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Martin P. Steinbach



Biography:

Martin P. Steinbach fell in love with gems in general and star gems in particular back in 1982 when he travelled to Asia and got trapped in Bangkok and took gemmology courses at AIGS under W.K. and Henry Ho. After graduation as the very first German gemmologist (A.G.) there, he returned to Idar-Oberstein and graduated also under Professor Bank and Dr. Lenzen as a FGG-gemmologist. Over the years, Martin travelled to more than forty countries buying, selling and collecting gems. He has delivered educational talks at the 2018 Symposium of the Gemological Institute of America (GIA), at the Gem and Jewelry Institute of Thailand (GIT), at the Gemmological Institute of Great Britain (Gem-A) and several other conferences around the world.

Already in the 1990s, the idea to write a book about the stars of gems was slowly forming in his mind. In 2017, after more than thirty years of intense research and writing, his dream of a lifetime had finally come true: the realization of the first book worldwide on asterism. The extensive compendium *Asterism – Gems with a Star*, consist of about 800 pages with more than 1000 pictures, weighing over 20.000 carats ;-)) (4 kg). It is just perfect for gemmologists, appraisers, students, collectors, enthusiasts and simply gem lovers, and in the gem trade, it is already considered to be a "classic".

In 2022, Martin will introduce a new, glamorous book about this beloved phenomena: *Star Gems – a fascinating World*.

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