

EDITORIAL

Another six months have gone by and it is already time for another newsletter – it is now ten years since I took over as editor, and despite the fact that it seems much more recent that means that I am ten years older – and so is everyone else. This is now newsletter 73 and for number 75, which will come out this time next year, I would like to include a special section made up of pure nostalgia and memories from members, especially those who have been with the BSTS right from the beginning. So please start thinking of all the stories, anecdotes, comments and any other impression you have had about the BSTS over the years, and send them in to me whenever you can.

But back to the issue in hand. We have fascinating articles on the Shroud's stay in Nice in 1537 by Hugh Duncan, and two contributions from Ian Wilson; the first concerning the icon of the Annunciation at St. Catherine's Monastery in the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt, and the second some updated information on Vatican Archive historian Barbara Frale and her recent "discovery" about the Templars and their connection to the Shroud.

Finally, in March this year I was working at the archives of the National Library of Portugal in Lisbon (and enjoying some well-deserved sunshine), and I managed to organise a private viewing of the Lisbon Shroud copy. A report of the visit and photographs of the copy are included in this newsletter.