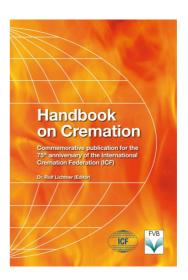


## **International Cremation Federation**

## Press release



## 75th Anniversary - ICF Release Handbook on Cremation

The International Cremation Federation (ICF) is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2012. This is reason enough – but not the only one – to publish the Handbook on Cremation. This English-language handbook includes articles from authors from around the world, who are experts in the funeral and cremation business. The book was released on October 4th, 2012. A special anniversary price has been fixed at € 45 (plus VAT if applicable plus delivery charges).

The book describes what we believe are important aspects of cremation. The history of cremation is described by Todd van Beck, complimented by an article from Roger Arber about the development of cremation and statistical global cremation data and a description of the International Cremation Federation and its goals by the Secretary-General of the ICF, Henry J. Keizer.

The ethical aspects of cremation are predominately focused on in the contributions of the following authors: Professor Davies writes about the ethical foundations of cremations in the religions; Jan Gabriels, MD, is the author of the legal and ethical aspects of the use of metals after cremation; Shoji Eguchi's contribution gives a detailed description of cremation in Japan; and the planning and operational aspects for crematory are summarized by Peter McLean.

Several detailed contributions cover the technological aspects in a crematorium. Designs for furnace constructions (Dr. Gebhard Schetter, Dieter Zahn), designs for filter technology (Dr. Ole Petzoldt), emissions and emission control (Benjamin Wiechmann/Markus Gleis), developments in filter techniques for crematoria and saving energy and sustainable development (Andrew Mallalieu), measuring and control technology for emission control (Bruno Vater) and sanitary requirements at crematories (Dr. Gabriele Righi/Dr. Edda Guareschi) provide a broad and extensive overview of today's technology.

The fourth part of the book is entitled "Standards and Qualifications", which includes articles about the standardization for crematories by Peter Plegnière, quality assurance for crematories by Svend-Jörk Sobolewski, professional formation and development concepts for crematory employees by Duncan McCallum, as well as educational aspects – now and in the future – by Dr. Rolf Lichtner, who is also the Editor of the book.

A special anniversary price has been fixed at € 45 (plus VAT if applicable plus delivery charges). Pre-orders by e-mail can be sent to: <u>Fachverlag@bestatter.de</u>.