



Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your interest and involvement in the 1st International Conference organized by Centre for the Study of Caucasus and Black Sea Region. We are highly honored that you decided to present your papers at the conference entitled, ‘Conflict and Transformation: State Rhetoric, Search for Identity and Citizenship in the South Caucasus’.

However, to our great regret, due to the political and economic crisis gradually emerging in Georgia, The Ministry of Culture, Education and Sports of Autonomous Republic of Adjara is not able to fund CBSR First International Conference as previously planned. Therefore, there is no funding for travel and accommodation cost for delegates.

As recently decided by the CBSR scientific committee, in order to give you time to search for individual funding resources, the conference is postponed until September 3-4, 2009 to be held at the University of Georgia, Tbilisi. Your abstracts will still be reviewed and we will let you know about the decision of conference scientific committee by mid April.

The University of Georgia and the Centre for the Study of Caucasus and Black Sea Region will try to secure funding for the organizational necessities as well as will structure a new team of organizers who will assist conference participants. The conference organizers hope to book hotels at reasonable prices – cost to be met by the delegates: meet the participants at Tbilisi National Airport, and organize the welcome reception as a tour in Tbilisi after the completion of the conference on September 5.

We apologize for the changes necessary made to this conference, and hope that the reason for postponing the CBSR First International Conference is understandable. We hope that you will be able to get funding from your own institutions or foundations in order to cover travel and accommodation costs of the CBSR conference in Tbilisi and look forward to hearing from you.

With Kindest Regards,

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