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DC GIA MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009
7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

MR. PATRICK B. STOUT
THE AGS CUT GRADE SYSTEM & SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Patrick B. Stout is a recognized authority on diamond grading and related professional education of those in the jewelry trade. He began his career in the retail sector and spent nearly 25 years in various sales and management positions with firms including Ben Bridge Jeweler and Tiffany & Co. Such practical experience was also augmented through formalized gemological education and credentials as Mr. Stout attained the status of a Graduate Gemologist (GIA), a Certified Gemologist (American Gem Society (AGS)), and a Certified Gemologist Appraiser (AGS). Having been a member of the AGS since 1988, Mr. Stout then joined the staff of the organization in 2005 and currently serves as Education Services Manager. In this role, he both consults with jewelers, presenting AGS training and educational materials to enhance staff professionalism, and represents the AGS and its Advanced Instruments Division at trade shows and industry events, providing information regarding the AGS Diamond Cut Grade System and associated instrumentation.

Mr. Stout's presentation will profile the AGS Diamond Cut Grade System and its supporting technology. With respect to the nature of the system, the lecture will explain its theory and operation as a performance-based analysis that measures a stone's actual light manipulation efficiency in three dimensions. Concerning technology, the focus will be on the Angular Spectrum Evaluation Tools (ASET Tools) that enable industry members such as jewelers and appraisers to see and demonstrate visually, in diagnostic colors of red, blue, and green, how efficiently a diamond is using light.

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:
Oct. 12 – Rui Galopim de Carvalho
(Lalique Gems)