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Cemeteries as a common heritage by Daniele Fogli, p. 2

The cemetery can be inherently seen as a common heritage, being a place of historical memories for a land and a community, not only as a place relevant to hygiene and public health issues. Everybody has indeed the right to be buried in the place of death or last residence.

Death: a never-ending story by Elena Messina, p. 14

The death concept is something we don't have a common language or vocabulary for. Each of us represents death in his own way, and this representation depends on symbols and icons provided by culture and society of everyone.

Peculiar aspects on the burial authorization: suspect of crime by Carmelo Passalacqua, p. 16

To obtain the authorization and proceed to burial, death must be ascertained by a certificate indicating also the "*possible presence of clues denoting a crime or brutal death*". In the case of cremation, the procedure is even stricter.

Mortuary policy in Mexico: thanatopraxis and bottlenecks in cemetery operations by Carlo Ballotta, p. 22

Embalming is a technique to postpone the body decomposition for all the time required for funeral rites or transportation. This article is focused on the experience of such practice in Mexico.

Between Totò and Ugo Foscolo: the duality between equality and differences within cemeteries walls by Pietro Barrera, p. 28

The problem of grief commercialization cannot be neglected. It is a matter of inadequacy of the average quality standards provided by public cemeteries of big cities, related also to (as it is for hospitals and schools) economical crisis opening the way to unacceptable disservices.

The evolution of death-care market in France by Emanuele Vaj, p. 31

Recent operations of acquirement and aggregation between large companies in the death care sector is the demonstration of changes occurring in the French (and not only) market, with an increase power of finance and an acceleration in concentrations. Market tends to this kind of solutions, with large groups led by new entities and investors.

The cremation in Lombardy Region. Approval of indications for the evolution of the network of cremation facilities, developed in response to the analysis of the data collected (D.G.R. Lombardy n. X/3770 of July 3rd, 2015), p. 33

The Lombardy Region, by issuing the D.G.R. in subject, has replaced the old D.G.R. VIII/4642/2007 and approved the document "The crematoria in Lombardy Region D.G.R. X/3482 of April 24th, 2015 – Report on outcomes – Update 2015" drawn up by DG Health, which provides a cognitive framework of crematoria placed in Lombardy Region and defines the guidelines for future development of new facilities and the upgrading of existing ones, taking also into account the need to maximize efficiency and "*limit and control the impacts on public health and on the environment stemming from its emissions*".

Revocation of project financing and rates updating of cemetery concessions: the determination of the "moment" which produces effects (Circular SEFIT Utilitalia n. 104 of September 8th, 2015), p. 44

The circular comments two legal judgments. The first judgment concerns the amendment of the intentions of the Local Administration concerning the construction of a cremation facility, likely for localization issues, given the resistance of the population, and the regulation of economic relationship resulting from the revocation of the construction and management of the cremation facility through project financing. The second judgment concerns the identification of the moment from which a cemetery concession begins, in order to determine the right size of the rate to be paid: rate that between the concession assignment and the stipulation of concession act has been changed.

Cremation of Britons in Italy – Home Office Circular n. 16/2015 (Circular SEFIT Utilitalia n. 184 of November 13th, 2015), p. 54

The United Kingdom legislation concerning the cremation of Britons' bodies in Italy do not provide a consular authorization. To these bodies is ordinarily applied the Italian law on the subject.

Updating the maximum rates for cremation in 2016 (Circular SEFIT Utilitalia n. 185 of November 13th, 2015), p. 56

This circular issued by Sefit spreads the new rates concerning the service of cremation and scattering of ashes in cemetery that will take effect from January 1st 2016 (VAT 22% included in cases it should be applicable).

Private tombs in cemeteries and bans of concession in presence of profit and speculation purposes by Sereno Scolaro, p. 59

Profit and speculation, both banned in cemetery concessions for obvious reasons due to morality and state-owned condition of tombs, must be considered in the technical sense, as defined by the Italian Civil Code.

Revocation according to art. 92/2 D.P.R. 285/1990: a real "mission impossible" by Carlo Ballotta, p. 63

The Italian Mortuary Police Regulations faces the issue of the revocation, by reaching a very dangerous result, that is to provide for a very complex and bound procedure, which easily lead to paralysis.

Forfeiture and revocation are two institutions often wrongly confused or overlap.