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CIBJO releases Coloured Stone Special Report, considers nomenclature describing gem treatments

MILAN, ITALY: April 9, 2013 - With four weeks to go to the opening of the 2013 CIBJO Congress in Tel Aviv on May 7, 2013, the third of the CIBJO commissions' Special Reports has been released. Prepared by the CIBJO Coloured Stone Commission, headed by Nilam Alawdeen, the report reviews updates already made to the Coloured Gemstone Blue Book and also those that are being considered. In particular it looks at the nomenclature used to describe gemstone treatments.

The Special Report notes the addition of the qualifying terms "laboratory-grown" and "laboratory-created" as alternatives to the term "synthetic," but points out that in the event that a national jewellery association in a non-English speaking country, which is a member of CIBJO, deems that there is no acceptable local direct translation of the terms "laboratory-grown" or "laboratory-created," then only the translation of the term "synthetic" should be used.

The Special Report states the intention of the Coloured Stone Commission to tackle the inadequacy of current nomenclature in describing lead-glass filled rubies. "If 'composite' is not the right term," it says, "CIBJO should work in haste to adopt the proper nomenclature, to better protect consumers' interests and, thereby, the integrity of the industry."

To download a full copy of the report, please link to:

[http://www.cibjo.org/download/CIBJO%20Special%20Report%20\(Coloured%20Stone%20Commission\)%202013.pdf](http://www.cibjo.org/download/CIBJO%20Special%20Report%20(Coloured%20Stone%20Commission)%202013.pdf)

The 2013 CIBJO Congress will take place at the Dan Panorama Convention Centre in Tel Aviv, Israel, from May 7 to May 9, 2013, with pre-congress meetings starting on May 5. More information is available on the dedicated [2013 CIBJO Congress website](#). Preferential congress hotels rates are guaranteed for those registering until April 15, 2013.

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