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Don PIERO COERO BORGA is indeed a person, although he has not infrequently been called an institution, simply because "Don Coero" has become synonymous with *Centro Internazionale di Sindonologia* and SINDON, of which he has been, respectively, secretary and editor since their inception in 1959.