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### **Workshop on Certification to be offered for the first time at the 36<sup>th</sup> IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy**

For the first time ever, the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies will be offering a workshop on certification at its international conference on Jewish genealogy. The workshop, scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, will be a highlight of this summer's conference, which will take place at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Seattle from August 7 to 12. Board-certified associates are known throughout the genealogical world as key participants in teaching, writing and executive leadership of the leading genealogical organizations.

Three genealogists, all of whom hold the prestigious Certified Genealogist credential from the Board for Certification of Genealogists, will team up to run the workshop:

- ! Judy G Russell, known as "The Legal Genealogist," is a member of the BCG Board of Trustees. She will also be delivering the banquet address at the conference.
- ! Dr. David McDonald, a nationally known lecturer on migration, religion, and church records, is also a member of the BCG Board of Trustees.
- ! Sara Scribner is a Washington-based Certified Genealogist.

Together, these experts will guide attendees through what the certification process entails, who should seek certification, how to go about it, and how to avoid common mistakes. Anyone who had ever considered becoming a Certified Genealogist and those who simply want to sharpen their expertise against the highest professional standards, will find this workshop essential.

This summer's conference will also feature a Jewish Film Festival put together by leading Jewish film scholar and teacher of cinema Eric Goldman. Other highlights include the opening night keynote address by Dr. Devin Naar, chair of the University of Washington Sephardic Studies Program, and a resource room accessing a vast array of databases. And, as at previous conferences, remote streaming of selected programs will be available through LIVE!

The conference's Early Registration period, which runs until April 30, offers the lowest fees, with savings of \$55 for the full conference. For more information, contact the conference co-chairs Janette Silverman, Phyllis Grossman, and Chuck Weinstein through the conference website [www.iajgs2016.org](http://www.iajgs2016.org).