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AGA Celebrates its 50th Anniversary at the 2024 Tucson Conference and Gala, adds a presentation from the DANAT Lab, and recognizes the 2023 Bonanno Award Recipient.

Accredited Gemologists Association invites all to celebrate this important milestone as they kick off a year of celebration at the annual AGA Tucson Gemological Conference and Gala on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, in Tucson, Arizona, marking AGA's 50th Anniversary! Registration and participation options are available to gemological enthusiasts and guests globally.

Registration options include attendance at the conference and gala (or gala only) or recorded conference registration for individuals unable to attend in person. See the registration link for all ticketing options and further details.

A sixth gemological session has just been added to the stellar lineup of renowned speakers addressing a wide range of subjects and current research in their respective fields. Presentations include - Gabriela Farfan, Ph.D. (Smithsonian), sharing insights into the Smithsonian's National Gem and Mineral Collection, Fatima Almahmood (Research Scientist at DANAT The Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones), covering the natural pearl beds of Bahrain, Al Gilbertson (GIA Laboratory, Carlsbad, CA) with updates on fancy shape cut research, Rachele Turnier, Ph.D. - Expert on corundum, focusing on the identification of sapphires from Mogok (Myanmar), Justin K. Prim - Author and lapidary historian, exploring forgotten gemstone designs observed through antique jewelry and art, and Jolyon Ralph - Founder of gemdat.org and mindat.org, introducing the use of the online resources for gemological data and education through an interactive session.

Following the conference, AGA welcomes attendees to dance like it's 1974 at the Gala Dinner Dance, where Jeffrey E. Post, Ph.D., will be recognized as the recipient of the 2023 AGA Antonio C. Bonanno Award for Excellence in Gemology. Enjoy networking and relationship-building at the cocktail reception, followed by dinner and a silent auction.

AGA Vice President, Dr. Çiğdem Lüle shared, " AGA's 50th Anniversary is such an important milestone. We look forward to celebrating with the gemological community at the 2024 AGA Tucson Conference. This unique opportunity to exchange ideas with and learn from some of the world's leading gemologists while enjoying a memorable evening at the gala is not to be missed. We sincerely hope you will join us by attending the events or registering for access to recorded sessions. AGA's ongoing focus remains to provide the global community with opportunities to learn and share gemology".

Tickets to participate in the AGA Tucson conference and/or gala are available at <https://bit.ly/2024agatucson>.