

MODERATOR

Rob Bates has written about the diamond and jewelry industries for over 25 years, with over 20 of them as senior editor and news director at JCK. His responsibilities include compiling JCK's daily e-newsletter and co-hosting its monthly podcast, The Jewelry District. His blog, 'Cutting Remarks', has won two Jesse H. Neal awards from American Business Media. He has also won five Eddies from Folio magazine, the American Gem Society's prestigious Triple Zero award, Jewelers of America's GEM Award for Media Excellence, and the Jewelers' Security Alliance's industry service award. He recently released his first diamond industry-themed mystery novel, *A Murder is Forever*.



Garry Holloway has a BSc in Applied Geology and Gemology & Diamond Diplomas (GAA). He is a past lecturer and national convenor of the GAA Diamond Diploma. For 20 years he has been actively educating consumers, with a focus on cut quality, as a director of Pricescope.com where Holloway Cut Adviser (HCA) and Looks Like diamond size are hosted. He Invented the Ideal-Scope in 1984 and a version of the ASET scope in 1987. Garry's US Patents include shop lighting for diamonds, HCA and 'Looks like' as well as several international patents with the Cut Group (Sergey Sivovolenko, Janak Mistry and Dr. Yuri Shelementiev). Garry currently runs two Melbourne jewellery stores he founded in 1976 – Holloway Diamonds.



Dr. Michael Schlamadinger is Head of Procurement for the Swarovski Gemstones Business. He graduated from the University of Graz in Mineralogy and Petrology in 1990. Michael has been with Swarovski since 1995, and happy to see that the laboratory grown diamond sector really gained momentum in the past 2 years and the industry has matured a lot. Additional to his role as a purchaser of rough and cut natural and synthetic gems, he has been in the market of man-made diamonds for well over 7 years. He is trained mineralogist and gemologist now specializing in sustainability. As a next step, together with his colleagues he wants to fully evaluate the ecological impact of the production of man-made diamonds. Focus is on the energy consumption and carbon footprint, and ways to mitigate and improve it.



Dan Scott is Founder and Brand Architect with Luxe Licensing, LLC, a New York/metro brand and marketing agency. Nominated as a finalist for CMO of the Year and honoured within America's Top 500 CMOs <http://www.danscott.com/execrank> Dan is a contributing author for worldwide industry and consumer publications including Lab Grown Magazine, Rapaport, Diamonds.net, Jewellery Business, Solitaire Magazine, Stern Business, CMO Council Circle and BrandWeek. Dan holds a Masters in Marketing from NYU's Stern School of Business and conducts digital video educational courses with Parsons School of Design.



Sean S. Moore is the Director of Sales at Borsheims Fine Jewelry & Gifts in Omaha, NE, part of Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway family of companies. Sean is a Graduate Gemologist of the GIA. Sean has been with Borsheims for almost thirty years serving in many capacities including in sales and as the diamond buyer. Sean's expertise in the jewelry industry has led him to serve on many industry boards including NCDIA, LUXURY, Centurion, and Gen-Next and participate as a panelist and speaker at numerous trade shows, conferences, and industry events.

As Director of Sales, Sean helps lead one of the nation's largest independent jewelry stores, with clients spanning six continents and all 50 states.



HOST

Branko Deljanin is President and Head Gemologist at "CGL Canadian gemlab", and Director of "Gemmological Research Industries Inc" Vancouver (Canada). He is a research gemologist with extensive experience in advanced testing of diamonds and gemstones and gemology instructor in 17 countries on 4 continents. He is internationally recognized as a diamond authority. He has been a regular contributor to trade and gemological magazines and presented reports at several research and gemological conferences, including annual Mediterranean Gemmological and Jewelry Conference that he co-founded in 2015. He is an invited speaker at shows, events and conferences organized by AGTA, AGA, AGIL, ASA, AGS, CIBJO, De Beers, GIA, ICA, GIT, NAJA and NCJV, and lab organizations.



SPECIAL GUEST

Antoinette Matlins, PG, FGA, is a gemologist, author, and consumer advocate who's devoted the last 40 years to helping both consumers and the gem trade understand how to protect themselves from fraud and misrepresentation. Her books on gems, jewelry, and proper gem identification have sold over a million copies, worldwide, in 9 languages. She appears on major TV networks and lectures extensively, focusing on how to avoid becoming a victim, whether or not sellers are doing it intentionally.

