Scientists-for Cycling 2015
Nantes Colloquium

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Advocacy meets Academia + vice versa

Current mission and main aims of the network:

• Build a strong pro cycling scientific community
• Building the evidence base
• Bridge the gap between the academia on cycling issues, cycling advocates, policy makers and other stakeholders.
• Disseminate the latest scientific-based publications on cycling
• Assist in developing the Velo-city conference program
• Build up a more research based approach to cycling advocacy
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Short history:
2008 ECF Colloquium in Tutzing – starting Agenda Setting
2010 ECF Colloquium in Bad Boll – preparing the launch …
2010 Launch of S4C network at Velo-city Global Copenhagen
2011 Colloquium in Seville with three universities collaboration
2012 Colloquium in Vancouver at Cecille Green / UBC
2013 Colloquium in Vienna with three universities collaboration
2014 Colloquium in Nantes with Cerema-IFSTTAR collaboration
“Agenda setting” summarises the change in the subjects we are researching and the inter-relationship between advocacy and research.
the impact of cycling

holistic approach

key-issues for policy

Energy + resources
Environment + climate
Economy
Transport + Mobility
Social Dim.
Diversity of Cultures
Time + Space
Technologies + Design
Health

Neun, M. 2014: The Global State of Cycling
Opening speech Velo-city Global 2014 Adelaide
the impact of cycling

holistic approach

key-issues for policy
The impact of cycling on a global agenda.
Agenda setting for research + advocacy


In the approach of COP 21 it is a promising perspective to remember, what was stated for European Law and Politics already in 2007: “The precautionary principle and the fundamental right to a clean environment can be considered the two ‘rising stars’ of contemporary environmental law” (Veinla).

ECF is an environmental organisation, explaining the impact of cycling and so unleashing the increasing potentials for political decision makers. Thus ECF and the ECF network WCA, the World Cycling Alliance, are actively working towards the UN SDGs and supporting the UN Habitat III process. For green transport and urban development we are facing increasing demand worldwide.
Agenda setting for research + advocacy

Increasing Demand on the ‘big issues’:
• SDGs
• Human Rights and related
• Transformative(s)
• …………

Additionally, terms and approaches ‘under critical observation’:
• SHARING
• PUBLIC SPACE
• …………
Agenda setting for research + advocacy

S4C – to be discussed – demand to get developed – who will be interested in these issues?

The open frame of the colloquium
- Thanks for the collaborations with the Geri network:
  - PUBLICATIONS
  - RESEARCH
  - ……………
  - The Pan European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion
to lead the future through cycling
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Cycling: Who Pays The Bill?
Overview of fiscal regimes for commuting in Europe and recommendations for establishing a level playing-field
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VELO-CITY 2015
CYCLING: FUTURE MAKER
NANTES, FRANCE JUNE 2-5

PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE
Perspectives for the Future

nantes 2015 – taipei 2016 – arnhem 2017

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nantes 2015 – taipei 2016 – arnhem 2017
S4C – collaborations for the future

THANK YOU

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