

Notes from the Editors

After a two-year hiatus in response to the global COVID-19 Pandemic, the ICHC was able to hold the 31st such gathering of cycling historians and enthusiasts in July 2022 in Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A., a city replete with bicycle history. A lively program kept attendees entertained and on the go, with evening presentations, a visit to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Indiana State Museum and a banquet at the Rathskellar in the Atheneum in Indianapolis. The Speedway is home to the Indianapolis 500 automobile race, held annually on the last Monday in May. The Indiana State Museum was in the middle of a major exhibit on Marshall “Major” Taylor, who was born in Indianapolis and started his racing career there. The Atheneum houses the German-American Social Club in the city, and has been an important part of the life of Indianapolis since the 1890s.

While attendance at the conference was light, due in part to continued concerns over COVID, attendees took advantage of the conviviality of the smaller groups. Organizers of the conference, particularly Tammy Haley, and their helpers should be applauded for putting together a successful event.

The editors also would like to recognize the efforts of Dirk Van Luchem and his team in trying to arrange for the 31st ICHC to have been held in Ghent, Belgium. Arrangements were in place in both 2020 and 2021, for a Ghent conference, but in both years our gathering had to be canceled due to the public health emergency.

Two significant issues arose in collecting the papers for these *Proceedings*, one involving presenters’ obligation to publish material presented and the other centered around the quality of images submitted with papers. In the first matter, the ICHC Publications Committee has always assumed, and all of our materials relating to presentations assume, follow-on publication. The second matter involves images and the quality required for print applications. For clear images, we require that any image presented for inclusion in the proceedings have a minimum density of 300 dots per inch (dpi), images with fewer dots per inch appear gray or fuzzy when printed.

We note here that high resolution images used as source material for PowerPoint presentations are down-scaled by PowerPoint to 72 or 96 dpi, adequate for use on the web and display on computer monitors, but not in print. High resolution pictures on cell phones can also be a problem because the photo files are too big for email and message transport systems and thus are down-scaled when sent directly from phones as attachments to messages.

With this Proceedings, we turn our attention from what has been to the coming 32nd ICHC, to be held 13-16 May, 2023, in Cremona, Italy, that is being organized by Alfredo Azzini and Carlo Azzini, with assistance from Jan Kralick, Program Chairman for the 32nd ICHC. We, the editors, look forward to the material that will be forthcoming at the 32nd ICHC. We are sure that, in keeping with past experience, all who go to the conference being planned will be richly rewarded. In that spirit, why not plan to present a paper in Cremona on your favorite bicycle history-related subject?

Finally, in our Notes in the *Proceedings* of the 30th ICHC, we wrote that at the 31st ICHC a discussion would be continued from one that had started at the 29th ICHC about how to organize the ICHC to ensure its success into the future. The discussion at the 31st ICHC narrowed on the floor to one of determining what needs to be done to create meaningful copyright protections for our authors, while protecting the ICHC, as part of possibly making individual papers from published *Proceedings* available over the Web. Paul Rubenson and Phillip Sanderson were charged with reporting back to the 32nd ICHC on any progress on the matter.

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