



About the International Cycling History Conferences

This series of International Cycling History Conferences was started in Glasgow in 1990, when Nick Clayton decided to use the occasion of the presumed MacMillan anniversary to draw attention to a less jingoistic and more scientific approach to cycling history than could otherwise be expected at a celebration commemorating this rather speculative event.

From these very modest beginnings evolved a truly international series of annual conferences, attended by cycling historians from around the world and organized in different countries.

The 10th Conference was the first time the conference had been held in the Netherlands, making that country the seventh country to host the conference.

The preceding series of nine conferences were held as follows: Glasgow, Scotland (1990); Saint-Etienne, France (1991); Neckarsulm, Germany (1992); Boston, USA (1993); Cambridge, England (1994); Stellenbosch, South Africa (1995); Buffalo, USA (1996); Glasgow, again, in 1997; and Ottawa, Canada (1998).

The 2000 Conference, the eleventh in the series, will take place in Osaka, Japan.

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About the 10th International Cycling History Conference

The 10th International Conference of Cycling History took place in September 1999 in Conference Center Jonkersbosch in Nijmegen, the Netherlands.

The 1999 Conference was ably and efficiently organized by Gertjan Moed, and hosted by him at his splendid museum, Velorama, one of the most impressive permanently displayed cycle collections in the world. Velorama, where delegates had the welcome opportunity for a hands-on examination of the exhibits, provided a fascinating historical reference point for the actual Conference sessions, which took place at Jonkersbosch, a tranquil conference center on the outskirts of Nijmegen.

Holland, with its extensive everyday use of bicycles and many miles of bicycle pathways, provided a fitting context for the Conference — including the possibility for a couple of delegates to become thoroughly lost on the bikeways late one night.

The Conference has now established a firm reputation as a forum where academics, bicycle industry professionals, and amateur historians alike can present and share their knowledge and historical insights into the industry, the sport, and the social impact of the bicycle, and 1999 was typically challenging and wide-ranging in its concerns.