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DC GIA MEETING

JULY 6, 2009

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

DR. LORE KIEFERT

NEW AND OLD GEMSTONE SOURCES – NEW AND RENEWED FINDS

Dr. Lore Kiefert is an internationally recognized authority in the field of advanced gemological research. Born in Heidelberg, Germany, Dr. Kiefert began studying mineralogy in that city in 1981, which studies culminated in a master's degree (with a thesis on sapphire characteristics) in 1987, in a Ph.D. in 1996, and in an F.G.A. (Diploma in Gemmology, Gem-A) in 1998. While pursuing these educational disciplines, Dr. Kiefert likewise commenced her gemological career in 1994 upon joining the SSEF Swiss Gemmological Institute. She was appointed Director of the SSEF Colored Stones Department in 2000 and held that position until she joined the AGTA Gemological Testing Center in 2005, serving to date as Director of that laboratory. Throughout her career, Dr. Kiefert has authored and contributed to innumerable scholarly publications, has lectured at scientific conferences worldwide, and has served broadly on behalf of industry boards and organizations. As just one example, Dr. Kiefert is presently co-chair of the Laboratory Manual Harmonization Committee.

Dr. Kiefert's presentation will profile the past, present, and future with respect to gemstone sources. The resultant tour will span the globe, considering historic locales such as Kashmir, Burma, and Russia, as well as more contemporary finds in East Africa, the Himalayas, Canada, and even the U.S. Dr. Kiefert will also highlight the issues, opportunities, and controversies that can emerge with each new discovery. Matters of quality, quantity, identification, and nomenclature all contribute to the ever-changing nature of the gemological landscape.

We meet at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn, 1900 Ft. Meyers Drive, Arlington, VA 22209, at the Virginia end of Key Bridge, 703-807-2000. Admission is free for those who have paid their 2009 meeting fees and \$15.00 for all others. Please visit the Chapter's website at www.dcgia.org.

Please remember to bring your completed DCGIA 2009 information and application form and the yearly meeting fee of \$75.00, if you have not already submitted the foregoing.

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Next Meeting:
August 6 – Renee Newman
(Rubies, Sapphires & Emeralds)