



Schweizerische Gemmologische Gesellschaft
Société Suisse de Gemmologie
Società Svizzera di Gemmologia
Swiss Gemmological Society



Programme

of the European Gemmological Symposium EGS and 75th Anniversary of the Swiss Gemmological Society SGG/SGS

Thursday 29 June: Start of Conference (venue: Zermatterhof)

14.00	Vorstandssitzung (SGS steering committee only)	Salon Ruden
16.00	Generalversammlung / Assemblée Générale (SGS members only)	Matterhornsaal
17.30	End of Generalversammlung	
18.30	Official Start of EGS Conference: Welcome Aperitif (SGS members and guests)	Zermatterhof Terrace or Lobby
19.30	Dinner (individually)	Restaurants in Zermatt

Friday 30 June: Conference Day 1 (venue: Zermatterhof, Matterhornsaal)

9.00	Hans Pfister	President SGS	Start of Conference with Welcome Address
9.10	Klemens Link	GGL	Age Determination on Gem-Quality Emeralds
9.30	Dr. Ulrich Henn	DGemG	Gemstones from the Central West of Namibia
10.00	Bernhard Berger	Cartier	Cartier: an Extraordinary and Unique Heritage
10.30	Coffee Break		
11.00	Presentation of Sponsors in the Foyer		
11.20	Alan Hart	Gem-A	Was Differential Hardness of Diamond Responsible for the Form of Mogul Cut Stones? The Case of the Koh-i-Nur.
11.50	Martin Rapaport	Rapaport	State of the Diamond Industry (Keynote Lecture)
12.30	Lunch Break		
14.00	Vincent Pardieu	GIA	Rubies and Sapphires from East Africa
14.30	Dr. Thomas Hainschwang	GGTL	Project Launched to Characterize Treated Diamonds of all Types and Colours
14.50	Alan Hodgkinson	SGS	Zircon - Some Highs and Lows
15.20	Coffee Break		
15.40	Prof. Henry A. Hänni	GemExpert	Sannan-Skarn: a New Ornamental Gemstone from Pakistan
16.00	Guillaume Chautru	Piaget	The importance of Internal Lab Testing in the Jewelry and Watch Industry
16.20	Dr. Michael Krzemnicki	SSEF	From Classic Inclusions to Neutrons: a 'Fresh' Look at Modern Gemmology
16.40	Michael Hügi	SGG	Gems of Switzerland: Treasures from Alpine Fissures
17.00	End of Conference day 1		
18.30	Start Gala Dinner at Zermatterhof	Dress Code: Formal (Black Tie Optional)	
18.30	Aperitif at Terrace or Lobby of Zermatterhof		
19.30 - 23.00	Gala Dinner at Matterhornsaal		

Saturday 1 July: Conference Day 2 (venue: Zermatterhof, Matterhornsaal)

9.00	Hans Pfister	President SGS	Start of Second Conference day with Welcome Address
9.10	Dr. Hanco Zwaan	NGL	Characterisation and Formation of 'Metamorphic' Sapphires – Examples from Sri Lanka
9.40	Dr. Andrej Katrusha	NDT	Ultra Large Colorless HPHT Lab-Grown Diamonds - World Records & Mass Production
10.10	Dr. Raquel Alonso-Perez	Harvard Uni	Insights of a New Emerald Deposit from Irondro, Madagascar
10.30	Coffee Break		
11.00	Bruce Bridges	Bridges Tsavorite	50 Years of Tsavorite
11.30	Wang Wuyi	GIA	Current Status of Synthetic Gem Diamond and its Identification
12.00	Dr. Daniel Nyfeler	GGL	Traceability of Gemstones
12.20	Lunch Break		
14.00	Helen Molesworth	Gubelin Academy	The Gemstone Market: a Historical Perspective
14.20	Dr. Laurent Cartier	SSEF	Emeralds: from Ancient Egypt to Modern Ethiopia
14.40	Jeff Scovil	Scovil Photography	The Photography of Minerals, Gems and Jewelry
15.10	Coffee Break		
15.40	Dr. Joseph Taylor	PT Cendana	Pearl – the Sustainable Gem: Technology, Community and Environment
16.10	Willy Bieri	GRS	The New Sapphires from the Mines near Ambatondrazaka, Madagascar - A challenge for Gemological Laboratories
16.30	Franck Notari	GGTL	Polycrystalline boehmite in corundum
16.50	End of Conference day 2		

18.00	Start Mountain Dinner	Dress Code: Casual, Comfortable Footwear	
18.00	Meeting for Departure at Zermatterhof		
18.15	Departure with Cable Car for Mountain Dinner		
19.00	Aperitif and Dinner		
22.00	Return to Zermatt		

Sunday 2 July: Post-Conference Mountain Trip (fair weather only)

Dress Code: Casual, Comfortable Footwear or Hiking Shoes, Warm Clothing and Sun Protection Recommended

9.15	Meeting at the Gornergrat Railway Station, Zermatt		
9.36	Departure for the Gornergrat		
10.09	Arrival on the Gornergrat		
10.15	Introduction into the Geography, Geology and Mineralogy of the Zermatt Mountain Area by Prof. Dr. Kurt Bucher, University of Freiburg i.Br		
11.30	Official End of Conference		
11.45	Individual Lunch, Return to Zermatt Return by Train or Individually by Hiking, Depending on Weather Conditions		