

INTERNATIONAL MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

COMMISSION ON GEM MATERIALS (IMA-CGM)

MEETING REPORT 2014

The delegates of the Commission met during the 21st General Meeting of the International Mineralogical Association in Johannesburg, South Africa. Although the list of attendees was subsequently lost there was a good turnout.

Items discussed at the meeting include the following:

1. INTERNATIONAL MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION LIST OF GEM MATERIALS

There was much discussion of the upcoming List of Gem Materials. This is based initially on the varietal names listed in the CIBJO¹ “blue book” on gemstones (http://download.cibjo.org/CIBJO_Gemstone_Book_2011-1.pdf, officially “The Gemstone Book”). This was augmented with a list of names provided by Jim Shigley (Gemological Institute of America) from the Commission’s previous foray into producing a gem glossary. It is hoped that the List of Gem Materials can be posted on the Commission web page before the European Mineralogical Conference in Rimini, Italy in 2016.

2. LIST OF WORLD GEM MUSEUMS

We discussed creating a web page with contact information and links for all world gem museums. Lee Groat volunteered to compile a list of world gem museums after the List of Gem Materials is complete.

3. LIST OF CURRENT PRODUCERS

There was some discussion on compiling a list of current producers of gem materials. It was thought that this could be done by the country representatives and would be compiled by Lee Groat. Geological surveys could help with this.

4. LIST OF COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

Lee Groat to forward a list of current country representatives to all of the representatives.

¹ Confédération Internationale de la Bijouterie, Joaillerie, Orfèvrerie, des Diamants, Perles et Pierres, which translates as the International Confederation of Jewellery, Silverware, Diamonds, Pearls and Stones (normally shortened to the International Jewellery Confederation).

5. FUTURE MEETINGS

We intend to organize and promote gem materials sessions at the upcoming the 35th International Geological Congress, also in South Africa, August 27th to September 4th, 2016 (<http://www.35igc.org/>), and at the European Mineralogical Conference in Rimini, Italy, September 11th-15th, 2016.

There is a desire to sustain such gem sessions at additional future International Mineralogical Association, International Geological Congress, and Goldschmidt Conferences.