



COL·LEGI OFICIAL
DE JOIERS, D'ORFEBRES,
DE RELLOTGERS
I DE GEMMÒLEGS
DE CATALUNYA

The **Jewellers, Gold and Silversmiths, Watchmakers and Gemmologists Association of Catalonia** is the body that groups together all the professionals practicing this activity within Catalonia. From now we will refer it as JORGC, corresponding to abbreviation of its name in Catalan language (Col·legi Oficial de Joiers, d'Orfebres, de Relotgers I de Gemmòlegs de Catalunya)

The industry in Catalonia probably is the biggest in Spain, concentrating probably around 25% of consumption.

JORGC – Nature and structure

The JORGC is a corporation under public law, professional in nature, having a democratic structure and its own legal personality, with full authority to pursue its purposes. It is recognised and supported by the Spanish Constitution, the Autonomous Statute of Catalonia, the law applicable to professional bodies. But specially, it was created by Catalonia government through Act 12/2001 dated 13 July regulating the constitution of the Association of Jewellers, Goldsmiths, Silversmiths, Watchmakers and Gemmologists of Catalonia.

It should be noted that, under this law, all practitioners in the jewellery, watchmaking and gemmology professions are compulsorily required to be registered with our Association if they wish to practice their profession and work in Catalonia.

It is also important to mention that this legal form to group all professionals of the industry in Catalonia is different to normal Territorial Associations; in first place, these associations have a voluntary membership, and in second place, normally the members are companies and individuals. Given the “official public college” nature of the JORGC, this makes our organization much closer to Lawyers, Engineers, or Doctors Colleges, and its base is the aggregation of all people working in this industry.

Jewellers and watchmakers determine by free elections, each 4 years, their representatives and the members of JORGC board. Last election was in November 2006, and the current President is **Damià Matamala i Garrós**.

The approx 1.800 professionals in Catalonia, members of JORGC, are classified in this way:

Total per Sectons	%	
Commerce (retail & wholesalers)	1.225	68%
Goldsmiths & Industry	581	32%
Gemmology	135	8%
Watchmakers	83	5%
Designers	93	5%

* A member can be part of more than one section, so total % is higher than 100%

Objectives

As a professional college, the main goals of JORGC are:

- Boost the change and renew practises of their professions, answering to society and consumer new demands and ensuring quality standards
- Represent and defend the rights and interest of their members in front of institutions, authorities and society in general
- Offer specific services, such us:
 - 1) An Official Metal Laboratory, recognised by Catalan Government as one of the only two laboratories in Catalonia that can put the legal hallmark, which is requested to all gold, silver or platinum piece to be sold in Spain. The C-2 Official Laboratory has been homologated in all countries in the world.
 - 2) A gemmologic laboratory, member of the CIBJO (Confederation of International Boards of Jewelleries Organization).
 - 3) The JORGC School, for teaching and training in jewellery techniques but also for management courses and in-company trainings
 4. Representation in front of International big Fairs, as Inhorgenta, Bassel, Iberjoya (and hopefully soon Vicenza)

5. Tax and employment consultancy service
6. All kind of support in public or legal requirements (Consumption Inspections, Weapons Licenses, assessment of security measures
7. Specific Cooperation Agreements with leader companies and suppliers of different fields (Financial, Insurance Company, Travel Agencies, Lawyers) to offer members better conditions or differentiated services.
8. Employment bourse
9. Free Magazine for the industry and web site
10. Representation in front of Police and other security forces.
11. Specific agreements with leading companies of different industries and services (finance, insurance, media, travel and tourism, etc) to provide services

JORGIC has a representative office in each province of Catalonia.

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