



### 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, Scotland, 1997;
- Ottawa, Canada, 1998;
- Nijmegen, Netherlands, 1999;
- Osaka, Japan, 2000;
- San Remo, Italy, 2001;
- Muenster, Germany, 2002;
- Canberra, Australia, 2003, and
- Vienna, Austria, 2004.

The 17th Conference is scheduled to be held at York, Ontario, Canada in July 2006.

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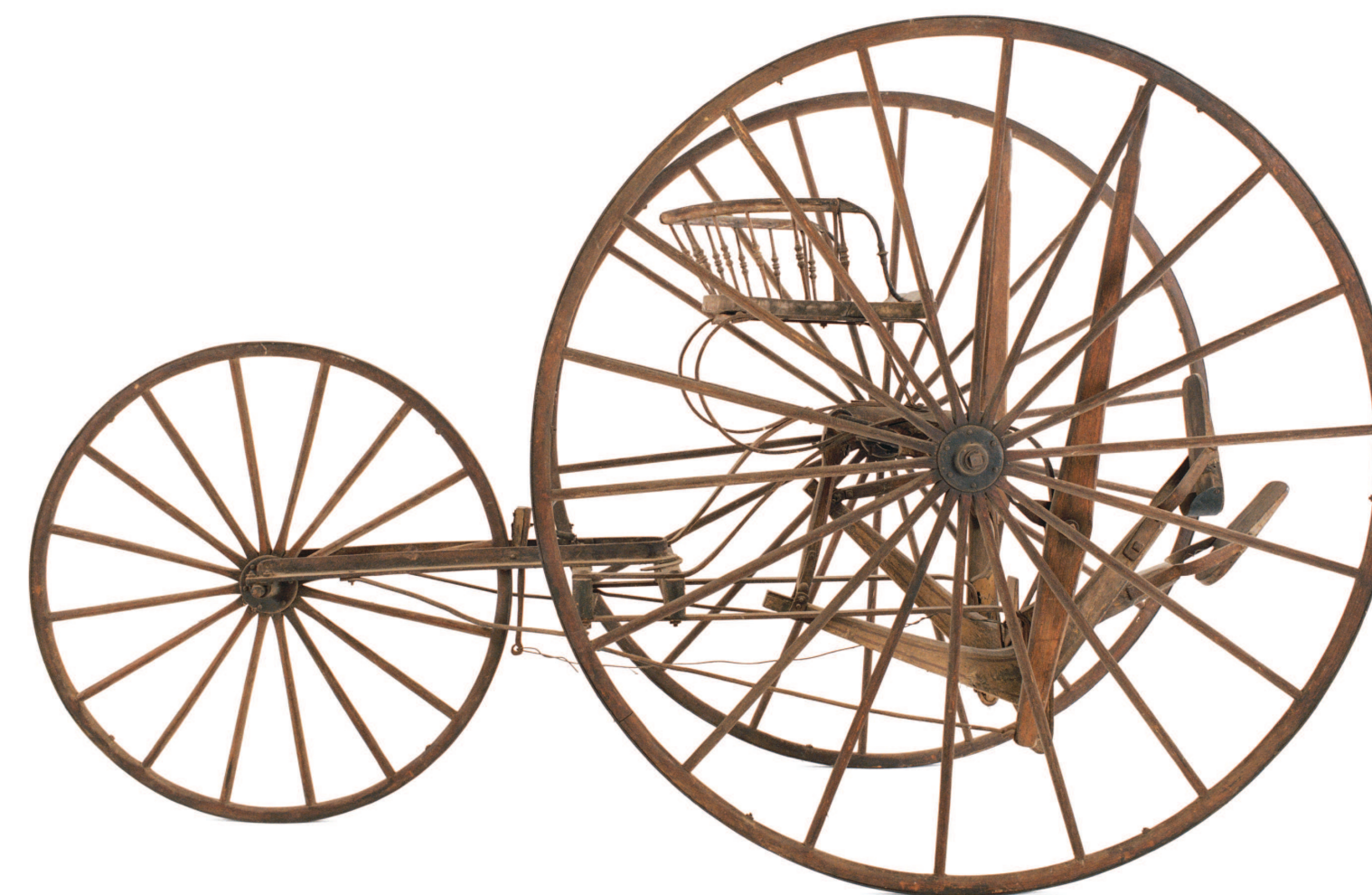
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### About the 16th International Cycling History Conference

The 16th International Conference of Cycling History took place 7–10 September 2005 in Davis, California, USA.

The conference was hosted by the University of California, Davis, and co-sponsored by the City of Davis, America’s premier cycling city. The conference was supplemented by a diverse evening program which included a lively forum on the history of mountain biking, featuring several California mountain biking pioneers.

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 trans-continental bicycle touring across the United States. There were also several papers on bicycle racing and on the question why cycling essentially died in America after the turn 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 extend their knowledge and historical insights into the technology and the industry, as well as the sport and the social impact of cycling as an activity.