



Aboard Mediterranea
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Progetto Mediterranea in Georgia. The cultural programme scheduled in Tbilisi in June. The expedition received the cultural patronage of the Italian National Institute for Astrophysics.

The Italian scientific and cultural expedition “Progetto Mediterranea”, that set sail on 17th May 2014 from San Benedetto del Tronto, is about to land in Georgia after sailing along the Northern shore of Anatolia. Mediterranea is sailing throughout the Black Sea since it left Istanbul on 25th April last. In Tbilisi it will held a number of meetings with Georgian artists and intellectuals in cooperation with Nicoletta Daga, cultural attaché of the Italian Embassy in the Georgian capital city.

Here some of the leading figures taking part in the cultural events organised by the writer Simone Perotti and Mediterranea crew together with the Cultural Office of the Italian Embassy in Tbilisi: the poet, well-known in Italy, **David Magradze**, the writer **Dato Turashvili**, the anthropologist and archaeologist **David Lordkipanidze**, the philosopher and Germanist **Lascha Bakradze**, **Trio Mandili**, a Georgian folk singing band, **Maka Memanishvili** as representative of the “Georgia-Italia” association for cultural exchanges, and **Nana Lomia**, linguist and professor of the Centre for Italian Culture of Ilia University in Tbilisi.

“Progetto Mediterranea cultural programme continues – Simone Perotti said – and now reaches the far Eastern part of the Black Sea, opening to Caucasian countries. We go along the routes of Genoese seamen and merchants, who over the centuries had landed on those shores joining the then-known world. We get loads of incentives from this slow knowledge, this patient investigation. Everywhere in Greece and Turkey we were reserved warmth, welcome, assistance, and we are confident that will happen in Georgia as well. We are curious and determined, after over a year spent sailing and meeting the ideas of the Mediterranean Sea”.

Meanwhile, the Italian expedition received the cultural patronage of the Italian National Institute for Astrophysics, INAF, for the implementation of scientific research and training projects on board, in the framework of Progetto Mediterranea goals. “*You can rely on INAF scientific patronage – as stated INAF President, **Prof. Giovanni Fabrizio Bignami** – (...) I consider yours is an extremely interesting project that put at disposal of scientific research an actual “floating lab” which joins the Mediterranean shores*”. That is a further appreciation for Mediterranea expedition that boasts already the Support of the Presidency of the Italian Republic and the patronage of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, as well as many others acknowledgments and partnerships.

