SCOTTISH LAW REVIEW

The Scottish Government established a review group in 2005 tasked with investigating legislation relating to the disposal of the dead in Scotland. Sheriff Robert Brodie, chair of the group, has produced a report that has been submitted to the Scottish Government.

The following link will take you to a summary of recommendations made in the report: [http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/03/25113621/2](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/03/25113621/2)

Members are alerted to these recommendations which may pave the way for modernisation of legislation in Scotland.

RECYCLING OF METALS

Following on from the news of the £35K surplus produced last November the Institute is pleased to inform members that another surplus of £33,900 has been received from the last collection. Letters received from the recipient charities are posted on the ICCM website.

As more cremation authorities come on board with the scheme we hope that we are able to report more surplus for charities later this year. As £82,539 has been produced since the scheme began it is likely that we will top £100K in 2008. This figure could be greatly increased should more cremation authorities, and especially more of our private sector colleagues join this charitable initiative. Don’t be mean, be green.

SENSITIVE DISPOSAL OF FOETAL REMAINS

Work is continuing on the review of the Institute’s policy document on the burial, cremation and disposal of foetal remains. The work, which is being carried out in conjunction with the Royal College of Nursing and the Miscarriage Association, will result in the production of updated policy documents from both the RCN and the Institute. The policies are due to be launched later this year and will be followed by a seminar dedicated solely to sensitive disposal.

REUSE OF GRAVES UPDATE

The Ministry of Justice is currently establishing pilot sites in England and Wales where the practice of reuse will be developed. The Burial & Cemeteries Advisory Group is currently discussing the licensing process, code of practice and guidance on the subject. It is envisaged that once the pilot sites are fully established it will be approximately 18 months before reuse becomes a generally available option. Keep a look out for ICCM Reuse Updates as this initiative develops.

Look Out For:

- Easy Guide to the Law - work is well under way
- BRAMM Seminars - more and more authorities are signing up
- National guidance including abatement, foetal remains, memorial management, BCAG and much more
- Re-use of graves - progress with guidance for London authorities and MoJ pilot scheme authorities
- More news on Conferences and Seminars
- Partnership work with other organisations
ICCM CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2008

WHEN? - 29th, 30th September and 1st October

WHERE? - Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth, Warwickshire

After three consecutive years in Harrogate, Yorkshire the annual ICCM Conference and Exhibition moves south to a new venue this year. The Chesford Grange Hotel near Kenilworth, Warwickshire is 4star rated by both the AA and RAC, and features recently redecorated and upgraded rooms, as well as a pool, gym and spa.

The hotel is set in impressive grounds, part of which will be used for demonstrations of machinery, grave digging and shoring techniques. It has a dedicated events centre that features rooms with ample space to hold the main conference and the exhibition under one roof and free parking for 650 vehicles.

The hotel is easily accessible by road, rail and air. It is just off Junction 15 of the M40, Warwick Parkway and Leamington Spa stations are 4.5 and 6 miles away, and Birmingham and Coventry airports are less than 15 miles away.

View the Hotel at
http://www.qhotels.co.uk/hotels/chesford-grange-near-warwick-warwickshire/

The Conference will feature a range of papers covering the latest topical issues and will offer workshops providing real practical advice and training. The Exhibition is the largest of its kind in the UK and will feature companies and organisations providing products and services across the whole range of bereavement services.

Attendance at the Conference and Exhibition ensures that you stay up to date with industry initiatives and assists with your continuing professional development. It also provides the opportunity to network with colleagues and share experiences in a relaxed and informal way.

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The Cost? Delegate fee £495 + vat inclusive of accommodation, meals and attendance at all conference sessions and functions

Should you wish to reserve a place and/or accommodation please email: timiccm@btinternet.com

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