

INTRODUCTION

In 2018 JTF will be reaching its 14th edition! The positive feedbacks we keep receiving motivate us to go on with enthusiasm and new ideas: we are now working to make it contemporary and lively, especially through a deeper involvement of our audience.

In the meantime, we are pleased to share with you the JTF 2018 theme and the speakers' subscription program. We look forward to having you among our experts!

JTF 2018 THEME

WILL = WAY?

Are problems always new "opportunities"? Through our experts' witnesses and the JTF audience's help, we will speak about how, despite difficulties, a challenging or unexpected goal has been reached, or on the other hand what problems are yet to be solved to hit the goal.

The day will be split, as usual, into different speeches, which we would like to group under these 4 titles:

1. WILL TO SOLVE

By thinking out of the box, the known ways reveal not to be necessarily the shortest ones! Has a different perspective led you to new solutions to old issues, or to identify unprecedented needs to fulfill?

2. WILL TO DEFEND

A more responsible attitude toward people and the environment drives to different costumes and habits. What new ways are you tracking? How has this new attitude affected your Company? What positive side-effects has it generated? Is this part of a comprehensive CSR strategy?

3. WILL TO CONNECT

Cunning ideas are often co-created ones! An open and "social" attitude can be key to disruptive solutions. How did you identify the best network for your project, and manage it to reach unexpected goals?

4. WILL TO DREAM BIG

"If you can dream it, you can do it!", stated Walt Disney. Is this true? Some ideas are visionary for us, either long-cherished dreams or at-first-sight loves. For sure, all of them deserve perseverance to be fulfilled. Sharing the fulfilled ones will help others to have faith that things can happen... and sharing not-fulfilled ones can lead to solutions though the help of the JTF experts and audience!

The treated topics will need to be linked to the JEWELRY field and be related to:

- Metallurgy and alloys
- Production Processes (Investment casting, Mechanical processing)
- The evolution of gold production technology as a function of new trends
- Surface coatings
- New materials
- Nano-technologies applied to gold and related sectors
- Quality system, productive organization, process and product traceability
- Legislation, norms and reference standards, ethics and social responsibility
- The creation of models: design, rapid prototyping, hardware and software

SELECTION METHOD & DEADLINES

Within 15 July 2017: send us your subject proposal and request for participation by writing to infojtf@legor.com. Specify the title of the speech, a brief extract (maximum 15 lines), and kindly send your updated bibliography with a picture in jpg format.

Within 30 August 2017: the JTF Scientific Committee will evaluate your proposal and will notify you accordingly.

Within 15 October 2017: the complete work must be sent for final approval.

WHAT IS JTF

The Jewelry Technology Forum (JTF) is the **unique opportunity in Europe to compare notes and favour cultural exchange of a technical and scientific nature** among experts in the international gold sector, on subjects of common and current interest.

Its characterizing element is providing participants with practical indications and concrete answers to daily questions related to the many aspects of goldsmith technology. That is why JTF prevalently encourages research papers and new information gleaned from projects promoted by companies, but is also keen on giving voice to the academic world and scientific institutions, providing that the contents to be shared are developed with a view to technical application. **For this reason, papers must not contain any references of a commercial or self-promoting nature.**

MORE TO KNOW

The speakers will be the guests of the Organisation for the entire duration of the JTF, which will be held **during the VICENZAORO January and T-Gold trade fair in January 2018 in Vicenza**. Please apply to the Organisation Office for any additional clarification or information (Ms Veronica Cortese - tel.0039 0444 467945 – E-mail:infojtf@legor.com – JTF website).

Looking forward to having you among our JTF 2017 valued speakers, we send you our sincere best regards,

The JTF team