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## BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2017

*Do you know the answers to these questions?*

- Who wrote *The General of the Dead Army*?
- How apricots and films are related?
- After whom did The National Museum of Azerbaijani Literature take its name?
- What do you know about the Ancient City of Nessebar?
- Which two films from Russia and Georgia competed for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language in 2015?
- Where is the “navel of the world”?
- What is happening in Chisinau between 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of May?
- Can you name a World Heritage site in Romania?
- Who wrote *Istanbul* and *My name is Red*, winning a Nobel Prize?
- In which way *Underground* there was a Palm d’or?
- How many strings a bandura has?

*Interested in learning more about the fascinating culture of the BSEC Member States?*

**Join the BSEC Month of Culture, organised by the ICBSS from 1-30 June 2017 and learn about the remarkable and rich cultural heritage of the BSEC region.**

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### ***About the BSEC Month of Culture:***

On the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the BSEC Organisation, the ICBSS is launching a new initiative, the “**BSEC Month of Culture**”, a **month long programme of cultural highlights from the 12 BSEC Member States** (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine).

Being aware of the rich, diverse cultural heritage of the BSEC region, **the ICBSS will launch the “BSEC Month of Culture”, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**, with the aim to promote the cultural identity of the region and enhance its visibility to the wider public.

The programme will feature online tributes on **literature, music, cinema, archaeological sites and gastronomy**, including short videos and photos.

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**About the ICBSS:** The International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organisation. It has since fulfilled a dual function. On the one hand, it is an independent research and training institution focusing on the wider Black Sea region. On the other hand, it is a related body of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and serves as its acknowledged think-tank. Thus, the ICBSS pursues applied, policy-oriented research, promotes knowledge on the Black Sea region both within and outside its boundaries, and offers policy advice with the aim to foster multilateral cooperation among the BSEC member states as well as with their international partners.

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