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Her Royal Highness Princess Maria Gabriella of Savoy, daughter of King Umberto II, last king of Italy and last private owner of the Shroud, with Cavaliere (Sir) Antonio Cassanelli, the organiser of the Rome conference:  
*From the Passion to the Resurrection: 2000 Years of Silent Testimony.*  
Princess Maria Gabriella delivered a paper at the conference.

## EDITORIAL

This issue is late being sent out for which I apologise having had much immediate agenda to deal with. I had hoped to bring you summaries of all the papers at the excellent Rome conference held last month but it is not possible for this issue. Instead I hope you will appreciate the complete printed programme of speakers together with some anecdotal pictures to give you the feel of the conference.

One of the highlights was the presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Maria Gabriella of Savoy, daughter of King Umberto, the last private owner of the Shroud. I thought it was good to be reminded of the immense contribution of the Savoys over the last 500 years in the preservation of the Shroud and that they are still present and still contributing to that cause when many other people involved with the Shroud behave as if it is theirs.

One of Princess Maria Gabriella's most wry remarks was that when the C14 result was announced she said that if the church thinks it's a fake why not give it back to the family.

Apart from some excellent papers concerning not only the Shroud but the Tunic of Argenteuil and the Oviedo Cloth and other relics. I was given the opportunity to see some of the relics in the Basilica of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem which are normally excluded from the public. Indeed, along with the Jacksons and Alan Whanger and Dr Michael Hesemann of Germany I was privileged to see relics in the main library which are almost never on display.

Aside from the conference itself I met Roberto Falcinelli who has made the astonishing discovery that in one of the windows of Chartres Cathedral (1150 AD) is a head of Christ with Shroud features including the epsilon bloodflow on the forehead. This could hardly be a product of artistic imagination and so is a further piece of evidence which places the Shroud image well before the now discredited C14 date of 1350. I have Falcinelli's telephotographs and hope to bring more of this to you soon.

Next month I expect to be at the Shroud Conference in Richmond, Virginia, USA, where I shall also be presenting a paper on our Roman catacombs work.

REX MORGAN

## THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999

At very short notice I was able to attend a most important Shroud related conference in Rome held on 6, 7 and 8 May 1999 at the Lateran Pontifical University. The title, *Dalla Passione alla Ressurrezione: 2000 anni di silenziosa testimonianza*, (From the Passion to the Resurrection, 2000 years of silent testimony) was intended to include papers on relics such as the pieces of the true cross, other cloths such as that in Oviedo, Spain and the Argenteuil Tunic. Organised by the Centro Diocesano di Sindonologia Giulio Ricci which is housed in the Basilica of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem, the conference was a great success.

The Centro is the successor to that established many years ago by Monsignor Giulio Ricci, a prolific author, artist and scientific student of the Shroud throughout his life. All his work and papers have been carefully preserved and archived in the Basilica of the Holy Cross which also houses the greatest collection of relics of Christ in Italy. These include the "titulus" (the inscription from the crucifixion cross) and a number of other significant relics brought to Rome early in the first millennium. I was privileged to be taken on a private visit to the inner sancta of the basilica to be shown relics normally excluded from the public. I shall describe this in a later issue.

The conference was held in lecture halls at the university which were comfortable and well set up. There were difficulties with the translators who were, unfortunately, not professionals and who had quite some difficulty translating many of the speakers. There were numerous examples of their just giving up and breathing heavily and exasperatedly into their microphones, or forgetting they were broadcasting and making pertinent remarks about the situation or chatting to each other.

The overall organiser, Cavaliere (Sir) Antonio Cassanelli was a charming and sanguine man who kept excellent control of the whole exercise. Despite starting very late (as always) and despite several speakers being employed out of schedule, the whole effort was very satisfactory and some very significant papers were delivered.

Amongst the distinguished guests were Her Royal Highness Princess Maria Gabriella di Savoia, daughter of King Umberto, the last private owner of the Shroud. She has spent her life following the work of Umberto in maintaining a remarkable collection of artworks associated with the Shroud and some of which she placed on display in Turin last year and which I described in *SN 107*.

## THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)

The Princess not only attended many sessions of the conference but also delivered an important paper about the history of the Shroud and the Savoy family's connection with it for hundreds of years. There had been some newspaper talk about the possibility of restoring the monarchy in Italy (as has been successfully done in Greece) and it is also a bizarre situation that the heir to the throne is not allowed to enter Italy. It was reassuring therefore to note older Italians (who understand these things) bowing to Her Royal Highness and even kneeling as they spoke to her.

In this report I am unable to summarise the papers as I usually do but will propose this for a forthcoming issue of *SN*. Instead I shall reprint the actual programme so that you can see the wide extent of the papers given and some photographic reportage.

I might also mention that with the very short notice the only intercontinental delegates to the conference were John and Rebecca Jackson and Alan Whanger from the USA, myself from Australia and a number from other European countries such as France, Spain, Germany and Switzerland.

I was given a very warm welcome by all concerned in the conference and was accorded a VIP lunch and dinner each day at the Monastery of the Holy Cross. This amazing institution which has been there since the Middle Ages still uses the same refectory for the monks as it always has. We sat in open square on raised platforms and were served delicious food by the monks themselves. This was also the venue for the final conference dinner at the end of the programme.

On the Sunday evening we attended a special mass where the Princess was chief member of the congregation and relics from the reliquaries were paraded during the impressive service.

Many of the top sindonologists were in attendance and a few were conspicuous by their absence. I understand that some were not invited owing to old rivalries which is a matter to be regretted.

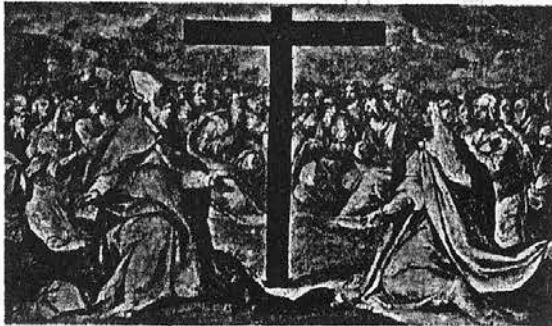
THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)



HRH Princess Maria Gabriella di Savoia concludes her paper on the history of the Shroud in the possession of the Savoy family with a slide of the famous picture of the Pope embracing King Umberto

THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)

**CONVEGNO INTERNAZIONALE**



***Dalla Passione  
alla Resurrezione:  
2000 anni  
di silenziosa  
testimonianza***

***Roma, 6-7-8 Maggio 1999***

**PONTIFICIA UNIVERSITÀ LATERANENSE**  
PIAZZA S. GIOVANNI IN LATERANO, 4

THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)

**PROGRAMMA**

**Giovedì 6 maggio**

Ore 9,30 - 13,00

*Saluto e presentazione del Convegno*

P. Abate LUIGI ROTTINI, O.Cist.

Abate dell'Abbazia di S. Croce in Gerusalemme

Presidente del Centro Diocesano di Sindonologia «Giulio Ricci»

Presidente della Congregazione Cistercense

di San Bernardo in Italia

*Saluto della Diocesi ed apertura dei lavori*

S.E. Mons. LUIGI MORETTI

Vescovo Ausiliare della Diocesi di Roma

Segretario Generale del Vicariato di Roma

*Le Reliquie della Croce; Roma, il Giubileo*

S. E. Mons. GIANNI DANZI

Segretario Generale del Governatorato

per lo Stato della Città del Vaticano

*Archeologia della Crocifissione*

Prof. PIETRO KASWALDER, O.F.M.

Ordinario di Egesi e Archeologia dell'Antico Testamento

Studium Biblicum Franciscanum - Gerusalemme

*Titulus Crucis: metodologie scientifiche applicabili*

Prof. FRANCESCO BELLA

Ordinario di Fisica

Università degli Studi Roma Tre

## THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)

Prof. ELIO CORONA  
Ordinario di Tecnologia del Legno  
Università della Tuscia - Viterbo  
Prof. MARIA FOLLIERI  
Ordinario di Paleobotanica  
Università degli Studi di Roma «La Sapienza»  
Dott. CARLO AZZI  
Istituto per le Tecnologie Applicate ai Beni Culturali del CNR

*La sepoltura regale di Gesù*  
Dott. MARIA LUISA RIGATO  
Docente di Nuovo Testamento  
Pontificia Università Gregoriana - Roma

*La Realtà della Sindone: lettura dei dati*  
Prof. BRUNO BARBERIS  
Prof. associato di Meccanica Razionale - Università di Torino  
Presidente del Centro Internazionale di Sindonologia - Torino

*Titulus Crucis: ricerche paleografiche*  
Prof. MICHAEL HESEMANN.  
Docente di Storia e Antropologia Culturale  
Università di Dusseldorf - Germania

Ore 16,00

**TAVOLA ROTONDA:**  
***La Ricerca Scientifica e le Reliquie***

*Moderatore:*  
Dott. LIVIA AZZARITI  
Giornalista RAI



THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)



Dr Mechthild Flury-Lemberg, Swiss conservation expert and Monsignor Giuseppe Ghiberti chief spokesman for the Shroud authorities in Turin with Prof Karlheinz Dietz, Germany



Rex Morgan with Alberto di Giglio, Rome, editor of *Il Telo* Shroud magazine

## THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)

Prof. GABRIELLA GIRELLI

Titolare della Cattedra di Immuno-Ematologia

Primario del Centro Trasfusionale

Primario del Servizio Speciale Immunocitopatologia  
del Policlinico Umberto I

Università degli Studi di Roma «La Sapienza»

Coordinatrice del Corso di Sindonologia «Sindone e Scienza»

Pontificia Università Lateranense - Roma

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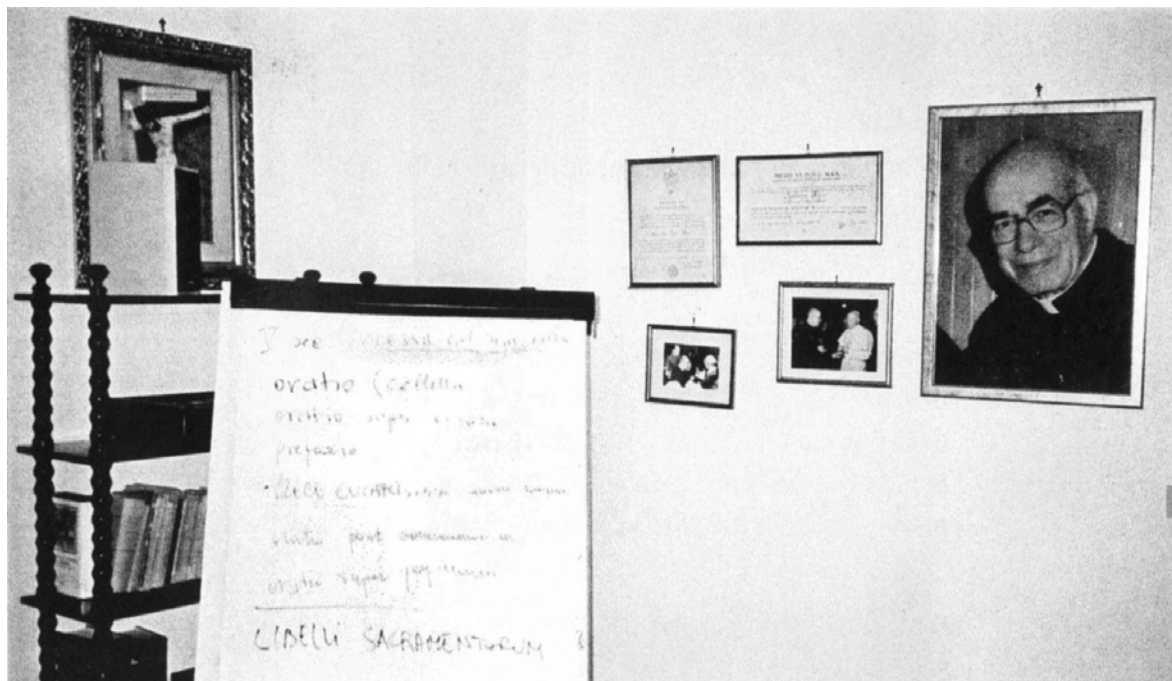
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Part of the Giulio Ricci Shroud Archive, Rome



Mgr Giulio Ricci's archival papers and materials, Rome

## THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)

Dr. CARLO AZZI

Istituto per le Tecnologie Applicate ai Beni Culturali del CNR

Dott. MECHTHILD FLURY-LEMBERG

Dr. Phil. h.c.

Esperta di conservazione dei tessuti  
Già Direttore della Sezione tessuti  
della Fondazione Abegg e Riggisberg  
Membro della Commissione  
per la Conservazione della Sindone - Berna

Dott. WINFRIED WUERMELING

Segretario Generale Costa - St. Gratien - Francia

Dott. DIDIER HUGUET

Direttore del Gruppo di Ricerca Costa-St. Gratien - Francia

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Prof. JOHN P. JACKSON

Direttore del Turin Shroud Center of Colorado - USA

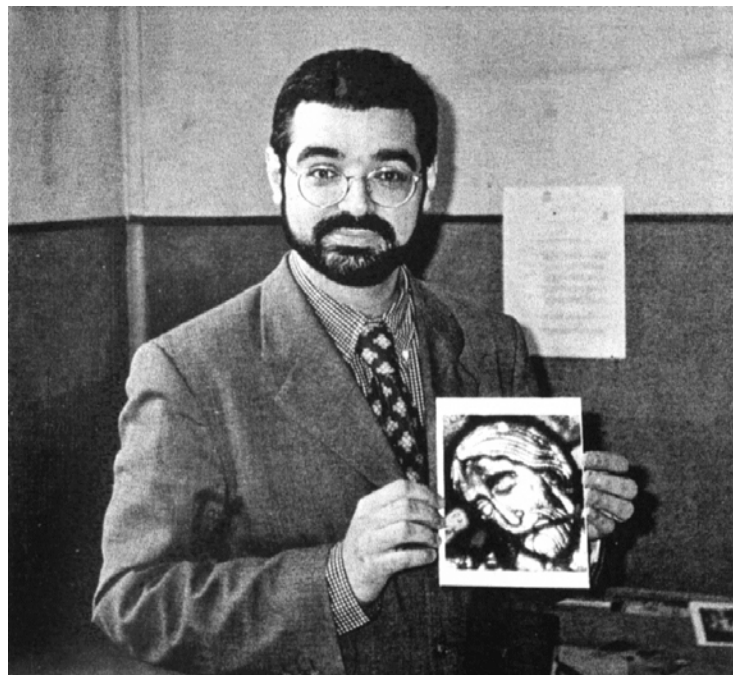
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Docente di Storia e Antropologia Culturale  
Università di Dusseldorf - Germania

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Dr Livia Azzariti, Radio Italy journalist and lecturer



Roberto Falcinelli. Rome, photographer with an amazing picture of the head of Christ he found in a window in Chartres Cathedral copied from the Shroud face

## THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)

**Venerdì 7 maggio**

Ore 9,30-13,00

*Pastorale e Catechesi delle Reliquie della Passione*

S. Em.za Card. MILOSLAV VLK

Arcivescovo di Praga

Presidente del Consiglio delle Conferenze Episcopali Europee

Titolare della Basilica di Santa Croce in Gerusalemme - Roma

*Le Testimonianze della Passione nella Pietà*

tra Medioevo e Barocco

Dott. GIAN MARIA ZACCONE

Vice Presidente

del Centro Internazionale di Sindonologia - Torino

*Tradizione e Fede.*

La Diocesi di Oviedo e la venerazione del Sagrado Rostro

Mons. RAFAEL SOMOANO BERDASCO

Decano della Cattedrale di Oviedo - Spagna

*Il Sudario di Oviedo. Ricerche Scientifiche*

Prof. PIERLUIGI BAIMA BOLLONE

Direttore dell'Istituto di Medicina Legale

Università degli Studi di Torino

Direttore del Centro Internazionale di Sindonologia - Torino

*Tecniche di ripresa fotografica nello studio delle reliquie. Metodologie e Indagini*

ROBERTO FALCINELLI

Fotografo professionista

Membro del Centro Diocesano di Sindonologia oGiulio

Dott. PAOLO SAMMURI

Direttore Tecnico Capo

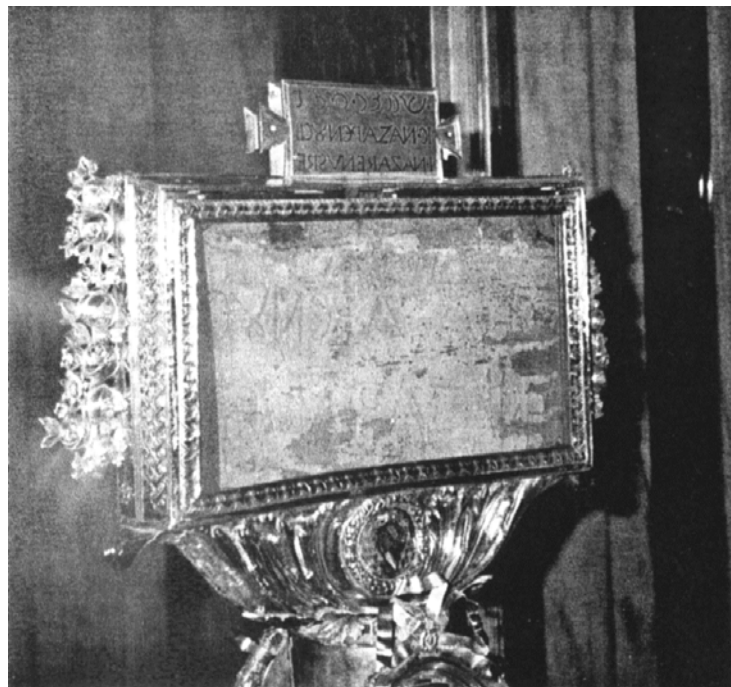
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THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)



A part of the True Cross in the Basilica of the Cross of Jerusalem, Rome



The *Titulus* (superscription) from the Crucifixion in Rome

## THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)

*La Sindone e Imago Pietatis*

Prof. JOHN P. JACKSON

Direttore del Turin Shroud Center of Colorado - USA

Ore 16,00 - 19,00

*Analisi comparata tra i tessuti:**la Sindone di Torino e la Tunica di Treviri*

Dott. MECHTHILD FLURY-LEMBERG

Dr. Phil. h.c.

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Già Direttore della Sezione tessuti

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*La Tunica di Argenteuil*

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Segretario Generale Costa - St. Gratien - Francia

Dott. DIDIER HUGUET

Direttore del Gruppo di Ricerca Costa St. Gratien - Francia

*Comunicazione, scienza e luoghi di culto*

Dott. GIOVANNI MINOLI

Giornalista RAI

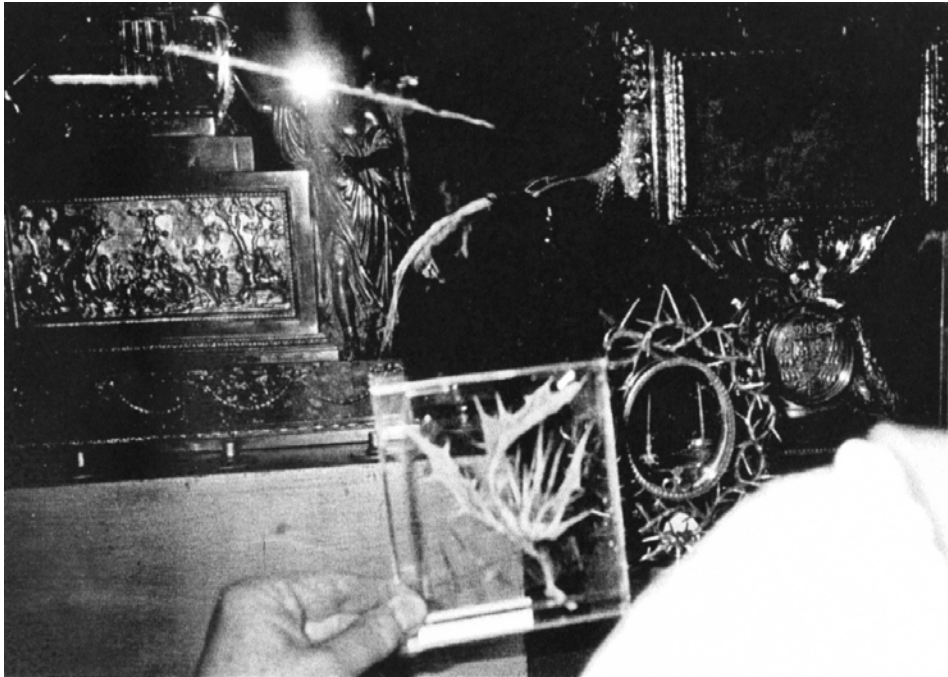
Ore 19,30

**Basilica S. Croce in Gerusalemme***Solenne Concelebrazione presieduta da*

S. Em.za Card. MILOSLAV VLK



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Dr Alan Whanger compares thorns from his collection with thorns in a reliquary at the Basilica of the Cross of Jerusalem



Dr Mechthild Flury-Lemberg who fell down a stone stairway in the monastery  
That she broke only her wrist amazed everyone who saw the accident

## THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)

**Sabato 8 maggio**

Ore 9,30 - 13,00

*Le Reliquie della Passione custodite nella Basilica di S. Pietro*  
S. Em.za Card. VIRGILIO Not  
Arciprete della Patriarcale Basilica di S. Pietro  
Vicario Generale di Sua Santità per la Città del Vaticano  
Presidente della Fabbrica di S. Pietro

*Sindone e Vangeli*  
Mons. GIUSEPPE GHIBERTI  
Membro del Centro Internazionale di Sindonologia - Torino  
Preside Sezione torinese Facoltà di Teologia  
Italia Settentrionale  
Docente di Filologia Neotestamentaria  
dell'Università Cattolica - Milano  
Membro della Pontificia Commissione Biblica  
Membro della Commissione  
per la Conservazione della Sindone

*La Sindone nell'Iconografia Sabauda*  
S.A.R. la Principessa MARIA GABRIELLA DI SAVOIA  
Presidente della Fondazione  
Umberto II e Maria Jose di Savoia - Losanna

*Ipotesi sulla storia antica della Sindone*  
Prof. KARLHEINZ DIETZ  
Ordinario di Storia Greca e Romana  
Università di Wurzburg - Germania

*Imago Pietatis*  
Prof. Mons. MARIO SENSI  
Docente di Storia della Chiesa e Iconografia  
Pontificia Università Lateranense - Roma

THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)



Dr Bruno Barberis and Dr Giancarlo Zaccone from Turin  
with Cavaliere Antonio Cassanelli



Professor Michael Hesemann, Dusseldorf, Germany

## THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)

*Comunicazione e grandi eventi di fede  
alle soglie del terzo millennio*  
Dott. CARMEN LASORELLA  
Giornalista RAI

Ore 16,00

**TAVOLA ROTONDA:  
Fede e Reliquie**

*Moderatore:*  
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Giornalista RAI

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The Refectory at the Monastery of the Basilica of the Holy Cross, Rome



L to R: Dr John Jackson, USA; Dr Paolo Sammuri, Rome;  
Dr Alfonso Munoz-Cobo, Madrid; Dr Jorge-Manuel Rodriguez, Valencia;  
Prof Emanuela Marinelli, Rome; Rebecca Jackson USA;  
Countess Maria Teresa de Rute Carillo de Albornoz, Madrid

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Coordinatore del Corso di Sindonologia «Vangeli e Sindone»  
Pontificia Università Lateranense - Roma  
Membro del Centro Diocesano «Giulio Ricci»

*Conclusion dei lavori*

Cay. ANTONIO CASSANELLI  
Segretario del Centro Diocesano di Sindonologia  
«Giulio Ricci»

*Proiezione del video*

«Ad un passo dall'uomo»  
regia MASSIMO COREVI

**Monastero S. Croce in Gerusalemme**  
*Cena nell'antico refettorio monastic*

THE ROME CONFERENCE MAY 1999 (cont'd)



Fr Abbot Luigi Rottini with monks and novices  
at Basilica of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem, Rome



Her Royal Highness Princess Maria Gabriella di Savoia

*Shroud News* began in 1980 when Rex Morgan, author of three books on the subject of the Holy Shroud (*Perpetual Miracle*, *Shroud Guide* and *The Holy Shroud and the Earliest Paintings of Christ*) and editor of several others, began sending a few notes about current developments in the study of the Shroud of Turin (Sindonology) for a small circle of interested people in his home country of Australia. He didn't expect it to go beyond a few issues.

Today, the bulletin, now highly acclaimed, reaches subscribers all over the world and is written, produced and disseminated more quickly than any other Shroud publication in the English language. It contains information, news, articles and illustrations gathered from sources of Shroud study worldwide through Rex Morgan's extensive network of personal connections with what has been described as the "Shroud Crowd".

Rex Morgan is a frequent traveller overseas which gives him the opportunity to keep abreast of latest developments in Shroud study and research at first hand. He was present at the world media preview of the Shroud itself in August 1978 in Turin, Italy and has met and knows numerous Shroud researchers in many countries. His quest for Shroud information became, as he described it, "a passionate hobby". He took the world famous Photographic Exhibition created by Brooks Institute, California, to Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Macau, and Canada and during those tours it attracted more than 700,000 visitors. The exhibition was subsequently donated by Brooks to the non-profit making organisation, The South East Asia Research Centre for the Holy Shroud (SEARCH) of which Morgan is President. He is also a Board member of the US based Association of Scientists and Scholars International for the Shroud of Turin (ASSIST) and was a member of the scientific team which conducted environmental experiments in a Jerusalem tomb in 1986 (ESSJ). He has made a number of original contributions to Shroud research has presented major papers at international Shroud conferences has written numerous articles and has given hundreds of broadcasts and telecasts on the subject in many countries.

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