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CIBJO releases Gemmological Commission Special Report, explores gem lab harmonisation and consistency

MILAN, ITALY: April 30, 2014 - With fewer than three weeks to go to the opening of the 2014 CIBJO Congress in Moscow on May 19, 2014, the sixth of the CIBJO commissions' Special Reports has been released. Prepared by the CIBJO Gemmological Commission, headed by Hanco Zwaan, the report considers how gem labs may act to promote the harmonisation of standards and nomenclature.

“In view of concerns that have been raised about inconsistencies in results presented by laboratories, we have explored how laboratories worldwide could work together and harmonise with the trade, to improve consistency, reliability of information and consumer confidence,” writes Mr. Zwaan. “Closer cooperation between the labs is needed to fight disharmony, because inconsistencies occur in both nomenclature and the reporting of results, for instance in the areas of origin and determination of treatments.”

Among the specific items on the agenda of the CIBJO Gemmological Commission’s meeting in Moscow are the use of colour descriptive terms, such as “pigeon blood red,” “royal blue,” and the nomenclature that should be employed to distinguish hydrophane from stable precious opal.

To download a full copy of the report, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#).

The 2014 CIBJO Congress will take place in Moscow, Russia, May 19-21, 2014, with pre-congress meetings on May 17 and May 18. The congress will be hosted by the Russian Jewellers’ Guild, whose headquarters will also serve as the main congress venue.

The official hotel is the five-star Hotel Nikol'skaya Kempinski, one of Moscow’s most prestigious establishments, which is offering especially low rates for attendees of the CIBJO congress. Located in an historic building that was constructed in 1870, it is located in the heart of historic Moscow, within short walking distance from the Kremlin, Red Square and the Bolshoi theatre.

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