

## Project Update: May 2013

In May 2013, I with my co-workers visited public schools in Qvabiskhevi and Tadzrisi of Borjomi Region. According to our Project schedule we organised seminars there and afterwards took pupils to Qvabiskhevi gorge of Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park for the excursion. Generally, pupils express much activity and interest. In the fourth quarter we published the booklet about the main topic of our project - investigation and conservation of the endemic, threatened ant - *Myrmoxenus tamaraea*, its habitat and interesting life history. After the seminars and excursions we revisited all public schools and distributed these booklets. We also carried out received data (in morphometry and behavioural investigation) of *M. tamaraea* statistically. Finally, we can conclude that *M. tamaraea* is really a valid, endemic species of Georgia and as we couldn't find it any other place but only in the village Daba, which comprises only several hundred m<sup>2</sup> territories and significant part of this village was burned during the war in 2008, its conservation status VU D2 should be changed to Critically Endangered.

