

NOTES ABOUT THE AUTHORS

PIERLUIGI BAIMA BOLLONE, a native Turinese, took his degree in Medicine and Surgery in 1962 from the Institute of Forensic Medicine of the University of Turin where, since 1972, he holds the Chair of Forensic Medicine in the Faculty of Law. In his capacity as juridical expert, he is intensely active in the courts of Europe and on many occasions has been appointed to investigate cases in the field of terrorism.

His study of the Shroud goes back over many years. On this subject, his articles have appeared in scientific journals, as well as the *Osservatore Romano* and *Sindon*. In 1978, he co-authored a book on the Shroud with Pier Paolo Benedetto. Dr. Baima was Science Director of the II International Congress of Sindonology and addressed the Congress with his presentation "Medical-legal Considerations on the Formation of the Image of the Shroud". Since 1980, he has been Director of Turin's Centro Internazionale.

Readers of *Spectrum* will recall Dr. Baima's article on his identification of the blood group of samples taken from the Shroud (*Spectrum* #6, Mar. 1983). This article originally appeared in *Sindon*. *Spectrum* is pleased to announce that in the next issue, September 1984, Dr. Baima's demonstration of aromatics on the Shroud will be published for the first time.

JOHN P. JACKSON, a physicist, teaches part-time at the University of Colorado and is employed full-time at Kaman Sciences Corporation. He was formerly on the Physics Faculty of the U.S. Air Force Academy. From 1978 to 1980, he was President of The Shroud of Turin Research Project and is now serving as Vice President.

From 1972, when he took his Ph.D. at the Naval Postgraduate School, he has given presentations to top-level scientific societies and has published regularly in the most prestigious scientific journals. His first article on the Shroud appeared in 1977; since which time his Shroud research and publications have continued unabated. The highly-acclaimed address given jointly by Dr. Jackson and Dr. Eric Jumper at the II International Congress of Sindonology (Turin 1978) was merely a prelude to the work they accomplished, along with other scientists, during the direct testing of the Shroud; events which propelled the Americans to the forefront of international research.

Rev. CESLAS LAVERGNE, O.P., a French Dominican, was for many years Professor at the Biblical Institute of Jerusalem. Along with Alberto Vaccari (1939), William McClellan, S.J. (1939), Andre Feuillet and others, he concentrated much study on the exegesis of John 20:6-7, strictly from the standpoint of Greek scholarship and independently of any relation this passage might have to sindonology. That this passage is of vital interest to sindonologists, however, needs not be emphasized.

In 1961, Fr. Lavergne published a three-part article on this subject in *Sindon*: "The Proof of the Resurrection of Jesus according to John 20:7". Among many other works, Fr. Lavergne collaborated with Fr. Marie-Joseph Lagrange, O.P., in the French translation of the authoritative *Synopsis of the Gospels* which Fr. Lagrange had written and published in Greek.

Fr. Lavergne was unable to attend the II International Congress at Turin in 1978, but his paper, "The Protohistory of the Shroud of Our Lord, Study of John 19:25-20:18", was delivered by a compatriot.