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Headlines:

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August and October saw the Gubelin Gem Lab visit various mining areas in Madagascar. The Gubelin gemmologists visited a number of gemstone deposits, among them the sapphire deposits of Ilakaka, Andranomdambo and Zazafotsy, the ruby mines near Isoanala, as well as the emerald mines in Mananjary, the alexandrite deposits in Yanapera and the tsavorite deposits near Gogogogo. This fieldtrip was initiated by the French Gemmological Association (AFG).

\*\*\* Publication of an important book: *Geology of Gem Deposits*:

The Mineralogical Association of Canada has built up a reputation for its Short Course Series of publications on various mineralogical topics. The latest volume, No. 37 (ISBN 978-0-921294-37-5) addresses is *Geology of Gem Deposits*, edited by Professor Lee A. Groat of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. This volume covers the geology and genetic environment of chrysoberyl, diamond, emerald and other beryls, jade, ruby, sapphire, tanzanite, topaz and tsavorite, i.e. the most significant gem varieties. We recommend this book to anyone interested in the origin of gemstones.

\*\*\* Next Off-Premise-Testing to take place in Bangkok, December 1-9, 2008:

Our next Off-Premise-Testing (OPT) will take place in Bangkok from December 1 to 9. Our gemmologists will offer professional laboratory services at the following address: Jewelry Trade Center, 919/1 Silom Rd, 36th Floor, Bangkok 10500.

\*\*\* Welcome aboard: Italian geologist Alessandra Spingardi joins the Gubelin team of gemmologists:

We are delighted to welcome Alessandra Spingardi to our team. Alessandra studied Earth Sciences at the University of Pavia, Italy, and completed her studies with an MSc degree in which she investigated charge-transfer and colour centre in thermally treated, gem-quality minerals. After completing her gemmological training this summer, Alessandra started work at the Gubelin Gem Lab in October and will be engaged both in client-related work and research.

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