



Gemmologisch Gilde Nederland



22th Symposium of the Federation of European Education in Gemmology (FEEG)

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In light of our 125th jubilee that will take place from January 2020, The Vakschool Schoonhoven decided to host the Symposium of the Federation of European Education in Gemmology (FEEG) in Schoonhoven. Schoonhoven is famous of its many Silversmiths during the ages, and is therefor also called the Silvercity.

To give it an extra festive touch we are hosting this event together with the Gemmologisch Gilde Nederland (GGN) who will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on Sunday evening after the workshops with a networkingparty.

On Monday our students can take part also in the festivities by following the offered workshops at our school, which will be exclusively for them.

With this Symposium we aim to join everyone working in the trade. Nationally as well as Internationally, but also with several associations in the Netherlands, like the Gemmologisch Gilde Nederland (GGN), the Gemma, and also the Nederlandse Lapidaristen Club (NLC). A joining of former students with new students. Like Gemstones which are also found in all parts of the trade, we would like you to join us at this FEEG Symposium in all its facets.



Saturday, the 25th of January 2020:

- 9.00 - 9.45** Reception of attendees
- 9.45 - 10.10** Welcome address by Mrs. Karin Voskamp, Director of the Vakschool Schoonhoven and Mr. Guy Lalous, President of FEEG.
- 10.10 - 10.50** “[Fundamentals of Precious Corals](#)” by Rui de Galopim de Carvalho FGA DGA, vice-president of the coral commission of CIBJO (the World Jewellery Confederation).
- 10.50 - 11.10** coffee break
- 11.10 - 11.50** “[History of Corundum Treatment](#)” by Dr. Lore Kiefert, Chief Gemmologist of the Gübelin Gem Lab, member of the LMHC.
- 11.50 – 12.30** “[An update on the heat treatment of rubies and sapphires](#)” by Tom Stephan, scientific assistant at the German Gemmological Association (DGemG).
- 12.30 – 12.45** “[The use of commercial names and their effect on the gemtrade](#)” by Menahem Sevdemish FGA D.Litt., an internationally recognized authority on gem commercialization and gemstone processing, and by Guy Borenstein FGA EGG, VP Gemological Services and Chief Academic Officer for Gemewizard.
- 12.45 - 14.30** lunch
- 14.30 - 15.10** “[Geochemistry of sapphires](#)” by Dr. Hanco Zwaan PhD FGA, head of the Netherlands Gemmological Laboratory (NEL), president of the World Jewellery Confederation (CIBJO) Gemmological Commission.
- 15.10 – 15.50** “[Questions, questions, questions: the state of the diamond industry, or the diamond industry in a state?](#)” by Ya’akov Almor, Gemstone industry consultant, editor and writer.
- 15.50 -** coffee break
- 17.00 – 18.00** Diploma ceremony at the cruise ship Nickovision situated by the Veerpont at the river Lek
Speaking to the graduates are:
- Richard Drucker GIA GG, president of Gemworld International, inc.
 - Guy Lalous, president of the FEEG

- 18.00 -** small reception with bubbles
- 19.00 -** Diner party at the cruise ship (optional)

Alternative program on Saturday (for accompanying guests):

- 10.30 – 12.30** Workshop “Making your own Silver Jewellery”
with Goldsmith Teacher Mr. Erik v.d. Werf
- 14.30 – 16.30** Workshop “Making your own Silver Jewellery”
with Goldsmith Teacher Mr. Erik v.d. Werf

A tour through the city of Schoonhoven and its Silver- and Goldsmiths, followed by a visit to the Silver museum. (optional)

Also there will be:

- Stands with gemstones
- Stands where Goldsmith students will be selling their own work.
- Stands with all sorts of information
- A special exhibition of natural pearls from former Goldsmith student Daniël Moesker.



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Sunday, the 26th of January 2020:

9.00 – 9.50	Reception of attendees
9.50 – 10.00	Welcome address by Mrs. Karin Voskamp, Director of the Vakschool Schoonhoven.
10.00 – 10.40	“ Empty inclusions in gems. What could they be? ” by Dr. Emmanuel Fritsch, professor of physics at the university of Nantes, responsible for the DUG (Diplôme d’Université de Gemmologie) diploma.
10.40 – 11.30	“ A history of jewellery from Queen Elizabeth I to Elizabeth Taylor ” by John Benjamin FGA DGA FIRV, independent Jewellery Historian, Lecturer and Valuer, known as specialist on BBC Television’s ever popular <i>Antiques Roadshow</i> .
11.30 – 12.30	lunch
12.30 – 14.30	Workshops
14.30 – 14.45	coffee break
14.45 – 16.45	Workshops
16.45 – 18.00	Networking party by the Gemmologisch Gilde Nederland (GGN)
19.00 -	Diner (optional)

Workshops: (in following combinations)

- I. Gemword International, Richard Drucker:
"Coloured Gem Grading and Pricing Workshop"

GGN, Wouter Abbestee:
"Assessing set stones in Jewellery"
- II. Gem Color Academy, Menahem Sevdermish and Guy Borenstein:
"Colored stone grading/ Color diamonds grading"

Sole Leone, Leone Langeslag:
"Hands on identifying red, white and blue gemstones with special attention for testing diamonds!"
- III. Visual Optics, Alan Hodgkinson:
"Visual Optics"
- IV. Vakschool Courses & Training, George Hamel:
"diamond grading"

Vakschool C&T, Monique Konst-Kurstjens:
"Pearl stringing"
- V. Vakschool Courses & Training, Goldsmith Femke Toeke EG of FemCollections
"Making your own silver Jewellery"

NLC Den Haag, Ornella Schavemaker-Piva:
"Shaping your own stone ring"

A special "Coral workshop" by Rui Galopim de Carvalho (very limited)