

DESCRIPTION OF THE COAT OF ARMS OF PRINCE AVTANDIL CHKHEIDZE

The shield (French) is divided into two almost equal sections (the upper one being somewhat smaller).

In the upper section, against a dark-azure field, along the central axis there is a princely crown, below it horizontal scepter with a cross on the right.

In the lower section, on a black field there is a silver pinioned fortress wall ending on both sides with similar towers with loop-holes.

Above the middle pinion of the wall there is a golden cross of a Maltian type.

In the center of the shield, on the borderline of the fields a small shield is placed, where on an emerald field there hangs the Golden Fleece (the Golden Fleece is a fell of a golden ram, carried away from Kolkhida by Jason and Medea on the ship Argo).

The shield bearers are two bronze lions.

The shield is covered by princely mantle made of purple velvet, trimmed with black fur, lined with ermine and crowned with a princely crown. It has the motto "HONORIS CAUSA" on the silver ribbon, above its head. There're initials of **Avtandil Chkheidze** the son of **Revaz**, written in old Georgian Asomtavruli alphabet, in the round golden frame on the dark azure field. He was awarded a prize for his fruitful work in the field of medicine on many occasions.

Both sides of medal of Honorary Doctor of medicine are represented on the right and left. There's the god of healing Asclepius and the goddess of health Hygieia (Asclepius' daughter), there're initials of the name, father's name and surname of **Avtandil Chkheidze** (the son of **Revaz**) written in Latin on the left side.

The Coat of Arms was executed in 1996, based on the sample taken from **A. Chaffanjon "Le Petit Gotha Illustre"** (1968, p. 446), by Prince **Leonide Shervashidze**, Chancellor of Heraldic Capitul of Georgia's International Nobility League, Professor, Doctor of Art Criticism, Honoured Art Worker of Georgia.

The Coat of Arms represents a personal property of Prince **Avtandil Chkheidze**, Honoured Doctor of medicine, "Doctor Honoris Causa", Professor.



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