



Gemmologisch Gilde Nederland

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Symposium of the Federation of European Education in Gemmology (FEEG)

**Location:** De Vakschool Schoonhoven  
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2871 GS Schoonhoven  
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In the context of the **125th anniversary of De Vakschool Schoonhoven**, the School will be hosting the **22<sup>nd</sup> Symposium of the Federation of European Education in Gemmology (FEEG)** in its home town Schoonhoven. The symposium will be held during the weekend of January 25-26, 2020.

The event is part of the celebrations that will be conducted throughout the year 2020 to honour the Netherlands' only institute of higher learning dedicated to jewellery. Schoonhoven is famous of the many generations of renowned silversmiths during the town's long history and is therefore also often called the Silver City!

To enhance the festivities during the 2020 FEEG Symposium, we have engaged the the **Dutch Gemmological Guild (Gemmologisch Gilde Nederland - GGN)** which will be marking its own **25th anniversary** on Sunday evening with a festive reception / networking party.

With the 2020 FEEG Symposium, the organisers are casting as wide a net as possible. We have therefore invited as many as possible gem and jewellery professionals working in the trade, both in the Netherlands and abroad.

To encourage local attendance of the 2020 FEEG Symposium, we have secured the cooperation of several local associations, among others the above mentioned GGN, as well as **Gemma**, another national gemmological body, and the **Dutch Lapidary Club** (Nederlandse Lapidaristen Club - NLC).



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Of course, the School's current student body will also be given the opportunity to take part in the festivities. The students will be offered a special edition of the Symposium's workshops that has been formatted exclusively for them. In addition, we have invited the alumni of the Vakschool and made a concerted effort to publicise the Symposium through the local trade media.

In the international arena, FEEG is employing its own network and the renowned industry communications expert Ya'akov Almor will be taking care of international distribution from December and onward.

The Symposium is seeking sponsorships from the National and International Gem and Jewellery trade, to enhance the event's visibility and publicity, as well as to finance its visual recording and to assure that all the workshops and lectures will be available for the public at large for viewing.

## Programme

### Friday, January 24, 2020: (for delegates only)

- 13.00** Examination Committee  
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- 15.00** General Assembly of FEEG  
Location: same as above
- 19.00** Buffet dinner on the cruise ship **Nickovision**,  
moored at the Veerpont, on the river De Lek



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### Programme:

#### Saturday, January the 25<sup>th</sup> 2020:

- 9.00 - 9.45** Arrival and registration of participants
- 9.45 - 10.10** Welcome address by **Mrs. Karin Voskamp**, Director of the Vakschool Schoonhoven; **Mr. Guy Lalous**, President of FEEG: [“All about Excellence in Gemmological Training”](#).
- 10.10 - 10.50** [“Fundamentals of Precious Corals”](#) by **Rui 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 at the Gübelin Gem Lab, member of 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 Gem Trade”](#) by **Menahem Sevdemish** FGA D.Litt., an internationally recognized authority on gem commercialization and gemstone processing, and by **Guy Borenstein** FGA EGG, VP Gemmological Services and Chief Academic Officer at 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”](#) on the Cruise Ship [“Nickovision”](#) docked at the Veerpont on the river Lek  
Addressing the Graduates amongst others:
- **Sponsors**;
  - **Richard Drucker** GIA GG, President of Gemworld International, inc.;
  - **Ilaria Adamo**, Chairman of the Examination Committee;
  - **Guy Lalous**, President of FEEG



18.00 - Cocktail reception

19.00 - Dinner Party on the Cruise ship "Nickovision" (Optional)

Alternative program on Saturday (for accompanying guests):

10.30 – 12.30 Workshop "Making your own Silver Jewellery"  
with Goldsmith Instructor and Teacher Mr. **Erik v.d. Werf**

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

Also, on the School grounds there will also be various exhibitions:

- Booths with gemstones;
- Booths run by goldsmith students selling their own work;
- Book and information stands;
- A special display of natural pearls by Vakschool alumnus **Daniël Moesker**.



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## Sunday, January the 26<sup>th</sup> 2020:

9.00 – 9.50	Arrival and registration of participants
9.50 – 10.00	Welcome address by Mrs. <b>Karin Voskamp</b> , Director of the Vakschool Schoonhoven.
10.00 – 10.40	<u><a href="#">“Empty Inclusions in Gems. What could they be?”</a></u> by <b>Dr. Emmanuel Fritsch</b> , Professor of Physics at the University of Nantes, responsible for the DUG (Diplôme d’Université de Gemmologie) diploma.
10.40 – 11.30	<u><a href="#">“A History of Jewellery from Queen Elizabeth I to Elizabeth Taylor”</a></u> by <b>John Benjamin</b> 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: (Overlapping / Simultaneous Sessions)

- I. Gemworld International, **Richard Drucker**: [“Coloured Gem Grading and Pricing Workshop”](#)  
GGN, **Wouter Abbestee**:  
[“Appraising Gemstone Jewellery”](#)
- II. Gem Color Academy, **Menahem Sevdermish** and **Guy Borenstein**:  
[“Coloured Stone Grading/Color Diamond Grading”](#)



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Sole Leone, **Leone Langeslag**:

[“Hands on Identification of Red, White and Blue Gemstones with Special Attention to the Testing of Diamonds”](#)

III. Visual Optics, **Alan Hodgkinson**:

[“Visual Optics”](#)

IV. Vakschool Courses & Training, **George Hamel**:

[“Diamond Grading”](#)

Vakschool C&T, **Monique Konst-Kurstjens**:

[“Pearl Stringing”](#)

A special [“Coral Workshop”](#) by **Rui Galopim de Carvalho** (limited number of participants)

V. Vakschool Courses & Training, Goldsmith **Femke Toele** EG of FemCollections

[“Making your Own Silver Jewellery”](#)

NLC Den Haag, **Ornella Schavemaker-Piva**:

[“Designing and Shaping Your Own Gemstone Ring”](#)