

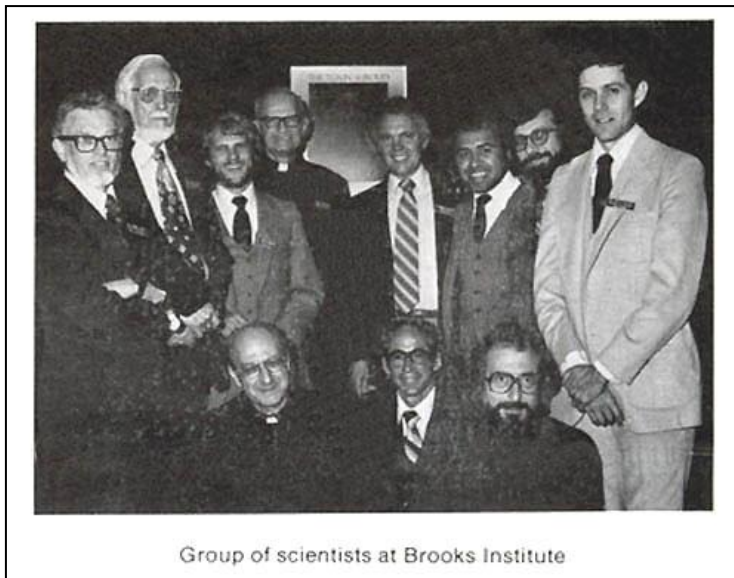
History of the Centro Mexicano de Sindonologia (CMS)

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In September 1969 I was in Oviedo (Asturias – Spain) for the first time to meet my family members who lived nearby. My cousin Alfonso Suarez Lopez walked me down to know the Oviedo Cathedral – (during this trip to the main European countries organized by the Universidad La Salle in Mexico included Madrid, alone and on my own I traveled by plane to Asturias). Once inside the cathedral, quite dark at that time, I talked to the sacristy manager and asked where I could purchase a descriptive guide of the cathedral. Amazed by the question - because nobody had asked, he suggested I should ask in a nearby bookstore, in the end I just could get an Asturias guide book.

Remembering these events I realize that even then I felt in my heart that the Oviedo cathedral should be of great importance. Now I can explain this for the holy chest with the Sudarium of Oviedo. Thanks to the CES (Centro Español de Sindonologia), to Mons. Giulio Ricci, president of the Centro Romano di Sindonologia and Shroud scholars, actually we know very well the Oviedo cloth.

The main target of this article is to provide you a brief description of the history of the CMS (Centro Mexicano de Sindonologia) as brief as possible in order to celebrate the XXX Anniversary of its founding



[Holy Shroud Guild Newsletter]

In early 1981, providentially I came across a magazine called GeoMundo on universal geography (Oct. 1978) which contained a very interesting and extensive article, very well illustrated about the Holy Shroud by Robert Wilcox, author of "The Shroud." Thus began my interest in knowing deeply about it. As I am a bibliophile, some data was mentioned in the article, and I wrote to the Holy Shroud Guild in New York to ask for more information about the Shroud. Fr. Adam J. Otterbein, president of this group, kindly gave me information for other sources and people to ask for more information and materials. So my interest in the Shroud increased.

During Lent in 1981 a Photographic Exhibit of the Shroud was inaugurated in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Mexico City, acquired by Cardinal Ernesto Corripio Ahumada from Mons. Giulio Ricci, president of the Centro Romano di Sindonologia. This exhibition was a novelty and a great success. Mexican nuns took a course with Monsignor Ricci on Sindonology in Rome; they explained each photograph in the Exhibit. There were also slide lectures about the Shroud by scholars, the most famous was Dr. Enrique Rivero-Borrell Vazquez, who in the late 1950's began to study the Shroud. In fact, Dr. Enrique told us one day that thanks to this Photo Exhibit brought from Rome by Cardinal Corripio, the idea was born to create a Shroud Center in Mexico.

The Centro Mexicano de Sindonologia (CMS) was inaugurated on May 25, 1983.



[From L to R - Eng. Fernando Rivera Barroso (standing - Spread Vocal), Mons. Rutilio S. Ramos (General Vicar of the Curia), Dr. Enrique Rivero-Borrell Vazquez (President), Cardinal Ernesto Corripio Ahumada (Honorary Chairman), Canon Dr. Faustino Cervantes Ibarrola (Ecclesiastical Advisor), Prof. Adolfo Orozco Torres (Secretary), Dr. Julio López Morales (Information Vocal and International Relations)]

We also have the participations of Canon Dr. Antonio Brambila Zamacona, who delighted us with a short dissertation (the Gordian Knot), likewise Fr. Ruben Rios Zalapa from Monterrey who composed a poem to the Shroud and recited it with great excitement.

At the end, the audience was invited to visit an expo with books, photographs and artwork on the Shroud.

[From L to R. Dr. Julio Lopez, Prof. Elsa Maria Rodriguez C. (my wife), Cardinal Ernesto Corripio]

We have a CD audio available (in Spanish) of the Inauguration.

As the one responsible for CMS International Relations, I kept correspondence with Fr. Piero Coero-Borga, Secretary of the Centro Internazionale di Sindonologia – (CIS) International Centre of Sindonology in Turin; my dear friend Manuela Corsini de Ordeig, author of “The Shroud of Christ” and future founder of CES (Centro Español de Sindonologia) in Spain; Fr. Adam J. Otterbein and Fr. Peter M. Rinaldi, both of the Holy Shroud Guild in New York, The Rev. Albert R. Dreisbach Jr., president of the Atlanta International Center for the Continuing Study of the Shroud of Turin; Fr. Aldo Grasso of the Shroud Exhibit in Santa Cruz, California (USA); Fr. Francis L. Filas, who identified the coin on the right eye of the man of the Shroud; Dorothy Crispino editor of the Newsletter Shroud Spectrum International; Fr. Luigi Fossati, a salesian priest, scholar in the history of the Shroud and author of several books and the filmstrip - Copies of the Shroud, etc., Prof. Emanuela Marinelli in Rome, member of Collegamento Pro Sindone and author; Rex Morgan author of the Newsletter Shroud News in Australia; Fr. Paul de Gail author of the Newsletter Amis de la Sainte Face in France; Bro. Bruno Bonnet-Eymard in France, author, Shroud scholar and lecturer.



We also had correspondence with many sindonologists - Dr. Eugenia Nitowski, Richard Orareo, etc., from various countries.

In June 1983 our Newsletter SINDONE, came to light, with articles, news and reviews of books about the Shroud.

From June 1983 to August 1985 a monthly lecture was given on the Shroud at the 4th floor of the Archdiocese of Mexico, organized by the CMS with guests from different places and organizations.

In May 1985 we had a beautiful lecture by our Theological Advisor - Canon Dr. Antonio Brambila Zamacona and we took the opportunity to have a picture with him, due to his health condition, he hardly came out from home.



[From L to R. Dr. Julio Lopez (Founder member), Prof. Elsa Maria Rodriguez (my wife - founder member), Lupe (a little behind - wife of Dr. Enrique Rivero-Borrell Vazquez), Emma (member), Canon Dr. Antonio Brambila (CMS Theological Advisor), Dr. Enrique Vazquez Rivero Borrell (with mustache - President), Prof.. Lourdes Fierro (eyes closed - founding member), Prof. Adolfo Orozco (Secretary), Canon Dr. Faustino Cervantes (Ecclesiastical Advisor CMS), Rodolfo Chavez (bearded, founding member), Angelita Chavez (brother of Rodolfo -

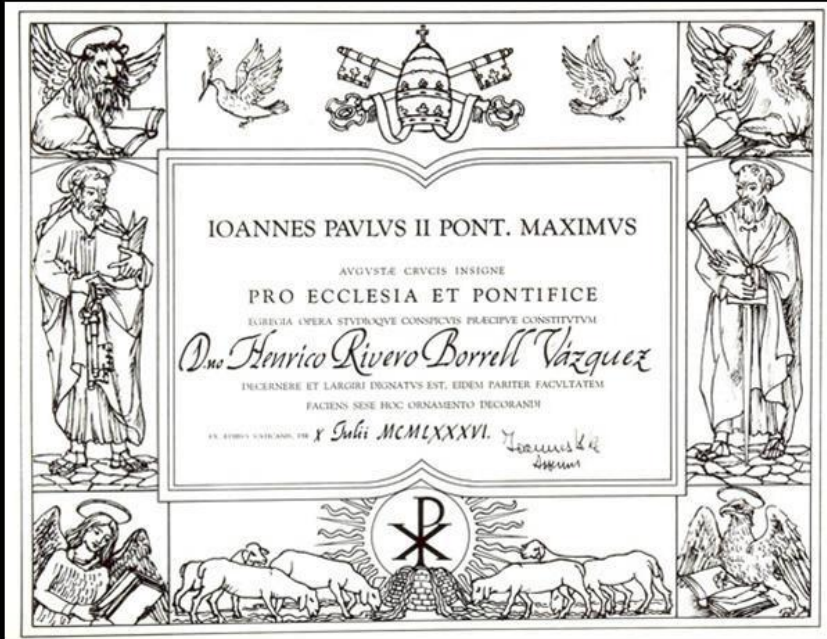
Historian and member), Marisa Rodriguez (wife of Adolfo - founding member), Rosita Pohls (member) and Conchita (arms crossed – hematologist and member)]

From October 1985 to 1987 our weekly meetings of the Board, had in the parish church of La Votiva in front of the famous Reforma Avenue a few steps from the column of the Independence Angel. And our monthly conferences were held in the auditorium of the Library of the Universidad La Salle, because our President Dr. Rivero-Borrell has been teacher of that institution for several years.

[From L to R. Angelita Chavez, Mr. and Mrs. Rivera Barroso, Adolfo and Marisa, Fr. Faustino Cervantes, Elsita (leaning), Prof.. Lourdes Fierro, Dr. Rivero-Borrell, Lourdes Fierro’s mom (with cane), Emma, Dr. Julio and Julito (my son)]



Crux Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice



1986 - Medal and Diploma - Crux Pro Ecclesia et Pontiff to Dr. Enrique Rivero-Borrell Vazquez (President of CMS) [Mass and imposition of the medal at the Metropolitan Cathedral with Cardinal Ernesto Corripio]



Misa en la Catedral Metropolitana 1986



Hommage to Dr. Enrique Rivero-Borrell Vazquez (President of CMS) by his Conference #1000 of the Shroud. For such a splendid event I took the liberty to elaborate for Dr. Enrique, a new series of slides, but in color. (he used the original b/w slides for 21 years).

We also have on audio CD (in Spanish) an interview of Dr. Rivero-Borrell with key questions about his start on Sindonology.



We visited The Rev. Albert R. Dreisbach, Jr., president of the Atlanta International Center for the Continuing Study of the Shroud of Turin, in August 1986.



In Atlanta we also met with Shroud scholar Rodger J. Apple, president of the Albany Center for the Turin Shroud - ACTUS († March 4th, 1999).

On the occasion of the Marian Year in 1987, the CMS was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary with a Mass in the Basilica of Guadalupe.

El Centro Mexicano de Sindonología, A.C.

Otorga el presente

Diploma

A: DR. JULIO LOPEZ MORALES

*por su colaboración y apoyo en el conocimiento
y la difusión de La Sábana Santa de Turín.*

1983-1988.


Dr. Enrique Rivero-Borrell Vázquez
 Presidente Efectivo


 Ernesto Cardenal Corripio Amunátegui
 Presidente Honorario


 Pbro. Faustino Cervantes Ibarrola
 Asesor Eclesiástico

1988 - V Anniversary of the CMS. Mass and presentation of diplomas.

1988 - Visit to the CIS (Centro Internazionale di Sindonologia) in Turin; Fr. Luigi Fossati, SDB (Turin); Emanuela Marinelli in Rome (with my wife Elsita) and Mons. Giulio Ricci (Rome).



In 1995, our beloved and esteemed Ecclesiastical Advisor, Canon Dr. Faustino Cervantes Ibarrola died.

In 1998 we had the sorrow for the death of our beloved president Dr. Enrique Rivero-Borrell Vazquez.

But also in this year we were fortunate that our current president, Adolfo Orozco, his wife Marisa and some CMS members attended the Shroud Exposition in Turin and on their way back were blessed by Pope John Paul II in Rome.

1999 – We organized the First Symposium of the Centro Mexicano de Sindonología in the city of Irapuato, Guanajuato.

2000 - Jubilee Year of the Redemption. Shroud Congress in Orvieto. Exposition of the Shroud in Turin with members of CMS and greeted Pope John Paul II in Rome.

Megarostro de la Sindone en Catedral



2001 – Giant portrait of the Shroud at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Mexico City. Inside a simple photographic exhibition of the Shroud was held.

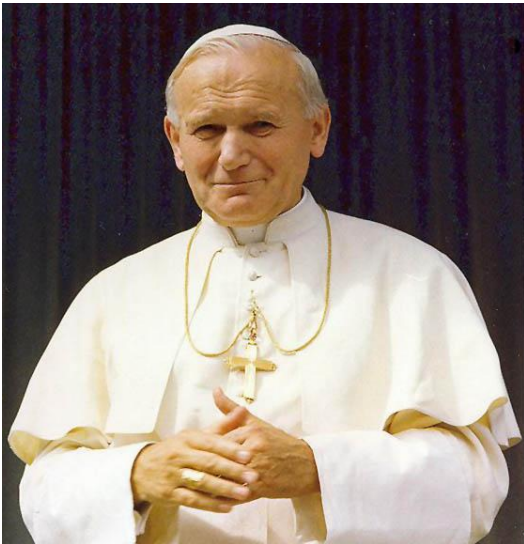
2002 - I had the opportunity to go on a pilgrimage to the canonization of St. Pio of Pietrelcina in Rome and meet the sindonologist Alberto Di Giglio (Centro di Sindonologia del Caravita). We also visited the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano. And at every point of the journey, we did not miss any chance to talk about the Shroud to the Mexican pilgrims.

2003 - Twentieth Anniversary of CMS. A Mass was celebrated at the Archdiocese of Mexico by Fr. Juvenal Garnica, great friend and collaborator of the Centre. (In 2008 Fr. Garnica also did us the honor to concelebrate with Fr. Mario Angel Flores).

At the end of this year I produced a home-made video about the history of CMS, including scenes we taped with my wife and with Bruno Barberis and Gino Moretto of the CIS in Turin, and Mons. Giulio (Rome) in 1988.

2004 - Thanks to our current Secretary of the CMS - Gerardo Halbinger, the first Sindonology Meeting organized by Fr. Juan Jaime Suarez Silva (Father Johnny) was held in the city of Poza Rica, Veracruz. Three days of intense activity with conferences and exhibitions, including presentations by Dr. John P. Jackson and his wife Rebecca, who are frequent CMS speakers. Every two years the Meeting is

organized in Poza Rica with different presentations. Fr. Johnny has a team of highly trained sindonologists to carry the message of the Shroud to all corners of Mexico. For the year 2014 we expect another Meeting and celebrate with Fr. Johnny his Golden Jubilee! (50th Anniversary in the Priesthood).



2005 – With this image of the Blessed John Paul II († 2005) I want to pay a warm tribute and gratitude to all pontiffs that somehow have contributed to the knowledge of the Shroud in the whole world, adding of course Pope Benedict XVI and our current Pope Francisco.



2008 - XXV Anniversary of the CMS. We have the presence of internationally renowned Shroud scholars - Prof. Bruno Barberis, President of the CIS (Turin); Drs. John and Rebecca Jackson (USA); Dr. Mario de la Piedra (Peru); Fr. Juan Jaime Suarez (P. Johnny) and his team from Poza Rica, Veracruz; Founding Members of the CMS and CMS Partners in Mexico. It was held at the auditorium of the Archdiocese of Mexico City. [From L to R. Bruno Barberis, Adolfo Orozco, Dr. Mario de la Piedra and Dr. John P. Jackson]



[General view of the participants]

2010 - Christmas with the members of the CMS at the home of Eng. Felipe Latapi and family, very active members of the CMS.



[From L to R. Mary Santabalbina (member), Elsa M. Rodriguez (leans out his face - my wife, founding member), Prof. Cecilia (wife of Felipe, member), Adolfo Orozco (President); Marisa (wife of Adolfo - member), Gerardo Halbinger (Secretary); Sara Elena (wife of Gerardo), Danae and her mother; Olivia (poking his face, member), Prof. Lourdes Fierro ((founding member), Prof. José Carlos Espriella (member) Meche (was secretary of Fr. Faustino Cervantes for several years), Eng. Ramón Gutierrez (Member), Dr. Julio Lopez (founding member and author of this article); Daughters of Felipe; Felipe Latapi (with beard - member), Hector David Arciniega (member)]

2012 - Replica of the Shroud donated by Professor Bruno Barberis, President of CIS to CMS. Mass at the Basilica of Guadalupe - May 4 (Feast of the Shroud)

2012 - XXV CES Anniversary (Centro Español de Sindonologia) – MANY CONGRATULATIONS!

2013 - XXX Anniversary CMS. Once again, with the presence of internationally renowned Shroud scholars - Prof. Bruno Barberis, president of CIS (Turin), Fr. Roberto Gottardo (Turin), Fr. Rafael Pascual (Pontifical Athenaeum. Regina Apostolorum in Rome), Prof. Jorge Manuel Rodriguez, president of CES (Spain), Drs John and Rebecca Jackson (USA), Dr. Mario de la Piedra (Peru), Dr. Petrus Soons (Netherlands) and his wife Dalys (Panama), P. Juan Jaime Suarez (Fr. Johnny) and his team of popular sindonologists from Poza Rica, Veracruz; Founding members of CMS and CMS members in Mexico. It was held at the auditorium of the Plaza Mariana near to the Basilica of Guadalupe. And as well as every year ... a festive Mass!

[From L to R. Fr. Roberto Gottardo (Turin), Dr. Petrus Soons (Netherlands) and his wife Dalys (Panama), Prof. Bruno Barberis (Turin), Adolfo Orozco and Marisa (CMS - Mexico), Dr. Mario de la Piedra (Peru), Prof. Jorge Manuel Rodriguez (Spain), Dr. John and Rebecca Jackson (USA)]





[From L to R. Dr. Julio Lopez and Elsitá (CMS - Mexico); Adolfo Orozco and Marisa (CMS - Mexico); Fr. Roberto Gottardo (Turin); Dalys (Panama); Cecilia and Felipe Latapi (CMS - Mexico); Bruno Barberis (Turin); Renee Yvon Padilla (CMS - Mexico); Dr. Mario de la Piedra (Peru), Drs. John and Rebecca Jackson (USA) and Dr. Petrus Soons (Netherlands)]

Currently the best and the most visited web page on the Shroud of Turin is www.shroud.com - Barrie Schwartz always supports and congratulates the CMS. God bless you Barrie!

I would like to take this opportunity to send a warm thank you to all those who work and collaborate in the best catholic television channel - EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) - www.ewtn.com, in German, English and Spanish versions. Thanks to its programming we can learn more about the Shroud, the Sudarium of Oviedo, etc. (also can be watched online and many programs now are on Youtube) A catholic person can not be an ignorant anymore. Thanks Mother Angelica!

Nor do I forget to thank the Mexican Catholic channel Claravision, which on several occasions invited us to talk about the Shroud and other related issues. Currently it is named Mariavision and sometimes shows old programs on the CMS and the Shroud.

As homage to all deceased sindonologists (known and unknown, foreign and domestic) I offer them this: Shroud Prayer for the souls in Purgatory. **"Lord God, who left your Passion signals on the Shroud, which was wrapped your Blessed Body when Joseph of Arimathea went down you from the cross, grant us Oh Merciful Lord! by your holy death and burial, for the grief and anguish of your Holy Mother Mary and Our Lady, are brought the Holy Souls to the glory of your Resurrection, where you live and reign with God the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen".**

Mexican sindonologists deceased –

Maestro Cristian Caballero. †March 21, 1986.

P. Antonio Brambila Zamacona. †August 21, 1988.

P. Faustino Cervantes Ibarrola. †January 20, 1995.

Dr. Enrique Rivero-Borrell Vazquez. †October 17, 1998.

Cardinal Ernesto Corripio Ahumada. †April 10, 2008.

Fr. Juvenal Martinez Garnica. †March 26, 2012.

Angelita Chavez Gonzalez. †November 25, 2012.

And other CMS deceased members who have worked with us without being sindonologists.

Foreign sindonologists deceased with whom I had correspondence) –

Fr. Paul de Gail, SJ - †December 12, 1983.

Fr. Francis L. Filas, SJ - † February 15, 1985.

Fr. Jose Luis Carreño Etxeandia, SDB - †May 29, 1986.

Fr. Piero Coero-Borga - †September 23, 1986.

Manuela Ordeig Corsini - †June 28, 1988.

Fr. Peter M. Rinaldi, SDB - †February 28, 1993.

Monsignor Giulio Ricci - †February 6, 1995.

Fr. Adam J. Otterbein, CSS.R - †June 9, 1998.

The Rev. Albert R. Dreisbach, Jr. - †April 29, 2006.

Fr. Luigi Fossati, SDB - †April 11, 2007.

Orazio Petrosillo - †May 11, 2007.

Reflections -

St. Pio of Pietrelcina - Mirror of crucified Jesus.

Whenever lecturing on the Shroud, the public almost always ask me - why Jesus on the Shroud was wounded in the wrists with the nails and stigmatics such as St. Francis of Assisi, Therese Neumann and Padre Pio, have the wound in the palm of the hand? To give a consistent answer I studied the issue of stigmata, when studying the life of Padre Pio (St. Pio of Pietrelcina) I realized that besides been the first stigmatized priest, he carried all the Christ wounds including the shoulder one. Even more, I have a conference on Padre Pio with the title above.

I found a very eloquent answer in the book...

– *LO QUE REVELA EL SANTO SUDARIO A UN CONVERTIDO* - Cuestiones Médicas y Reflexiones Piadosas. Rudolph W. Hynek 135pp. Ed. Bibliotheca Sindoniana #10. Barcelona. 1951. (WHAT THE HOLY SHROUD REVEALS TO A CONVERTED PERSON - Medical Studies and Pious Reflections. 135pp. Ed. Bibliotheca Sindoniana # 10. Barcelona. 1951).

Thanks to the excellent booklets from the Bibliotheca (sic) Sindoniana in Spain, I read that Dr. Hynek interviewed Therese Neumann and asked why the wounds of the nails are in her palms? Therese (when in ecstasy) saw the Passion of Christ as an eyewitness and said: "Do not think that the Savior was nailed in the palms of the hands, but in the part of the hand where the bone is stronger" - pointing her wrist. Later Dr. Hynek showed her a photo of the face of Christ on the Shroud and Therese said, "Yes,

it is the Lord's face ... but (pictured) looks very old ..." Dr. Hynek concluded: "Naturally he looks very old, after all the ailments he suffered from the agony in Gethsemane to his crucifixion!"

Anyway, I hope this little appetizer serves to invite you to republish (and translate) these wonderful Bibliotheca Sindoniana booklets.

Studying the Shroud has helped me to be a better Catholic. Now I am a Catholic by knowledge and by conviction.

The Shroud and the science do not contradict each other.

The knowledge of the Shroud (Sindone) have been of great help to:

Acquire knowledge of Medicine, Palynology, Numismatics, Photography, History, Archaeology, Thermodynamics, Painting, Sculpture, Literature, Theology, Hagiography (lives of saints), Church History (veneration of saints and the Shroud by pontiffs, etc.).

Knowledge of the Holy Scripture, particularly the New Testament.

Organize a Shroud Library - Books, Magazines, Newsletters, magazine and newspaper articles, photocopies of books, magazines, etc., Slides and Slides, Audio (Cassettes and CD), Videos (VHS and DVD), Art (Lithographs, prints, prayers, medals, etc.). All this material are available in several languages.

Learn more tangibly the Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The holy rosary is no longer a monotonous prayer because every day we meditate a part of the life of Christ. For example Tuesday and Friday we meditate from the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane to his death on the cross.

The same happens with the meditation of the Stations of the Cross, especially during Lent.

For me the Shroud is: The imprint of the Passion and the proof of the Resurrection our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you do not believe in the Resurrection, our faith is vain (1 Cor 15, 14)

Mane nobiscum Domine. Stay with us, Lord. (Lk 24, 13-35)

WITHOUT THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS, HIS IMAGE WOULD NOT BE ON THE SHROUD.