



## **CIBJO and Federation for European Education in Gemmology to focus on responsible sourcing and gemmology at conference in Vicenza**

VICENZA, ITALY: JANUARY 16, 2019 – CIBJO, the World Jewellery Confederation, and the Federation for European Education (FEEG) in Gemmology, will be presenting a day-long conference at the VICENZAORO January jewellery trade show, organised by the Italian Exhibition Group (IEG), in Vicenza on Saturday, January 19, where the principle focus will be on issues related to responsible sourcing and gemmology.

For CIBJO, the event is the latest in a series of seminars and workshops presented at VICENZAORO shows, in cooperation with IEG, focusing on issues relating to responsible business practices and sustainability in the jewellery sector. For FEEG, which was established in 1995 to create a pan-European gemmology qualification that is recognised by all bodies and institutions across the EU, the conference serves as its 21st Symposium, bringing together leading gemmological experts from across the continent and around the world. It is being hosted in Vicenza by the Italian Gemmological Institute (IGI).

Beginning at 10:00 AM in Hall 7.1 –TIZIANO Room of the Vicenza Expo Centre, the morning session of the conference will focus first on responsible sourcing practices, and feature a presentation of CIBJO's newly approved Responsible Sourcing Book, which provides a framework and guidance for due diligence related to the responsible sourcing of gemstones and precious metals in the jewellery sector. Also in the spotlight during the morning session will be precious coral, both from the gemmological perspective and from the perspective of sustainability, as will be Blockchain technology, which will be looked at generally and more specifically from the standpoint of the precious coral sector. The morning session will be moderated by Gaetano Cavalieri, President of CIBJO.

The Afternoon Session of the conference will begin at 2:00 PM in the same venue, and look at a variety of topics, including marketing and strategies in the coloured gemstones sector, the legacy and gemmology of natural pearls, new laboratory technologies, the classification and identification of jade, and the gemmology and geology of diamonds. It will be moderated by Paolo Valentini, IGI Vice President.

The proceedings will conclude with the annual FEEG diploma award ceremony, starting at 4:30 PM. The day's events will be conducted in English and Italian, with simultaneous translation into both languages available at all times. Registration at the conference venue will begin at 9:30 AM.

**CIBJO** is the international jewellery confederation of national trade organisations. CIBJO's purpose is to encourage harmonisation, promote international cooperation in the jewellery industry and to consider issues which concern the trade worldwide. CIBJO's chief mission is to protect consumer confidence in the industry. CIBJO is the sole jewellery industry organisation to have Special Consultative Status with the United Nation's Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) and is a member of the UN Global Compact.

The **Federation for European Education in Gemmology (FEEG)** was established in 1995 to create a pan-European gemmology qualification that would be recognised by all bodies and institutions across Europe. Every year the graduates of these institutes can be tested, in their own language, on their theoretical and working gemmological knowledge to achieve this European certification. Currently FEEG is conducted 11 centres across Europe, in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands and Spain.



## **CIBJO SEMINAR ON RESPONSIBLE SOURCING & SUSTAINABILITY 21<sup>ST</sup> SYMPOSIUM OF THE FEDERATION FOR EUROPEAN EDUCATION IN GEMMOLOGY (FEEG)**

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**Organised by CIBJO and I.G.I. (Italian Gemmological Institute)**

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**Saturday, January 19, 2019**

Hall 7.1 –TIZIANO Room  
VICENZAORO January  
Via dell'Oreficeria, 16  
36100 Vicenza, Italy

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**REGISTRATION: 9:30-10:00**

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**MORNING SESSION: 10:00-12:30** (*Moderator: Dr. Gaetano Cavalieri, CIBJO President*)

- Dr. Gaetano Cavalieri, CIBJO President  
*Welcome*
  - Guy Lalous, FEEG President  
*Embrace Gemmological Excellence and obtain the European Diploma*
  - Philip Olden, President of the CIBJO Responsible Sourcing Commission  
*Introduction to new CIBJO Responsible Sourcing Guidebook*
  - Francesca Marino, Senior CSR Advisor CIBJO  
*Blockchain and the evolution of CSR and sustainability*
  - Vincenzo Liverino, President of the CIBJO Coral Commission  
*Revive the environmentally damaged coral reefs*
  - Rui Galopim de Carvalho, Vice President CIBJO Sector A / Vice President, Coral Commission  
*Understanding precious coral from the gemmological perspective*
  - Prof. Roberto Vona, University of Naples, Federico II  
*Applying Blockchain technology to the management of coral supply chains*
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**AFTERNOON SESSION: 14:00-16:20** (*Moderator: Paolo Valentini, IGI Vice President*)

- Paolo Valentini, IGI Vice President  
*Welcome*
  - Clement Sabbagh, President of ICA (International Coloured Stones Association)  
*How to promote coloured stones worldwide and the challenges we face today and in the coming years*
  - Adi Al Fardan  
*The mystery and beauty of natural pearls*
  - Prof. Giacomo Diego Gatta, University of Milan  
*Non-destructive techniques in gemmology: single-crystal x-ray diffraction*
  - Valentina Gagliardi, IGI Senior Analyst  
*Jade: unambiguous identification protocols*
  - Andrea Zullino Diamonds & Coloured Gemstone Specialist  
*The role of defects in diamond classification*
  - Prof. Fabrizio Nestola, University of Padua  
*Diamonds and the mysteries of the deep Earth*
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**DIPLOMA CEREMONY: 16:30-17:30**

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**APERITIF: 17:30**

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