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Crematory Operator Training Advances to Next Level

State-of-the-art facility makes hands-on training a reality

STERLING, VA (April 29, 2019) – The International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association (ICCFA) is proud to announce its partnership with the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science (CCMS) and Facultatieve Technologies (FT) to provide the very first of its kind Advanced Crematory Operator Certification. Taught by cremation experts in what will be a modern teaching environment on the CCMS campus, the stadium designed facility will utilize the FT III Cremator, and will provide the most extensive, practical hands-on crematory operator training experience available in the U.S.

“One of ICCFA’s cornerstone commitments to its members, and part of its mission statement, is to deliver exceptional educational opportunities, and this will truly be an exceptional educational opportunity,” said ICCFA’s Cremation Programs Coordinator,

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Poul Lemasters, Esq., as he shared the news of this newest standard setting certification program during the ICCFA 2019 Annual Convention & Expo in Charlotte, NC. Joining Poul to make the announcement were Ernie Kassoff, sales manager, FT-USA, and Jack Lechner, president of CCMS.

"Our goal through this partnership is to raise the bar and take crematory operator training to the level of a specialist," remarked Kassoff.

Lechner commented on the ability of the program to transform death care education: "By incorporating hands-on cremation operations management with ceremony, as well as creating an enhanced pet loss curriculum and coursework on alkaline hydrolysis (an alternative to traditional, flame-based cremation) we will have done everything we can to provide the best educational foundation to build a career in the death care profession."

Curriculum planning for the week-long Advanced Crematory Operator Program is currently underway, with groundbreaking for the new facility scheduled to take place in 2020.

Founded in 1887, the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association is the only international trade association representing all segments of the cemetery, cremation, funeral and memorialization profession. Its membership is composed of more than 9,100 rooftop locations and 18,000 professionals in the cemetery, funeral home and crematory industries, as well as supplier and related businesses worldwide.

The Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science (CCMS) is the oldest mortuary college in the Nation. Founded in 1882, CCMS is committed to the success of each

student, offering a rigorous curriculum which exceeds accreditation standards and one of only a few regionally and professionally accredited colleges offering a Bachelor of Mortuary Science degree that, after entering the program with 60 credit hours, can be complete in only 16 months.

Facultatieve Technologies, now known as “FT”, is your partner in providing the most technically advanced cremation systems available. Providing products that meet the most stringent environmental legislation throughout the world, we are committed to provide a safe and healthy environment for the communities you serve. Visit www.facultatieve-technologies.com for further information.

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