

Notes from the Editors

Attendance at the 30th ICHC was small compared to recent ICHCs, but this afforded more time for conversations between the participants and a chance to enjoy exploring our surroundings. Certainly, Znojmo is a charming, history rich town nestled in the Moravian part of the Czech Republic, and that sits on the high banks of the winding Dyje River. We enjoyed interesting talks during the 3-day Conference, visits to 3 bicycle museums, delicious meals at small local restaurants each night, and comfortable lodgings for relaxation and restful sleep each night. All ICHCs that we have attended get high marks for all the points mentioned above, but this Conference reinforced our conviction that being together in a convivial setting is one of the most important factors in determining the success of an ICHC Conference.

The schedule for preparing the papers presented at the 30th ICHC for publication was shortened from the schedule followed in recent years in order to allow Greg Siple, our publication designer, to be free to leave his home in Montana (USA) before winter sets in to head south to avoid the travails of the northern winter. The cooperation of the authors of the papers in this year's collection of the Conference proceedings is much appreciated. We hope that all the readers of paper's from the 30th ICHC find much to feed their interest in Cycling History, and we look forward to the material that will be forthcoming at the 31st ICHC that is being planned by Dirk Van Luchem for Ghent, Belgium. We are sure that all who go to Ghent for this Conference will be richly rewarded in keeping with past experience: Why not plan to present a paper in Ghent on your favorite subject related to bicycle history?

The 30th ICHC was held in a large room within the 400 year old Znojmo Monastery on the edge of town. The 14 papers delivered at the Conference were by themselves well worth the trip to Znojmo, but we were also treated with three separate comfortable bus trips to visit private museums full of old bicycles and related items with the museum owners present to welcome us and answer questions about the collections being viewed. These excursions complimented the cycling history explored in the papers given in Power Point presentations that were offered up in the Znojmo Monastery. And, as you might have guessed, there were several occasions at which we were given a chance to enjoy the wonderful Moravian wines produced in the wineries located in and around the Monastery in which we were meeting. This was an ICHC Conference that all people interested in the history of cycling should not have missed.

In our Notes in the collection of proceedings from the 29th (2018) ICHC Proceedings, we wrote that it was planned to hold a discussion of how to organize the ICHC to ensure its success into the future at the 30th ICHC. This discussion was rather short due to a shortage of available time in the Conference's busy schedule, and we finished by agreeing to visit this subject again at the 31st ICHC in Ghent.

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