

PROGRAM for Mediterranean Conference in Limassol, May 17- 19, 2019

Thursday May 16th (afternoon tour) - Limassol: Past and Present

Day 1 (Friday, May 17): Gem Workshops

Morning (9.00-12.45): Opal workshop

Instructors: Gail Brett Levine (NAJA, USA) and **Travis Lejman** (NAJA, USA)

Assistant: Angelina Yip (CGL-GRS Canada)

Lunch 12.45-1.45

Afternoon (1.45-5.30pm): Ruby, Sapphire and Emerald workshop

Instructor: Branko Deljanin (CGL-GRS, Canada)

Assistants: Elena Deljanin (CGL-GRS Canada), and **Angelina Yip** (CGL-GRS Canada).

6.00-7.30: Welcome Cocktail reception by the pool

Day 2 (Saturday, May 18): Presentations

9.00-9.10: Conference Opening —**George Spyromilios**, Conference Chair, IGL (Greece), **Branko Deljanin**, Conference Co-Chair, CGL-GRS, Canada, **Yianni Melas**, MC, GEMEXPLORER™(Cyprus)

INVITED: 9.10-9.50: **Speaker TBA** (Octonus, Finland) – diamond technology developer: “*Diamond Impression – The Key to Sustainable Competitiveness*”

9.50-10.25: **John Chapman** (Gematrix-Australia) - instrument manufacturer: “*The Economics of Faceting Diamonds*”

10.25-10.40: Coffee Break and Poster Viewing

10.40-11.15: **Dr. Michael Schlamadinger** (Swarovski, Austria) - retailer “*Man-Made Diamonds – Beyond Science*”

11.15-11.50: **Garry Holloway** (Holloway Diamonds, Australia) – gemmologist / retailer: “*Poorly Proportioned Diamonds Cheat Buyers*”

11.50-12.00: **SUPPORTER’S talk: Katrien De Corte** (HRD, Belgium) - lab gemologist: “*Synthetic Diamond, dream or nightmare*”

12.00- 13.00: Lunch break and Poster Viewing

13.00-13.25: **RUBY SPONSOR talk: Dr. Stefanos Karampelas, Abeer Al-Alawi** (DANAT, Bahrain) - lab gemologists: “*Building DANAT’s robust database: From the mine directly to the lab*”

13.25-14.00: **Edward Boehm** (Rare Source Gems, USA) – gem dealer: “*Ethical Sourcing of Gems and Importance of Origin - Spinel Case study*”

14.00.-14.35: **Dr. Stefanos Karpampelas, Abeer Al-Alawi** (DANAT, Bahrain) – lab gemmologists: *“Natural Bahraini Pearls”*

14.35-15.10: **Stefan Miller** (DSEF, Germany) - lab gemmologist: *“Notes from the German Gem Lab DSEF (Idar-Oberstein*

15.10-15.45: **Dr. Clemens Schwarzingger** (Clemens Schwarzingger Gemstones, Austria)-associate professor/cutter: *“Gem cutting in 21st century-Weight Retention or Precision Cuts”*

15.45-16.00: Coffee Break and Poster Viewing

16.00-16.35: **Dr Gamini Zoysa** (Ceylon Gemmological Services, Sri Lanka)- mineralogist: *“Value of Rubies and Sapphires from Different Localities”*

16.35-17.20: ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION. Moderated by **John Chapman** (Gematrix, Australia). **Manufacturing Diamonds and Gems in 21st century** with **Speaker TBA** (Octonus, Finland), **Yuri Shelementiev** (MSU, Russia), **Garry Holloway** – (Holloway Diamonds, Australia), **Clemens Schwarzingger** (Clemens Schwarzingger Gemstones , Austria) and **Gamini Zoysa** (Ceylon Gemmological Services, Sri Lanka)

17.20-17.30: Closing remarks: **Yianni Melas**, MC, GEMEXPLORER™ (Cyprus), **Branko Deljanin**, Conference Co-chair (CGL-GRS Canada), **George Spyromilios**, Conference chair, IGL, Greece.

7.00-11pm GALA Dinner

Restaurant TBA

Day 3 (Sunday May 19): Diamond Workshops

Morning (9.00-12.30): ID of Colourless Diamonds (natural, treated and lab-grown) workshop

Instructor: Branko Deljanin (CGL-GRS, Canada)

Assistants: John Chapman, Conference editor (Gematrix, Australia), **George Spyromilios**, Conference chair, IGL, Greece.

Lunch 12.30-1.30

Afternoon (1.30-5.30pm): ID of Coloured Diamonds (natural, treated and lab-grown) workshop

Instructor: Branko Deljanin (CGL-GRS, Canada)

Assistants: John Chapman, Conference editor (Gematrix, Australia), **George Spyromilios**, Conference chair, IGL, Greece.

7.00-11.00: Farewell dinner

Restaurant in Hotel “AJAX”, TBA

Monday May 20th (full day tour) - Nicosia: A divided Capital