

## ARMENIAN JEWELERS` ASSEMBLY

YEREVAN, SEPTEMBER 17-19, 1997

**September 17, 1997**

**First day**

- 8:30 a. m.**            **Registration of participants and VIP guests**
- 9:00 a. m.**            **Opening Plenary, Hotel Armenia**
- Moderator:** Gagik Yeghiazarian  
Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade
- Remarks:**  
HE Robert Kotcharian Prime Minister  
HE Garnik Nanagoulian Minister of Industry and Trade  
Mr. Haig Arslanian "Arslanian Cutting Works Bvba", Belgium  
HE Sargis Shahazizian Minister of Natural Resources  
*Theme: "Natural Resources of Armenia"*
- 10:00 a. m.**            **Coffee Break**
- 10:30 a. m.**            **Welcoming Remarks and Presentation on the AJA:**  
Mr. Pierre Akkelian, President of the Canadian Jeweler`s Assosiation.
- Moderated Discussion**  
"The Armenian Jewelry Network: A Global Perspective"  
"Participants to present their business activities and brief on the status of the jewelry industry in their respective countries"  
"Conclusion on the significance of the AJA"
- 12:30 p. m.**            **Luncheon at Armenia Hotel**
- Site Visit**  
Yerevan Jewelry Plant  
Exhibition of Jewelry products
- 19:00 p. m.**            **Visit to Holi Echmiadzin**  
Audience with His Holiness Karekin I

**September 18, 1997**

**Second day**

**9:00 a. m. Plenary at Armenia Hotel**

**Moderator:** Vartkes Knadjian

**Themes:**

*"Prospects for Economic Development in Armenia"*

by HE Armen Darbinian, Minister of Finance and Economy

*"Foreign Trade and Investments in Armenia"*

by Gagik Yeghiazarian, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade

*"Introduction of EDIPA"*

by Boris Haroutiunian, Director of EDIPA

*"Ways and Means of Developing Armenia's Industrial Potential"*

by Aram Vardanian, President of the Union of Entrepreneurs and Businessmen

**10:00 a. m. Coffee Break**

**10:30 a. m. Themes:**

*"Armenia as a part of global information system"*

by Garegin Chougaszian, Chief of the information and publishing directorate of Government

*"The Armenian Jewelry Industry Before and After Independence"*

by Emil Grigorian, Executive Director of Yerevan Jewelry Plant

*"The Shoghakn Diamond Cutting Plant"*

by Gagik Abrahamian, Director of the plant

*"DOs and DON'Ts of Doing Business in Armenia"*

Chahe Arslanian, President of "Arslanian" Diamond Cutting Plant

**12:30 p. m. Banquet**

Offered by "Shohakn" Plant and "Backes and Strauss"

**Site Visit**

"Shohakn" Diamond Cutting Plant

"Lori" Diamond Cutting Plant

**18:00 p. m. Visit to Sevan**

**20.00 p. m. Dinner at Armenia Hotel**

**September 19, 1997**

**Third day**

**9:00 a. m. AJA Founding Meeting**

**Moderator:** Pierre Akkelian

**Open Discussion and Resolution on:**

"AJA Mission Statement and Objectives"

"AJA Organization: regular vs honorary membership, Honourary Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, Executive President or General Secretary, registration, secretariat and logistics.

**10:30 a. m. Coffee Break**

**11:00 a. m. Open Discussion and Resolution on:**

"Upcoming Events and Projects (overall), studies on networking (common sourcing, model sharing)"

"Compile list of Armenian jewelers worldwide"

"Database creation issues at "Internet" and WWW"

**12:30 p. m. Lunch at Armenia Hotel**

**14:00 p. m. Open Discussion and Resolutions on:**

"The jewelry industry promotion and development prospects in Armenia"

"Information exchange problems"

"Product development, design, market research problems"

"Publication of a worldwide Armenian jewelry magazine (out of Armenia),

"The status and future of the jewelry and diamond cutting industries of Armenia.

**20:00 p. m. Closing Plenary and Dinner Banquet at Armenia Hotel**

**Moderator:** Gagik Yeghiazarian

**Remarks:**

HE Garnik Nanagoulian, Minister of Industry and Trade of Armenia

Mr. Haig Arslanian, "Arslanian Cutting Works Bvba", Belgium

Mr. Vartkes Knajian, "Backes and Strauss", Belgium

Mr. Pierre Akkelian, President of Canadian Jewellers Association

***September 20, 1997***

**Morning**

**Tour of Yerevan  
Matenadaran  
Tsitsernakaberd  
National Gallery**

**Afternoon**

**Visit to Historical Monuments  
Garni  
Geghard**

***September 21, 1997***

**Events**

**Participation in the Independence Day Celebration**