

JORGE-MANUEL RODRÍGUEZ ALMENAR

Jorge is best-known as Vice-President of the Centro Español de Sindonología (CES), a figure often seen at international congresses. He was born in Valencia (Spain) in 1959, and holds a degree in Law. He is at present working on his doctorate, combining this with academic activity at the University of Valencia, where he teaches.

He has been Vice-President of the CES since 1988, just two months after the society was founded. Jorge is also a member of the EDICES (the investigation team that works mainly on the Sudarium of Oviedo), and is editor of the excellent Spanish Shroud publication, *Linteum*. He is a tireless public talker, having given 532 lectures on the Shroud between December 1987 and January 2002 (when this newsletter is published, the figure will no doubt be higher). He is the author of numerous publications related to both the Shroud and the Sudarium, all in Spanish although some have been translated into English. One of the most important is without doubt the catalogue for the travelling Sudarium of Oviedo exhibition, which recently visited my own town of La Coruña.

I have known Jorge for a number of years now, and can honestly say that few people have ever been so selflessly devoted to Shroud related work. Just about every free moment Jorge has is spent working at the CES centre, in Valencia. Needless to say, now that both *Linteum* and the British Society for the Turin Shroud Newsletter are produced in Spain, collaboration between the two societies will be much closer, and both groups will benefit. After all, one of the most important aspects of all Shroud study should be international cooperation.