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5. **IODE Data Center Designation Date:**
   04/10/2000

6. **Brief History:**
   The DNA was established in 2000 at the Tbilisi State University as a result of IOC special mission to Georgia.

7. **Roles and Responsibilities of the Data Centre:**

8. **Description of national data and information management coordination:**
   The DNA, together with Oceanological Research Centre of UNESCO, fulfils the national marine infrastructure. In the past period DNA has undertaken the following:
   - Prepared the corresponding facilities at the Dep. Of Meteorology and Oceanology of the Tbilisi State University
   - Purchased necessary equipment
   - Prepared the staff (scientists with the help of IOC and NATO sfp Programme, MEDAR-MEDATLAS and other international Projects managed to get considerable qualification to carry out the DNA functions).
   - Prepared Oceanological Data and Information Management Manual (in Georgian) for the students of the oceanological, meteorological, hydrological and merging specialties of the University, academician scientists and end-users.
   - Participated in number of international projects: Floating University, MEDAR-MEDATLAS, NATO sfp program, Sea-Search, Arena.

9. **Data Centre Projects and Activities during the Intersessional Period:**
   One of the main tasks of the DNA is to develop the warehouse functions and preparing of inventory of geological, biological, physical and chemical oceanographic data for the Georgian part of the Black Sea. Unfortunately, for the reason of civil war in the beginning of 90-ties a large massive of the data has been partly lost and partly redistributed in various places. Now an additional efforts, time and resources are necessary to rescue and formate them. This work is under realization. DNA’s vision of the next two year period is to deploy national wide oceanographical informational network, provide metadata catalogue, involve more young scientists and students in marine data management activities, provide an on-line access to the data through the creating of DNA’s web-site and to lunch new
discipline “Oceanographical Data Management” at the Dep. Of Meteorology and Oceanology. It is very important to notice, that for the realization of the intended plans, it is necessary to create a good team of qualified specialists. DNA’s kind request to IOC session is to help us with trainings of young scientists and students as often as possible.