

# Armenian Jewellers Foundation

Geneva, Switzerland

## Advancing the Heritage of Armenians in Jewellery

### AJF BOARD HOLDS MEETINGS IN LISBON AND YEREVAN

On October 15, the Board of Trustees held a meeting at the Gulbenkian Foundation headquarters in Lisbon, Portugal. The Board visited Lisbon by special invitation of the Armenian Communities Department to attend functions held during the Armenian Culture Week. On October 26, the Board held its third annual meeting at the Meridian FEZ during the Yerevan Show. At both meetings, ongoing activities were reviewed and key strategic issues considered.

The Board decided to organize an event during Baselworld in March 2015 to lay out AJF's vision for the coming years, present a comprehensive activity report, as well as the results of the first financial audit of the foundation.

In Lisbon, the Board met with Gulbenkian Foundation trustees Mr. Martin Esayan and former minister Mr. Eduardo Marcal Grilo to discuss future plans and projects. Meetings were also held throughout the week with the Armenian Communities Department Director Dr. Razmig Panossian, the chief organizer of the events, to share knowledge and experiences.

AJF Chairman Pierre Akkelian was also invited to attend the Armenians in 2115 Strategizing Seminar, which analyzed the future outlook of the nation (more on the results of this brainstorming event can be found [here](#)).

Mr. Akkelian met with philanthropist and renowned businessman Mr. Ruben Vardanyan in Lisbon, as well as in Montreal and Boston during follow-up meetings. They discussed various cooperation initiatives, including the planned '100 Lives' project spearheaded by Mr. Vardanyan's RVVZ Foundation.



Gagik Gevorkyan, Pierre Akkelian, Vartkess Knadjian



Hratch Kaspar, Pierre Akkelian, Razmig Panossian, Vartkess Knadjian, Prof. Sebouh Aslanian of UCLA



**Levon Afeyan, Ruben Vardanyan, and Pierre Akkelian at Canadian Gem offices in Montreal**



**Vartkess Knadjian, Pierre Akkelian, Razmig Panossian, Martin Esayan, Aram Shishmanian**