

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Çiğdem Lüle, PhD, FGA, GIA GG, DGA

Dr. Lüle is a mineralogist and an award winning gemologist. Her scientific background, gem trade and market experience in Turkey, United Kingdom and the United States since 1997 form the basis for the broad range of services provided to clients. Her company Kybele LLC provides independent mineral, gem and jewelry appraisals, individually tailored gemological education, also supports archaeogemological research.

Professional Education

BSc. in Geo Engineering, Ankara University, Turkey, 1995
Diploma in Gemmology from Gemmological Association of Great Britain (FGA), 1998
Diamond Diploma from Gemmological Association of Great Britain (DGA), 1998
MSc. in Mineralogy, Ankara University, Turkey, 1999
Graduate Gemologist, Gemological Institute of America (GIA), 2005
PhD. in Mineralogy, Hacettepe University, Turkey, 2006

Industry Memberships

Member of The Scottish Gemmological Association (SGA), 2008 - present
Accredited Senior Gemologist of Accredited Gemologists Association (AGA), 2011-present
Member of Mineralogical Society of America, 2011- present
Member of National Association of Jewelry Appraisers 2018 - present
Candidate of ASA (American Society of Appraisers), 2018-present
Member of Association of Jewellery Valuers (UK) 2020-present

Employment, Industry Service and Recognition

Research Assistant at Mineralogy Department, Ankara University, Turkey, 1999-2002
Staff Gemologist and Sales Assistant at R. Holt and Co., London, UK, 2002-2004
Gemology Instructor at GIA London Campus, London, UK, 2004-2010
Director of Development, Gemworld International, Glenview, IL, USA, 2011-2017
Contributing editor to the GemGuide and Gem Market News published bi-monthly by Gemworld International, Inc. 2011 - present

Technical advisor the World of Color system published in 2014
Consultant to ColorCodex Color Communication System 2016 - present
Awarded the prestigious **Antonio C. Bonanno Excellence in Gemology Award, 2016**
Conference Co-Chair, World of Gems Conference V, 2017
Awarded the **Catriona McInnes Medal, 2019**
Committee Member of The Scottish Gemmological Association (SGA), 2020 - present
Board Member of Accredited Gemologists Association (AGA), 2020 - present