Mineral Shows in Russia, Autumn 2013

## «GEMMA», MOSCOW – «STONE WORLD», SAINT-PETERSBURG

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utumn mineralogical shows "Gemma" (Moscow) and "Stone World" (Saint-Petersburg) are always expected by amateurs of minerals with great interest: geologists during the summer expeditions might discover a new cavity with minerals at the Subpolar Urals or in the Dalnegorsk, and they were lucky to find there SOMETHING SO AMAZING... Or miners reach new cavities with polychrome tourmaline at the Malkhan Ridge, or our persisting collectors discover a new locality in some remote region of our huge country... And this year's expectations mostly came true. Really, the Malkhan ridge gifted a new interesting material: elbaite crystals on morganite. Dalnegorsk presented unusual skeletal crystals of galena, fantastic coral-like quartz aggregates of crystals as well as quartz "roses" typical for Brasilia but unusual and until recently unknown for Dalnegorsk. From a newly discovered locality in the Northern Urals collectors have brought unusual aggregates of splitted pyrite crystals.

Among the specimens from foreign deposits, one can see new spectacular druses with azurite and malachite from Morocco, scheelite, quartz and fluorite from China With no doubt this list is not complete, and every collector that visited mineral shows can easily find some attractive specimen for his collection. That is the reason why these "stone" shows are so successful, and all mineral collectors are happy to attend them and may find a specimen fitting their own souls.

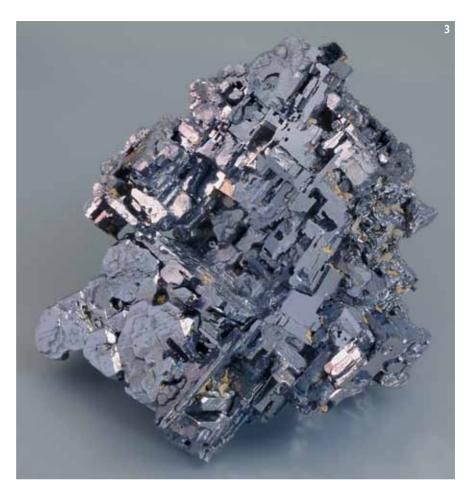
1. **Pyrite**. 4 x 4 cm. Vagran river, Severoural'sky district, Northern Urals, Russia. Specimen: V.V. Levitskiy.

2. **Elbaite**. 8 x 6 cm. Sosedka vein, Malkhansky ridge, Transbaikalia, Russia, 2013. Specimen: A.A. Konyussky, Z.T. Dzhurayev.





3. **Galena**. 6 x 4 cm. Nikolayevsky mine, Dalnegorsk, Prymorsky kray, Russia. Specimen: V.V. Ponomarenko.



4. Scheelite, lollingite. 20 x 9 cm. Huanggang Mine, Chifeng Pref., Inner Mongolia, China. Specimen: D.V. and O.A. Davydov.

