



Gem-A

THE GEMMOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
OF GREAT BRITAIN

Gem-A Conference 2015

Saturday 21 and
Sunday 22 November

Incorporating the 18th International FEEG Symposium

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Gem-A will host its internationally acclaimed annual conference at the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), Marylebone, incorporating the 18th Federation for European Education in Gemmology (FEEG) Symposium. Welcoming speakers from around the globe, the Gem-A Conference has a reputation for tackling the most innovative and contemporary gem-related topics, whilst bringing together some of the leaders in the field for a weekend of networking and special events.



SATURDAY 21 AND SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Gem-A Conference

Jarvis Auditorium, Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), Marylebone, London

Located in the heart of Marylebone, near to Regent's Park and Oxford Street, this architecturally significant venue was opened in 1934 as the headquarters of RIBA.

SATURDAY PROGRAMME		SUNDAY PROGRAMME	
09:00–09:30	Registration, tea and coffee	09:00–09:30	Registration, tea and coffee
09:30–09:45	Welcome and introduction	09:30–09:45	Welcome and introduction
09:45–10:30	Jörg Gellner — 'A 'Rap List' for pearls'	09:45–10:30	Andrew Cody — 'The astonishing world of opals'
10:30–11:15	Jean Pierre Chalain — 'Retrospective views on the identification of the HPHT treatment at the SSEF'	10:30–11:00	Tea and coffee break
11:15–11:45	Tea and coffee break	11:00–11:45	Grant Hamid — 'The corundum conundrum: weaving a path through the corundum maze'
11:45–13:00	Adolf Peretti — Commercially important origins of ruby and sapphire and colour grading (pigeon's blood and royal blue). <i>Film: Cutting of a Mozambique ruby: experience of a lifetime</i>	11:45–13:00	Breakout session
13:00–14:15	Lunch	13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:15–15:00	Ilaria Adamo — 'Demantoid garnet: identification, occurrences and origin determination'	14:00–14:45	Martin Steinbach — 'Asterism: gems with a star. From heaven to you — fascinating and brand new'
15:00–15:45	Paul Rustemeyer — 'Colour zones and growth phenomena in tourmaline crystals'	14:45–15:30	Fabian Schmitz — 'Natural vs. synthetic quartz: an overview of differences, colour reasons and identification'
15:45–16:15	Tea and coffee break	15:30–16:00	Tea and coffee break
16:15–17:00	Bill Larson — 'Gemstones and Gem mining in San Diego County, California'	16:00–16:45	Shane McClure — 'Tales from a gem lab — the sublime to the ridiculous'
17:00–17:15	Closing	16:45–17:00	Closing

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER (EVENING)

Gem-A Conference Dinner

Florence Hall, Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), Marylebone, London

Drinks reception for 18:30, dinner for 19:15

Saturday's programme will be followed by a drinks reception and a three-course dinner where you can relax and enjoy the company of friends old and new. Dress code is smart/casual.



MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Workshops

Gem-A Headquarters, Ely Place, London

Three practical workshops will take place at Gem-A Headquarters in London.

Guest workshop hosts:

🕒 **Richard Drucker FGA GG, President of GemWorld International Inc.**

'Coloured stone grading and pricing workshop'

MORNING SESSION SOLD OUT

14:00–16:30 (afternoon session)

🕒 **Alan Hodgkinson FGA DGA**

'Visual optics'

ALL SESSIONS SOLD OUT

🕒 **Eric Fritz FGA DGA**

'Natural (and not so natural) pearls'

10:00–12:00 (morning session) and 14:00–16:00 (afternoon session)



MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER (EVENING)

Graduation Ceremony and Presentation of Awards

The Mermaid Conference & Events Centre, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars

Arrive at 17:45 for registration, 18:30 start

Graduates of the Gemmology Diploma, Diamond Diploma and FEEG graduates and their families are invited to attend the 2015 Graduation Ceremony and Presentation of Awards. The ceremony will be followed by a drinks reception for graduates and guests in the River Rooms.

Guest speaker: Harry Levy FGA, President of Gem-A and also of the London Diamond Bourse

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Private viewing of the Natural History Museum's mineral collection

Natural History Museum, London

09:45–12:00

Explore this breathtaking collection with a private viewing, hosted by Alan Hart FGA DGA, Head of Earth Sciences Collections.

Book soon; places are limited at this popular event and always sell out quickly.

Private viewing of the Crown Jewels

Tower of London, Tower Hill, London

From 16:00

You will be taken on a tour of the Tower of London, one of London's finest landmarks and steeped in history, finishing with a private viewing of the Crown Jewels. You will be able to stop and admire each piece on this relaxed and fascinating tour.

Book soon; places are limited at this popular event and always sell out quickly.

Bejewelled Treasures: The Al Thani Collection

Victoria and Albert Museum, London

From 09:00

Join the curators for an introduction to this fascinating collection, before enjoying access to the exhibition, featuring spectacular objects drawn from a single private collection, including Mughal jades and a rare jewelled gold finial from the throne of Tipu Sultan.



The closing date for booking is **Friday 13 November**.
No bookings will be taken after this date.



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CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM

The Conference will be held on Saturday 21–Sunday 22 November at the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), located in Marylebone, London.

Event	Date	Price	No. of tickets	Total
CONFERENCE				
Members and Students rate				
Price for two-day Conference attendance (not including Saturday evening Conference dinner)	Sat 21 Nov and Sun 22 Nov	£250.00		£
Price for one-day Conference attendance (not including Saturday evening Conference dinner)	Please specify: Sat 21 Nov OR Sun 22 Nov	£135.00		£
Saturday evening Conference dinner only	Sat 21 Nov	£75.00		£
Non-Members rate				
Price for two-day Conference attendance (not including Saturday evening Conference dinner)	Sat 21 Nov and Sun 22 Nov	£295.00		£
Price for one-day Conference attendance (not including Saturday evening Conference dinner)	Please specify: Sat 21 Nov OR Sun 22 Nov	£150.00		£
Saturday evening Conference dinner only	Sat 21 Nov	£75.00		£

WORKSHOPS AND VISITS

Monday workshops

Please note: priority will be given to Conference attendees. Sessions are repeated in the afternoon; please indicate which session you would like to attend.

RICHARD DRUCKER: MORNING SOLD OUT	Afternoon session with Richard Drucker	Mon 23 Nov	£25.00	£
ALAN HODGKINSON: ALL SESSIONS SOLD OUT				
	Morning session OR Afternoon session with Eric Fritz	Mon 23 Nov	£25.00	£

Tuesday visits (Conference attendees only. Spaces are limited; please only select one visit)

The Natural History Museum (NHM) mineral collection, NHM	Tues 24 Nov (morning)	£25.00		£
Private viewing of the Crown Jewels, Tower of London	Tues 24 Nov (afternoon)	£45.00		£
Bejewelled Treasures: The Al-Thani Collection, V&A Museum	Tues 24 Nov (morning)	£25.00		£

TOTAL

Total amount payable

£

YOUR DETAILS

Student number: _____ Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other _____ Name: _____
Address: _____

Email address: _____

Name of guests (if applicable): _____

Please indicate any special dietary requirements: _____

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