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 about the precious wealth of the Earth's interior.

The results of complex gemological studies of yellow-green tourmaline with the color-change effect are represented in the article of Yu. Gayevsky and O. Belichenko, specialists of the State Gemological Center of Ukraine will be informative for both professional gemologists and connoisseurs of precious stones.

Our regular contributors S. Shevchenko and P. Baranov presented the three main segments of economic subjects and the fields of their interaction in the international gemstone market. Also, they provided guidelines for doing business and respecting human rights, which became the basis for creating basic standards and ensuring the sustainable development of this market.

For the purpose of highlight the artistic and decorative properties of jasper O. Geleta and V. Nesterovskyi in their article summarized information about its decorative varieties, identification and diagnostic characteristics. This will help expand the field of use this natural stone.

Treatment with natural stones has been known since ancient times, but the essence of its effect on the human body is not clear enough. In their publication, V. Nesterovskyi and T. Drozd reveal the concept of "lithotherapy", its place in everyday life and explore the different department of lithotherapy and the list of basic healing minerals.

We wish you a pleasant acquaintance with the presented material, inspiration from touching precious stones and new achievements in the field of gemology!

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