

IGI to Speak on Lab Grown Diamonds & Responsibility at JCK

Institute will weigh in on separate JCK Talks panel discussions

New York, USA. (June 1, 2022) – The International Gemological Institute (IGI), the world's largest independent gemological laboratory, will take part in two panel discussions at next week's JCK Las Vegas show.

"JCK Talks: The State of Lab Grown Diamond Industry" will take place in Room 101, The Venetian, Level I, Thursday June 9th from 1:00 – 1:45 PM. In a discussion which will avoid the usual "pro/con" arguments, IGI Senior Director of Education John Pollard will join JCK's Rob Bates, Virtual Diamond Boutique's Tanya Nisguretsky and The MVEye's Marty Hurwitz to address evolving new topics including melee, the implications of treatment patent expirations and paradigm shifts in planning and cutting.

"JCK Talks: Responsibility – Sourcing" will take place on the Showcase Stage, The Venetian Expo, Level 2, on Friday June 10th from 11:00 – 11:45 AM. In this session BIJOUXreview.com's Kyle Roderick will moderate discussion by Mercury Free Mining's Toby Pomeroy and IGI's John Pollard on environmental concerns, social responsibility and traceability in the diamond gem and jewelry industry. As the world's first gemological laboratory to commit to carbon neutrality, IGI is dedicated to uniting the industry through proactive environmental stewardship.

About IGI

The International Gemological Institute (IGI) has 20 laboratories and 14 education facilities in major diamond and jewelry centers around the world. For 45 years, IGI has provided the fine jewelry community and consumers with a broad range of services including natural and laboratory grown diamond reports, colored stone grading and origin reports, as well as jewelry identification and appraisal reports. With the increase of lab grown diamonds in the marketplace, IGI screens millions of natural and lab grown diamonds in order for the industry and consumers to receive the product they expect. Regardless of location or marketplace, an authentic IGI Laboratory Report is the common language of trust and confidence in the gemological world.

About John Pollard

John Pollard is Senior Director of Education for IGI, expanding the institute's traditional education and diploma programs, instructed at 14 schools of gemology around the world, while designing modern eLearning courses, tutorials, seminars, and webinars for IGI clients in all sectors, including leading luxury brands. As a consultant for diamond producers, grading laboratories and sellers in North America, Europe and Asia, he has presented seminars at JCK Las Vegas, the American Gem Society Conclave, the Gemological Institute of America Alumni Association, and various trade conferences in Beijing and Shanghai, China.

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