



Department of Medical Biology and Parasitology

Department of Medical Biology and Parasitology originates from the department of Biology and Parasitology, that was founded in 1930 at Tbilisi Medical Institute. The first head of the department was professor Valerian Rostombekov (1930-1960). From 1967 until 1990s the department functioned as the department of Biology and General Genetics, In 1990s the name of the department was changed repeatedly. From 1993 it was named as the department of Medical Biology, General Genetics and Parasitology”, from 1994 – as the department of Medical Biology, Genetics and Ecology”. In 2005-2006 it was joined with the department of Microbiology, Virusology and Immunology, although very soon it became separated and was established as the department of Medical Biology and Parasitology. In parallels of mentioned changes in different years the heads of the department were: Vladimer Jikhia, Tina Meskhi, Marine Pirtskhalava, Elene Abzianidze, Nino Khvithia.

At present the staff of the department is represented in the following way: the head of the department, prof. Nino Khvitia, associate prof. Davit Tskhomelidze, assistant professors: Tinatin Gogichadze, Natalia Chiladze, Ekaterine Mchedlishvili, Manana Pruidze; lab assistant – Natia Chuchulashvili; Invited teachers: Nazibrola Mamaladze, Nino Kharadze, Salome Kukava, Giorgi Moshiashvili.

Since the founding of the department education programs were worked out for studying of general Biology regularities and actual questions of Medical Parasitology.

Today “Medical Biology” has been studied at the department as a basic theoretical discipline, that covers the basis and actual questions of a youthful and rapidly developed scientific field of molecular biology of the cell. Knowledge of molecular biology of the cell is important as for specialists working in experimental medicine and biology, also as for practitioner doctors. The medical parasitology always was represented as a component part of the medical biology course. Because of the global meaning of parasitic diseases, the basis, the specificities and modern biological point of view of this field students study it yet for many years at our department as a separate study course of medical parasitology.