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Tengiz Bibilashvili grew up in the Republic of Georgia as part of the Soviet Union. He participated at all levels of the Physics and Math Olympiads except for the international. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from MITP (Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology), the host institution of the IPhO team.

He received his Ph.D. in Mathematical Physics at the Republic of Georgia at Tbilisi State University and got tenure at the Andronikashvili Institute of Physics. While in the Republic of Georgia, he was the head coach (same as the Academic Director) of the Georgian IPhO team. Tengiz began teaching in the United States in 2003 and joined AAPT in 2004. In 2004-2007 he was the coach of the U.S. Team at the International Young Physicists Tournament.