



Announcement of an IMA-CGM Special Volume for Gem-Related Sessions in IGC 2024 Korea
in the Journal of Gems and Gemmology (**ISSN:** 2096-9120)

Dear IGC 2024 Korea Gem-Related Sessions participants,

A sincere welcome from the Commission of Gem Materials in the International Mineralogical Association (IMA-CGM), I am the current Chairman of this Commission. It is a great pleasure to know you are participating the IGC 2024 Korea by submitting abstracts to the three gem-related sessions (Sessions 2, 3+1+5, and 7 in T13).

I have discussed with IMA and all three session chairs, and we all agreed to catch this rare opportunity to publish a volume under the IMA-CGM. Therefore, I have contacted the Journal of Gems and Gemmology (JOGG) (**ISSN:** 2096-9120) Editorial Office and they kindly agree to publish a special issue in commemorating the Gem sessions in IGC 2024 Korea and without any publication fees to the contributors. The contributors will receive a printed copy of the special issue, and the whole volume will be available digitally online in the JOGG website (jogg.cug.edu.cn/index.htm).

The session chairs and I have agreed to publish only the extended abstract of your contributions so that all authors can publish it in a full article in other journals (or even choose to publish in the Journal of Gems and Gemmology as well).

The collected abstracts will be reviewed by a small scientific committee consisting of all three chairpersons and myself to ensure the quality of the publication. The extended abstract should be written in English and follow the same manuscript format as seen on the website (English articles), with a limit of 4 printed A4 pages, including all text, references, graphs and tables. The deadline for submitting your extended abstract is 31st of October 2024 and the results of the final decision on accepting your abstract will be end of November 2024. The publication date is projected to be 31st of January 2025.

Also, the Commission will try to hold a meeting in Busan on the 30th, which is the date for session 7 to held. The exact location of the meeting will be announced soon (during the IGC 2024), and I would welcome you all to join us.

Again, I look forward to seeing you all in Busan and to receiving your extended abstracts! Hope you all have a wonderful time and a fruitful scientific exchange in the IGC 2024 Korea.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andy H. Shen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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KEY INFORMATION:

- **Extended abstract in English, max. 4 printed A4 pages (including everything)**
- **Abstract format follows the general English article format in the JOGG**
- **Make sure you include the full contact author's name, affiliation and email**
- **Abstract deadline: 31 October 2024**
- **Final decision: 30 November 2024**
- **Publication date: mid. January 2025 (online)**