

Report on IMA Commission on Gem Materials Activity for 32nd IGC (IMA) Meeting, Florence, Italy, 20th-28th August, 2004.

The IMA Commission on Gem Materials has had extensive correspondence with the national delegates leading up to the IMA (IGC) meeting in Florence in August, 2004.

A call for papers for the Symposium on Gem Materials G 15.10 proved very successful and drew 42 contributions from 13 countries. The contributing countries included Russia 13, France 4, Canada 4, Brazil 4, China 4, Italy 3, UK 3, Australia 2, Croatia 1, US 1, Portugal 1, Japan 1 and Romania 1. The time allocated for Session G 15.10 allowed a selection of 14 oral presentations and a poster showing of 28 presentations.

The oral program will include a keynote presentation by Dr Emmanuel Fritsch, University of Nantes - IMN-CNRS, France Metropolitan. Other presentations were allocated 15 minutes duration each with a few minutes question time. The date for the symposium was set by the IMA Organisation Committee for the morning and afternoon of Wednesday, 24th August. All the contributors to the symposium were scheduled to receive advice as to the status of their mode of presentation.

During the meeting week (20-28th August) the Gem Materials Commission plans to hold two meetings with its national delegates to discuss present and future matters of commission activity. One particular item for discussion will involve the contribution of the Gem Materials Commission to the IMA website (<http://www.obs.univ-bpclermont.fr/ima/>).

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Gem Materials Commission will discuss a draft for the "GLOSSARY OF GEM MATERIALS" during our first meeting on the 23rd and then we will go on again on the occasion of the second meeting planned for the 25th of August. This represents something new and very important for our field and, at the same time, it will be a difficult task to be discussed and agreed. Anyway is something that must be done and I hope we will be able at least to reach a first basic glossary to orient people respect the correct names. In past I asked to officers of New Names and Mineral Names Commission about it, but they definitely told that names of gemstones are not included in their programs.