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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **AGA Opens Registration For Virtual Conference**

**Registration is Open** for the Accredited Gemologists Association (AGA) Virtual Tucson Conference. AGA is excited to host their annual February gemological conference as a live virtual event and you are invited to attend.

The 2022 AGA Virtual Tucson Conference will be presented on two half-days February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, delivering three gemological education sessions each day from 8:30am to 11:30am (PST). All who register will have the opportunity to participate in the interactive live virtual event, as well as receive exclusive access to the recorded conference when made available; delivering year-round options to view/review these important education sessions in the future.

“Although a pivot was made from our previously scheduled in-person event, AGA is once again excited to deliver our annual gemological education conference. We purposefully scheduled dates so conference participation will not conflict with anyone attending the Tucson shows, plus its virtual delivery expands the opportunity for more of our global community to participate” said AGA President, Teri Brossmer.

Day 1 (Feb. 15) presentations begin with an exploration of Canadian Gems presented by Brad Wilson FCGmA, followed by an introduction to Forensic Jewelry with Al Gilbertson GIA GG, and wraps up with Nicholle Mogavero GIA GG, providing hints for identifying reproductions of antique jewelry. [Learn more](#)

We start Day 2 (Feb 16) with speaker E. Billie Hughes FGA, talking photomicrography and microscopy, followed by a discussion of the ethics and ecological impact of lab-grown diamonds led by Dr. Thomas Hainschwang, and finishing with a review of the hand-held spectroscope presented by Kerry Gregory FGA DGA GIA GG. [Learn more](#)

AGA Conference Committee Co-chair, Dr. Çiğdem Lüle shared, "AGA remains committed to providing this important educational opportunity to our members and the gemological community. As always, the AGA virtual conference promises to deliver the highest quality presentations from world-renowned speakers. We sincerely hope you will join us and tell your friends." Register today! [bit.ly/aga-2022tuc-virtualconf](https://bit.ly/aga-2022tuc-virtualconf)

AGA's Gala dinner, silent auction and the presentation of AGA's 2022 Antonio C. Bonanno Award for Excellence in Gemology to recipient - Gary Roskin, CEO, International Colored Gemstone Association (ICA) has been postponed to its next scheduled in-person Tucson Conference, February 2023.

*A copy of this press release and image can be found on AGA website - at: <https://bit.ly/2022agatucson>.*