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# Velo-City Conference, Nantes 2015









»With MAMILS only you cannot build a cycling nation«

CYCLING TOURISM  
RADTOURISMUS

LIVEABLE CITY  
LEBENSWERTE STADT

ADVOCACY  
INTERESSENVERTRETUNG





The full programme is here:

<http://www.velo-city2015.com/en/programme/>

We divided up attendance at the parallel sessions between the four campaigners – Damien, Colm, Mike and Catherine

In addition Mike attended at sub-committee meetings of which he is a member:

- Scientists for Cycling;
- Road Safety Group

## Lasting impression from attending at plenary sessions?

- Serious political commitment in France (and at DG level in EU – we had Commissioner Violetta Bulc – Transport – by video link) to everyday cycling promotion that is *publicly expressed* by elected Mayors, Deputies and Prime Minister Valls
- Just contrast with Dublin City Centre transport plan and opposition to it from business interests and no Cllr, TD or Minister saying why it is necessary
- We are being let down by our politicians and as we approach a general election no politician is going to go against car-centricity

# ECF's 'Scientists for Cycling' Network

All-day meeting held on Tuesday 2 June

Approx. 100 attended

Not easy to condense presentations as quite disparate topics

## WHAT'S NEW IN CYCLING AND ACTIVE MOBILITY RESEARCH UPDATING CYCLING ACADEMIA THE SCIENTISTS FOR CYCLING COLLOQUIUM 2015 IN NANTES

2 June 2015 – at La Cité des Congrès, Nantes

'Scientists-for-Cycling' global network + Génï Vélo Network, France

### Steering Committee

- Prof. dr. Bas de Geus, Vrije Universiteit Brussel - Faculteit LK, Dept. Human Physiology (MFYS), Brussels (B), member of the 'Scientists for Cycling' network Advisory Board, Brussels (B)
- Manfred Neun, ECF & WCA President, Chair of the 'Scientists for Cycling' network Advisory Board, Brussels (B) and Memmingen (D)
- Francis Papon, Coordinator Génï Vélo Network and Director of Laboratory Economic and Social Dynamics of Transport (DEST), Department for Planning, Mobility and Environment (AME), French Institute of Science and Technology for Transport, Development and Networks (IFSTTAR), Mame la Vallée (F)

### DRAFT PROGRAM

'Scientists for Cycling' colloquium at Velo-city 2015, Nantes

#### Program

- 9.00 a.m. Registration
- 9.30 a.m. Welcome addresses  
- Jacques Thiolat, CROS Pays de la Loire  
- Francis Papon, Coordinator Génï Vélo network (DEST-IFSTTAR)
- 9.40 a.m. Setting the scene and drafting perspectives in the S4C network
- (1) Opening the colloquium – a 'general setting and purpose' of the S4C network.*  
Bas de Geus, Vrije Universiteit Brussel - Faculteit LK, Dept. Human Physiology (MFYS), Brussels (B), 'Scientists for Cycling' network Advisory Board, Brussels

*(2) All S4C news available – challenges, achievements, perspectives*  
Manfred Neun, ECF/WCA President and Chair of the 'Scientists for Cycling' network Advisory Board

10.30 a.m. Setting the scene – new publications in 2015

*(1) Cycling Futures – From Research Into Practice*  
Regine Genke (A) and John Parkin (UK)

*(2) Cycling Cultures*  
Peter Cox (UK)

10.45 a.m. Group photo + Coffee break

11.15 a.m. Relations between cycling and public transport

*(1) The tumultuous history of public transport-bicycle relations*  
Frédéric HERAN, CLERSE, Université de Lille

*(2) Study on tram and bicycle interactions*  
Thomas JOUANNOT, CEREMA/DTECTV

12.15 p.m. Lunch break

1.15 p.m. Health + behavioural aspects

*(1) To Make Use of Health Benefits of Active Modes of Mobility (fbc)*

*(2) Research on the socio and cognitive determinants of the behaviour of transport systems' users, especially cyclists*  
Nadine CHAURAND (IFSTTAR)

*(3) Typology of cyclist accidents*  
Alice BILLOT-GRASSET, IFSTTAR/TS2/UMRESTTE

2.30 p.m. Coffee break

2.45 p.m. New policies – Velo-city host cities as pathfinders

*(1) News from cycling research in Asia: Public Bike Schemes are Pivotal*  
Jason Chang (Taiwan)

*(2) Perspectives of cycling research in America and the Netherlands*  
Kevin Krizek (US)  
[as speakers from Nijmegen - NL/next Velo-city in 2017]

*(3) News about the role of active mobility for resilient cities*  
The case of Vienna  
Andrea Weninger (A)

3.45 p.m. Coffee Break

4.00 p.m. Cycling research 'under construction' – interdisciplinary approach and perspectives of collaboration in the global S4C network

Panel and General Discussion  
- How to strengthen the collaboration between scientists through national (e.g. GERI Vélo) and international (e.g. Scientists for Cycling) networks? What could be the role of the ECF?  
- How to get 'cycling research' on the European agenda? What are the possibilities for collaboration on programs as H2020?

Panellists:  
- Jason Chang  
- Nadine Chaurand (EU proposals)  
- Francis Papon (Génï Vélo)  
- John Parkin

4.45 p.m. Concluding remarks – sum up

5.00 p.m. End of side-event

All participants of the S4C Colloquium will get invited:  
6.00 p.m. Wine + Cheese reception at La Cité des Congrès

Members of the S4C network and Génï Vélo are invited to :  
6.00 p.m. Global network meeting – reception at Nantes City Hall

Representatives/members of the ECF and WCA networks meet.

## **Frédéric Clersé (Univ de Lille)**

“La retour de la bicyclette” (his book)

### Public Transport-Bicycle relations

- Need to displace car parking by providing good active and public transport modalities
- Park-n-Ride is too expensive in land use terms
- Discourage multi-story car parks as a solution from now on
- Bike-n-Ride must be the preferred solution – health, congestion, land use, etc superior
- Car-centricity does nothing for the poor or marginalised
- Far stronger political commitment needed to make cycling commuting work



**Thomas Jouannot (CEREMA/DTecTV, FR) [www.cerem.fr](http://www.cerem.fr)**

Study on tram and bicycle interactions

In France all Luas type tram systems permit bike carriage!

In France only two possibilities:

- Tram only along streets – no other vehicles permitted

Or

- Open to all road users

But in reality operators and police have come to realisation that bikes and trams can co-exist so rare to see prosecutions for riders being on tram only routes

## **Prof Bas de Geus (Vrije Universiteit Brussels, BE)**

“To make use of health benefits of active modes of mobility”

- We need to get out datum about ‘external cost’ to society of car use – €750/car/y

## **Alice Billot-Grasset (University Lyons, IFSTTAR/TS2/UMRESTTE)**

“Typology of cyclist accidents”

- 4,500 RTCs involving cyclists in France/y (250 in Rhone-Alpes)
- Risk of serious injury to cyclists in FR is 8x other road users (2012)
- Cyclist-only accidents are just under 70% of total
- Impacts with vehicles approx 30% of total

## **Andrea Weninger (Vienna, AU)**

“News about role of active mobility in resilient cities”

- Cycling makes cities resilient
- Vienna – liveable, robust, prosperous, clean .....
- 15% of household income goes on transport
- Modal-share for cycling now at 6%
- Building code: 1 protected/secure bicycle parking slot per 30 m<sup>2</sup> of living space

**Manfred Neun (President of ECF)**

€2 B has been allocated by European Commission for cycling projects!