

## NEWS &amp; ACTIVITIES AROUND THE WORLD

Good news indeed that in this month of December, SINDON will again appear after an intermission of one year. To judge from the echoes of European activity in Shroud research, SINDON #31 will bring highly significant information from various disciplines; and this information will be translated and relayed to readers of SHROUD SPECTRUM INTERNATIONAL.

SINDON is the official journal of Shroud studies, composed in the very shadow of the soaring chapel where the Holy Shroud reposes. Published by Turin's Royal Confraternity of the Holy Shroud, SINDON is the heir of a long and noble tradition. The "Royal Confraternity of the Most Holy Shroud and the Blessed Virgin of Grace" was founded in Turin in 1598, dedicated to works of charity, particularly in the administration of a hospital for the insane. Today the Confraternity continues only in its devotional character; membership is limited to local residents.

In March, 1937, the sodality "Cultores Sanctae Sindonis" (Promoters of the Holy Shroud) was formed within the Confraternity and the first article of its aims was the divulgation of information and devotion to the Shroud.

SINDON first appeared in October of 1959 and in December of that year the Centro Internazionale di Sindonologia was formally instituted within the juridical framework of the Cultores. Its primary purpose is for study, therefore atheists and persons of any religion, wherever they live in the world, can be inscribed. In the dissemination of Shroud studies, SINDON has played the most prominent role.

The Centro depends on the Direction of the Confraternity Council, whose president is automatically president of the Centro. At present, this position is ably held by Prof. Tino Zeuli. Dr. Pier Luigi Baima Bollone is the Director, and the Secretary is Don Piero Coero Borga. Under his guidance, the pages of SINDON have carried the writings of the world's most eminent scholars, scientists and sindonologists for nearly a quarter of a century\*. A beacon of authoritative information kept alight to lead us to a deeper love and knowledge of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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\* Only the latest issues are still available, the earlier volumes being out of print.