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IGI ANTWERP ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL “WORKSHOP WEEK”

ANTWERP – The International Gemological Institute (IGI) will hold the first-ever edition of “Workshop Week” at its Antwerp location from Oct. 21 – 25. The five-day session is aimed at freshmen and alumni alike who wish to update their knowledge base and study the most cutting-edge developments in the gemological arena.

Course participants can either enroll in a topic of their choice (one topic per day) or opt for a combination of the following modules:

Module 1 -Synthetic Diamonds

- The different methods of crystallization
- Recognizing and differentiating from natural stones

Module 2 - Diamond Treatments

- Clarity and color enhancement
- Different methods of identification

Module 3- Jewelry Grading

- How to grade color, clarity and cut
- Grading various kinds of jewelry articles
- Estimation of weight in mounted conditions
- Use of microscope to view hidden inclusions, imitations and broken stones
- Tips for minimizing influence of metal reflection on color grading

Module 4 - Precious Metals

- Different gold alloys
- Platinum or silver
- Methods of identification

Module 5 - Organic Gems

- Coral, amber, ivory, pearls and others
- Methods of identification
- Treatments and imitations (simulants)

Four modules will be lectured by **Dr. Luigi Costantini**, who established IGI's School of Gemology in Italy in 1998 and was instrumental in its development and expansion throughout the country. Costantini is a pioneer in Italy's gemological landscape and leader in the European gems and jewelry industry.

Module 4 – Precious Metals will be led by **Mr. Alberto Scarani**, IGI Antwerp graduate gemologist and registered appraiser of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Rome. With an unrivalled reputation throughout a cross-section of the gems and jewelry industry, Scarani has served as keynote speaker at a range of lectures and conferences, on behalf of myriad public organizations and private companies. He has also been published in a number of prestigious publications and is a widely sought after adviser to the trade.

Event Details

Dates: Monday, Oct. 21 – Friday, Oct. 25

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (daily)

Cost: 200 € per module (900 € for 5 modules)*

Location: IGI Antwerp

To enroll, contact: education@igiworldwide.com or +32 3 4018888

** All prices are subjected to 21% VAT*

About IGI

IGI was established in 1975 and is currently the world's largest independent laboratory for testing and grading gemstones and fine jewelry with offices in Antwerp, New York, Hong Kong, Mumbai, Tel Aviv, Bangkok, Tokyo, Dubai, Toronto, Los Angeles, Kolkata, New Delhi, Surat, Chennai, Thrissur, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Cavaleze and Shanghai. IGI has received ISO accreditation in many countries. A certificate from IGI represents the all-important 5th C that no one should be without: Confidence. IGI is a standard of excellence for industry professionals and consumers around the globe. For more information, please visit www.igiworldwide.com.

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