

## Notes from the Editors

The 32<sup>nd</sup> ICHC was held in Cremona, Italy, which, with its 12<sup>th</sup>-century cathedral, was home to the Stradivarius violin workshop among those of other luthiers and has a rich musical history. Sandwiched between Milan and Venice, on the river Po, in May, 2023, Cremona was visited by scores of bicycle enthusiasts, led off by an august gathering of cycle historians (or antiquarians), who regaled listeners with, among other things, the intricacies of gear shift design, the role of cycles and cyclists in birthing and fostering the age of the internal combustion engine, and the use of the bicycle for purposes other than leisure. After the history lessons, riders filled the streets for the 41<sup>st</sup> International Veteran Cycle Association World Rally.

Included in activities enjoyed by ICHC participants, were an excursion to the nearby town of Soncino to visit a 15<sup>th</sup> century fortress and print shop followed by a fine lunch in Soresina and a visit to the Velocipede and Vintage Bicycle collection of conference hosts, Alfredo and Carlo Azzini.

A good time was had by all.

While no business meeting was held and a number of issues that have been floated for discussion remain to be addressed at future meetings, a decision was made by conference attendees to hold the 33<sup>rd</sup> ICHC in or near Dresden, Germany, 18–19 May, 2024.



*Conference attendees collecting on the steps of the Cremona Violin Museum after taking in the sights and sounds it offered. The walk was wet, but the weather started to clear as the group started back to the Museo Civico Ala Ponzone, to hear more papers. (Photo: Phil Sanderson)*