

Notes from the Editors

The 33rd International Cycling History Conference was held in picturesque Stadt Wehlen, Germany, near Saxon Switzerland National Park. Papers presented covered a number of topics centered around the invention of the running machine, and the golden age of cycle track racing and velodromes. Although once again our numbers were small, the enthusiasm was high. The bicycle ride over to Frank Papperitz's house in Pirna on Saturday, the tour of the house and grounds and bicycles, his two presentations and the food, all made for the perfect afternoon.

The trip into Dresden on Tuesday, with our guide and host, Robert Johann Hummel, was a treat, particularly the bicycle display in the Traffic Museum Dresden. The jaunt out to Velocium Weinböhla, the next day, and the bicycles on display there [Figure 1] also made for a worthwhile outing.

At the business meeting, Friday evening, Gary Sanderson formally resigned his position as Chairman of the Publications Committee, which has acted as the organizational force behind recent conferences. A volunteer to take on the role was

asked for. Nicholas Oddy, somewhat reluctantly, said he would consider taking on the job if certain conditions were met, including that a sponsor and venue for the 2025 conference could be found, hopefully with an academic connection, and that the governing function be formalized under a charitable trust. A number of people volunteered to make the appropriate connections. Subsequently, it was reported that Anne and Robin Renard of the IVCA had asked whether the 2025 ICHC could be held in concert with the IVCA, and perhaps with U.V.B.E. (Union Velocipediques Belle Epoque), about 100 km west of Orleans and 150 km west of Sully-sur-Loire (where the 2025 IVCA Rally is to be held). Subsequently, Robert Hummel reported that Michel Cavarec of UVBE was investigating the availability of a room for the 2025 conference, which would be held 22–25 May, 2025, in La Chaussée-St-Victor, France. Cavarec was to meet with the mayor of that city in September to discuss terms and other details. Discussions are also underway for the 2026 conference to be held in Jogjakarta, Indonesia, in conjunction with the IVCA.



Figure 1. At Velocium Weinböhla, Conference attendees examining the beautiful bicycles on display. (Photo by Florian Freund.)

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- 1996 • Buffalo, New York, USA
- 1997 • Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- 1998 • Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- 1999 • Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- 2000 • Osaka, Japan
- 2001 • Pigna, Italy
- 2002 • Muenster, Germany
- 2003 • Canberra, Australia
- 2004 • Vienna, Austria
- 2005 • Davis, California, USA
- 2006 • Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 2007 • Tampere, Finland
- 2008 • St. Etienne, France
- 2009 • Freehold, New Jersey, USA
- 2010 • Prague, Czech Republic
- 2011 • Paris, France
- 2012 • Roeselare, Belgium
- 2013 • Lisbon, Portugal
- 2014 • Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2015 • Entraigues-sur-la-Sorgue, France
- 2016 • North Haven, Connecticut, USA
- 2017 • Mannheim, Germany
- 2018 • London, England, UK
- 2019 • Znojmo, Czech Republic
- 2020 • Canceled due to COVID
- 2021 • Canceled due to COVID
- 2022 • Indianapolis, Indiana, USA
- 2023 • Cremona, Italy
- 2024 • Stadt Wehlen, Germany



The attendees of the 32nd International Cycling History Conference, held in Cremona, Italy, on 13-15 May, 2023, at the fortress in Soncino, while en route to Soresina for lunch and a visit to the Velocipedes and Vintage Bicycle Collection of Alfredo and Carlo Azzini, Conference hosts.