



2026 Conference Schedule

	Time		Min
May 16th	4:00	Roundtable- <i>Sharing Solutions for Rebuilding the Industry Workforce</i>	90
	06:00	WELCOME DINNER	
Sunday May 17th	8:00	Conference Welcome & Announcements	30
	8:30	<i>Magee & Parekh - Beyond Ideation: Investigating Manufacturing-Ready AI Applications in Jewelry Design</i>	45
	9:15	<i>Arun Brakash - Process Automation in Investment Casting for Jewelry Manufacturing</i>	45
	10:00	Networking Break	30
	10:30	<i>Mulligan - The Responsible Sourcing of Gold - in Theory and Practice</i>	45
	11:15	<i>Hoover - Sweeps 101: The Cycle of "Non-Clean" Scrap from Accumulation, Documentation, Processing, Assay and Settlement</i>	45
	12:00	Networking Lunch	60
	1:00	<i>Kumar - Preparation and Characterization of Closed-cell, High-karat Gold Foams for Ultra-lightweight Jewellery</i>	45
	1:45	<i>Giantin - Repositioning Platinum in Fine Jewelry Manufacturing: Metallurgical, Process and Economic Benchmarking of Additive Manufacturing vs. Traditional Techniques</i>	45
	2:30	Networking Break	30
	3:00	<i>Strauss - Powder Metallurgy: Debinding and Sintering Theories and their Application to Precious Metal Alloys</i>	45
	3:45	<i>Sanfelix - Blending Geometric and Organic Patterns to Create a Floral Ring</i>	45
	4:30	Q&A Session	45
		NETWORKING DINNER	
Monday May 18th	8:15	Morning Announcements	15
	8:30	<i>Bulling - Casting the Future: Metallic Glass Jewelry and Accessories Made by Precision Investment Casting</i>	45
	9:15	<i>Sullivan & Miller - Small Change. Big Impact. How to Improve Business Results Through Incremental Transformation Projects</i>	45
	10:00	Networking Break	30
	10:30	<i>Gilbertson - The Transformation of Diamond Cut Quality Grading: Where We Are Now</i>	45
	11:15	<i>Corti - Basic Metallurgy of the Precious Metals: Part IV - Deformation Processing and Heat Treatment</i>	45
	12:00	Networking Lunch	60
	1:00	<i>Wongpreedee & Virutamasen - Jewelry Innovation Futures: From Research to Commercial Using the Quadruple Helix Model</i>	45
	1:45	<i>Winters - The FTC Guides: the Jewelry Guides, the Green Guides, and the Future of Sustainability Claims in the Jewelry Industry</i>	45
	02:30	Networking Break	30
	3:00	<i>Perelmuter - Engineering for Endurance: How Weight, Balance, Thickness, Length, and Fit Shape Long Duration Performance in Pierced Jewelry</i>	45
	3:45	<i>Binnion - Platinum Before Paris: Unearthing a Global History from Pre Columbian Innovation to European Opulence</i>	45
	4:30	Q&A Session	45
		NETWORKING DINNER	
Tuesday May 19th	8:15	Morning Announcements	15
	8:30	<i>Schoenke & Sengupta - Characterization of Casting Defects in 950 Platinum Castings</i>	45
	9:15	<i>Friso - Jewelry Production by Binder Jetting Additive Manufacturing: From Laboratory Tests to Full-scale Production</i>	45
	10:00	Networking Break	30
	10:30	<i>Shah - The Effect of Quench Time On As-Cast Properties of White Gold</i>	45
	11:15	<i>Kazantsev - New Approaches to Polishing Porous and Complex Jewelry Surfaces: Beilby Layer Formation as a Solution to Persistent Defects</i>	45
	12:00	Q&A Session	20
	12:30	Edsel Award, \$1,000 Drawing, Symposium concludes	