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The Fourth National Congress of Sindonology, entitled *La Sindone e la Scienza*, was held in Siracusa, Italy, on 17-18 October, 1987. Hardly was the Third National Congress (Trani, 1984) dismissed when Dr. Sebastiano Rodante went to work on the organization of the one to be held in his native city. The Archbishops of Palermo and Siracusa headed an impressive Committee of Honor; Prof. Luigi Gedda, Honorary President of the Congress, presided over the scientific committee composed of: Attilio Agodi, Pierluigi Baima Bollone, Lamberto Coppini, Umberto Fasola, Giuseppe Ghiberti, Vittorio Marcozzi, Antonino Mistretta, Salvatore Moschitto, Remo Romeo, Antonino Russo and Gino Zaninotto. Twenty-three reports were given.

On Sunday after Mass, the assembly was treated to a guided tour of some of Sicily's archeological sites.

The publication of the Acts of any Congress is a major undertaking that cannot be rushed. *Spectrum* will announce the date when the Siracusa Acts are expected to appear.

For the second time, Mr. Claude Marchal of Switzerland has given us a "first". In *Spectrum* #18, March 1986 (p.27) we reported on his Scout Museum and how visitors who came to see his Scout collection found also pictures of the Shroud, expounded by their genial (read, zealous) host. And now, last December, packing his bags to go on a cruise, Mr. Marchal took along his slides and other necessities for his lecture on the Holy Shroud. Somewhere in the Pacific ocean, on board the T.S.S. Danae, about 50 passengers gathered in the Cinema to attend his hour-long presentation.

"It was a nice success," he modestly remarked.

On this occasion, Mr. Marchal also explained the Jerusalem Cross, now used world-wide by Catholic Scout associations.

Dr. Michelina LeMargie has founded an organization called "Imago Christi, a Shroud Interest Group". Dr. LeMargie proved her interest in the Shroud by research for her doctoral dissertation: *Imago Christi: Image Projection and Comparison During the Renaissance*.

The address of the new group is: 1023 Michigan, Bandon-by-the-Sea, Oregon 97411. A brochure about the project and membership is available.