

NEWS & ACTIVITIES AROUND THE WORLD

Fifty members of CIELT, including the delegates from the Vatican (Mons. Wach), Belgium (Prof. Gilbert Raes), Italy (Sig.a MariaGrazia Siliato) and the United States (myself) attended the meeting held in the Senate building of the Palace of Luxembourg in Paris on May 22. At this meeting, Mme. de Carné-Marcein, daughter of M. Maximilian de Gail, formally presented the Shroud archives of her uncle, the late Rev. Paul de Gail, S.J., to CIELT.

A major subject under discussion concerned the French response to the Vatican's August 1990 announcement that scientific proposals would be considered toward an eventual examination of the Shroud, and the Archbishop of Turin's next-day invitation to all qualified scientists, individuals or groups, to submit to him their proposals for conservation and preservation of the Relic.

A report was given on the "Tour de France" still underway of the natural-size Vernon Miller transparency of the Shroud, loaned to CIELT for one year by its owner, Kevin Moran. The transparency will soon have covered 6000 kms in France, having stopped at major cities as well as smaller localities, drawing tens of thousands of viewers.

It was decided that the next general assembly of CIELT members would convene in the spring of 1992.

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Two symposia have been held in the United States this year: "The New York International Shroud Symposium" in March and "The St. Louis Shroud of Turin Symposium" in June. The first treated general themes; the second was sub-titled "History, Science, Theology and the Shroud". I regret that an adequate review of these conferences cannot be prepared in time for this issue, but for the next one, reports will be ready.