

BRITISH PROPOSALS FOR SHROUD TESTING

Aside from radiocarbon dating, a variety of other British proposals for work on the Shroud have been submitted by BSTS members and individual specialists, and a document is at present in the course of preparation for formal presentation to the ecclesiastical authorities this Spring. As assembled so far our proposals include:

- (i) analysis of the Shroud image via scanning auger microanalysis (SAM), scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and scanning ion microscopy (SIM)
- (ii) survey of the Shroud image by argon ion laser
- (iii) survey and photography of the Shroud image via ultraviolet fluorescence
- (iv) study and analysis of the Shroud as an ancient textile
- (v) survey and photography of the underside of the Shroud via endoscopy

Any members with ideas and expertise to supplement this list are invited to contact the General Secretary as soon as possible. The full text of the British proposals will be published in a later issue of this Newsletter, following acceptance by the competent authorities.

STURP GENERAL PROPOSAL DOCUMENT

Meanwhile the full text of the *general* proposal document prepared by STURP is published in full on the pages that follow, gratefully reproduced from its simultaneous publication in the current issue of the international Shroud journal SHROUD SPECTRUM.