

Dear friends!

We represent to your attention the current issue of "Precious and decorative stones of Ukraine" magazine, in which we have prepared a series of scientific and popular publications.

In the study of our regular contributors-scientists S. Shevchenko and P. Baranov, the appearance and way of formation of the world's leading companies in the colored gemstones mining are analyzed, the peculiarities of their strategies on the market as well as the principles of their work are shown.

V. Tatarintsev, L. Vyshnevskaya, K. Kormakova (SGCU) gave the results of analytical study of international experience in the diamond grading field in the first part of the article "Reliability of data in the diamond trade".

A group of scientists, namely V. Guliy, J. Luis, U. Bornyak and V. Stepanov prepared an article devoted to alabaster of Aragon (Spain), in which the results of historical and art study as well as material analysis of alabaster of Aragon region are given. The authors confirmed alabaster use from deposits, which are located in the Basin of Ebro River, as possible sources of raw material during different historical epochs to build the Roma walls and to carve nice sculptures during the Renaissance.

We wish you a pleasant acquaintance with the presented material, inspiration in life and new successes in the field of gemology!

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