sciences

In the course of 2013, the French Institute has organized a conference cycle in social sciences dedicated to the Caucasus region. 9 French and international scientists presented conferences in Tbilisi, on various topics in history, sociology, political sciences...A seminar was organized in June about the legacy of Constitutionalist movements in the Caucasus, in which 9 international scholars have participated.