



## **BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2017**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Georgia

### What is the recipe for Khinkali?

#### **Khinkali**

Khinkali is a Georgian dumpling, which originated in the Georgian mountain regions of Pshavi, Mtiuleti and Khevsureti. The fillings of khinkali vary with the area. The original recipe, the so-called khevsuruli, consisted of only minced meat (lamb or beef and pork mixed), onions, chili pepper, salt and cumin. However, the modern recipe used mostly especially in Georgian urban areas, the so-called kalakuri, uses herbs like parsley and coriander.

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## Greece

Which Greek poet won the first Nobel Prize for Greece?

### Giorgos Seferis

Giorgos Seferis, born in 1900 and died in 1971, was a Greek poet, essayist, and diplomat. He introduced symbolism to modern Greek literature. His work is permeated by a deep feeling for the tragic predicament of the Greeks, as indeed of modern man in general. Some of his great works are *Turning Point* (1931), *The Cistern* (1932) *Myth-History* (1935), *Exercise Book* (1940), *Log Book* (1940), and *Three Secret Poems* (1966). Seferis is considered one of the greatest Greek poets, and he is the first Greek winning a Nobel Prize for Literature in 1963.

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## Moldova

What do you know about the Moldovan ensemble “Joc”?

### National Academic Ensemble of Folk Dance “Joc”

It is Moldova’s best known dance group. It constitutes a dance ensemble, famous both locally and internationally. It was created under Soviet rule in 1945 and has been led since 1958 by choreographer Vladimir Curbet. It has performed in 65 countries on all continents. Joc’s repertoire includes Russian, Ukrainian, Bulgarian and Roma dances.

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## Romania

Which Romanian director won an award in Cannes in 2005?

**Cristi Puiu**

Cristi Puiu is a Romanian director, screenwriter and actor. In 2004 he founded cinema production company Mandragora. His first film was *Stuff and Dough* (2001). *The Death of Mister Lazarescu* (2005), his second feature film, was awarded the Prix Un Certain Regard at the festival in Cannes. For his third feature film, *Aurora* (2010), he played the lead role himself. In 2016 he directed the feature film *Sieranevada*, recently awarded in Romanian Gopo Awards.

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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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