



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 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 a different country each year.

The 2002 Conference was the second one to be organized in Germany (after Neckarsulm, 1992). The preceding series of eleven 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; Ottawa, Canada, 1998; Nijmegen, Netherlands, 1999; Osaka, Japan, 2000, and San Remo, Italy, 2001.

Since then, the 14th Conference has been held in Canberra, Australia, in February 2003, while the 15th Conference is

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About the 13th International Cycling History Conference

The 13th International Conference of Cycling History took place in September 2002 in the Muenster, Germany, probably the most bicycle-friendly city to have hosted the Conference so far.

The conference was ably and efficiently organized by Rüdiger Rabenstein and was sponsored by Shimano Europe, Lange KG (Shimano's German importer), Muenster University's Department of Psychology and Sports Science, the Allgemeiner Deutscher Fahrrad-Club (ADFC), the Bund Deutscher Radfahrer (BDR), and the International Veteran Cycling Association (IVCA). All sessions were conducted at the Kolping Conference Center, where the delegates were also housed.

Themes for this conference included subjects ranging from the development of the domestic bicycle racing scene to the interaction between early bicycle touring and environmental issues, and from the introduction of the draisine in the United States to the history and development of cycling in China and Finland (both countries not previously addressed in these conferences).

The Conference has now established a firm reputation as a forum where academics, bicycle industry professionals, and amateur