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Headlines:

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- \*\*\* GIA starts with determination of geographic origin
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The next Gemstone Industry and Laboratory Conference (GILC) meeting will be held in Tucson, Arizona, on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at the Marriott University Park Hotel. The GILC management has invited the Gubelin Lab to talk about origin reports and the implication on consumer confidence.

\*\*\* GIA starts with determination of geographic origin:

The Gemological Institute of America (GIA) has announced its venture into country of origin determination. Beginning with the determination of origin for emeralds, only Colombian emeralds will be determined for the time being. The Gubelin Gem Lab welcomes the GIA into this demanding field of gemmology.

\*\*\* Additional Gubelin shuttle services from New York, Hong Kong and London to Lucerne:

In addition to the existing Gubelin shuttle services operated by Malca-Amit, the Gubelin Gem Lab has now established additional shuttle services between New York, Hong Kong and London to and from its home base in Lucerne. These shuttles are operated by Ferrari Expeditions SA in Geneva on every working day for the advantageous rate of USD 480, plus a liability charge of 0.05% of the value (or 0.09% if Ferrari insurance is requested). This rate covers the round-trip shipment to the Gubelin Gem Lab in Lucerne, and includes all fees and taxes. More details on these services may be found under the 'Shuttle' section of our homepage [www.gubelingemlab.ch](http://www.gubelingemlab.ch).

\*\*\* Vincent Pardieu joins Gubelin Gem Lab:

Beginning of January 2007, the former director of the AIGS in Bangkok, Vincent Pardieu, joins the team of Gubelin Gem Lab gemmologists. Vincent recently undertook gemmological fieldtrips to Asia and Africa on behalf of the Gubelin Gem Lab. His experience with coloured gemstones make him a valuable member of our team.

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