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CIBJO releases Gemmological Commission Special Report, surveys gem labs about synthetic and treated diamond reports



GEM LABS BY THE NUMBERS

MILAN, ITALY: SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 - With fewer than four weeks to go to the opening of the 2018 CIBJO Congress in Bogotá, Colombia, on October 15, 2018, the sixth of the CIBJO commissions' Special Reports has been released. Prepared by the CIBJO Gemmological Commission, headed by Hanco Zwaan, it reveals the results of a survey of 23 gemmological laboratories from around the world, about whether and how they report on synthetic and treated diamonds.

“The survey provided a clear picture of the similarities and differences on the reports issued by the various laboratories, and perhaps also suggested the requirements and preferences of different markets around the globe,” wrote Mr. Zwaan. “Overall the nomenclature used by laboratories is clear about the nature of the stones described, but there are inconsistencies with regard to the precise terms used, and whether or not grading of synthetic and/or treated stones is permitted.”

The special report also provides details about a document prepared by the Gemmological Commission, which it intends will come to serve as a reference point for the industry in the way that it deals with commercial colour terms such as “pigeon blood red” and “royal blue.” Other subjects discussed include how professional opinions can or should be presented separately on laboratory reports, and the necessary standards for governing the use of varietal names for different gemstones.

To download a full copy of the CIBJO Gemmological Commission’s special report, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#).

The 2018 CIBJO Congress will take place in Bogotá, Colombia, October 15-17, with pre-congress meetings on October 13 and 14, and the World Emerald taking place on November 4.

Hosting the CIBJO Congress 2018 are Fedesmeraldas, the National Federation of Emeralds of Colombia, and the CDTEC gemmological institute.

The official venue and hotel of the CIBJO Congress 2018 is the Grand Hyatt Bogotá.

More information is available and registration possible on the dedicated CIBJO Congress website at: <http://www.cibjo.org/congress2018/>

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