

Minutes DCSC 23/6/2026

1. Roll call at 10:05 CET

Present: Present: Udi Sheintal (US), Jean-Pierre Chalain (JPC), Charles Abouchar (CA), Stephane Fischler (SF), Alan Cohen (AC), Karina Ratzlaff (KR), Jeanette Fiedler (JF), Yoichi Horikawa (YH), Thomas Lind (TL), Wolfgang Schmauch (WS), Michael Mintrone (MM), Ronnie Bauer (RB), Niels Ruddy Hansen (NRH), Gaetano Cavalieri (GC), Ken Scarratt (KS), Peter Karakchiev (PK), Maxim Makogorenko (MMK):

Excused: Gérard Grospiron (GG), Aurélien Delaunay (ASD), Dominique Dubugnon (DD), Rudi Biehler, Moti Besser, Tatiana Gorelenkova, Anton Zaitsev, Maria Konstantinova

2. Welcome

GC appreciate the DC work. Topic of terminology synthetic vs Laboratory Grown diamonds.

3. Approval of the DCSC agenda

The agenda of the meeting is approved.

4. Approval of the DCSC minutes of April 29th, 2026 (attached)

Minutes approved.

5. Discussing the revised DB dated April 29, 2026

See changes in the new DB Draft.

6. Addressing "cut" and its somewhat confusing handling in both the CIBJO Diamond Book and the ISO (attached ppt) - presented by Jeanette Fiedler

See PPT that is now the consensus and amendments were inserted accordingly in the DB.

JPC will assist JF to prepare a short article for the DC Report, to recognize her efforts to convince the whole DCSC in the amendment.

7. Feedback & discussion after the joint DCSC-LGDC meeting of May 19, 2026

US & Ronnie present Wesley points. To allow the use of the terms "Synthetic" and "Laboratory-Grown", only.

KR: In Germany we use only the term "Synthetic".

SF: consistency "grown" and "created" is added in the 4.3.1.2 see GG proposal

JF: synthetic like with -coloured stones not "laboratory grown"

PK: "Laboratory-Grown" is used mainly in USA. Today no laboratories make synthetics only factories. Russian Government legislated not to use "diamond" for synthetics and indicate their weight in grams. We should educate the consumer to use the term "synthetic" and not mislead

him with the term “Laboratory-Grown” as equivalent to “synthetic”. No laboratory produces synthetic only factories.

AC: IGI uses Lab grown and use the 4C’s rules. It might be hard to change the world, but we must do the first step.

CA: We were wrong in the past to cave in for the industry demands to change the nomenclature. It might be hard to go back but we should not give up. It’s the right thing to do.

TL: We should use only the term “synthetic”. It might be hard, but we should not make it easy to confuse the consumer. We should not allow the trade to use the term “Laboratory-Created”.

MM: Agrees with Thomas to use only the term “Synthetic”. It might not be easy to change the terminology in the market, but we must be very clear with the terms we use. “Synthetic” should be the only term to use.

GC: comments: We must listen the world’s points of views and always look at the big picture of the natural diamond market vs. the synthetic market.

7a. US reminded the DCSC that Wesley's (Chair of Laboratory Grown Diamonds committee)

request to keep both synthetics and Laboratory Grown, so dropping Laboratory created

7b. US gave the DCSC information about BIS: BIS Adopts IS 19469:2025 to Standardize Diamond Terminology, in India and did not adopt ISO 18323

7c. US shared with the DCSC members the heated growing debate in the industry following our move to drop the two terms from the DB: “Laboratory-Grown” and “Laboratory-Created” and keep only the term “Synthetic” in the DB.

7d. US presented GG proposal: Shall the LGDC and the LGD Guideline be rebranded SDC and SD Guideline and explained that this question will be handled by the CIBJO Board and not by the DC.

8. Addressing concerns by Thomas Lind on Thomas Lind (TL) proposal, for the benefit of final consumers, “working on a way to better define/clarify what are the 4C’s”

4C’s = rarity to be communicated to final consumer. See **CIBJO** Director of communication

Thomas explained that the discussion on rarity is the real discussion to differentiate between natural diamonds and synthetic diamonds. Thomas was invited to present his thoughts in the upcoming Diamond Report.

JPC emailed Thomas with Ken in cc to ask how they wish to proceed with this important issue.

9. Next steps for the DC – US explained that the DC mainly will push during next Congress the approval of the new DB.

10. Other business: US asked members to suggest topics they want to write on, for the Diamond Report: Special report (deadline: 10/07/2026)

11. Next meeting will take place in the Abano hotel, Vicenza.

12. Adjournment at 11:55 CET