



### 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 preceding series of 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, 1997;  
 Ottawa, Canada, 1998;  
 Nijmegen, Netherlands, 1999;  
 Osaka, Japan, 2000;  
 San Remo, Italy, 2001;  
 Muenster, Germany, 2002; and  
 Canberra, Australia, 2003.

The 16th Conference is scheduled to be held at Davis,

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### About the 15th International Cycling History Conference

The 15th International Conference of Cycling History took place in September 2004 in Vienna, Austria.

The conference was ably and efficiently organized by Zita Breu with assistance from other staff at the Vienna Museum of Technology, and was supplemented by a diverse evening program.

Although participants were housed at different hotels in the city, Vienna's superb public transit system made it easy for all to get to the conference venue and other locations of interest.

As has so often been the case in the past, serendipity seems to have provided a couple of focal points that most of us had not realized when the program was first presented. Thus, we finished up with a remarkable “cluster” of papers on the subject of monopolization in the North American market. Other subjects included several papers on the social significance of cycling in society and some sorely needed attention paid to the “forgotten era” of cycling history—the first decades of the 20th century.

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

