



Scientists for Cycling (S4C) Sessions at Velo-city Rio de Janeiro, 12 - 15 June 2018

Call for Abstracts

The Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF), with its global network Scientists for Cycling (S4C), are delighted to invite researchers working on cycling-related issues from all around the world and all relevant academic disciplines to participate in the Scientists for Cycling sessions at Velo-city Rio de Janeiro, which will take place from 12 to 15 June 2018.

1. The global ECF's Scientists for Cycling network – our objective

The Scientists for Cycling network brings together a large number of global experts from many different academic disciplines who are able and ready to contribute to ECF's mission: to improve and to increase cycling.

Research, research plans and scientific-based publications on cycling have often not been sufficiently connected to networks of other academics, professionals and other cycling stakeholders. The Scientists for Cycling network is designed to help bridge this gap.¹

2. S4C sessions at Velo-city Rio de Janeiro

The scientific sessions at Velo-city Rio de Janeiro will be integrated in the conference programme. Contributions to these sessions should either present original research or have a clear focus on framing and furthering the research agenda for cycling.

3. Themes

With **Access to Life** at the center, the over-arching themes of Health, Infrastructure, Technology, Governance and Data are made to fit through the four sub-themes: **Learn to Live, Happiness and Quality of Life, Integrating Life and Transport, Lively Economy.**

We welcome contributions that address these themes through a range of disciplinary perspectives. The following suggestions identify topics that arise within each of the areas that VC18Rio in relation to the vigorous discussions of previous Scientists for Cycling meetings. They are not exhaustive and you should feel free to address further topics under the appropriate heading as necessary.

Learn to Live – suggested topics include:

- Cycling social movements and civil society
- Dealing with conflicts: road space and public space
- Effective interaction, effective campaigning
- Tools for change

¹ <https://ecf.com/community/our-networks/scientists-cycling>





- Building Partnerships and Collaboration
- Road regulations, codes and implementation
- Building bike cultures as expressions of values

Happiness and Quality of Life – suggested topics include:

- Healthy cities
- Cycling and Physical and Mental Well-Being
- Leisure cycling
- Cycle sport
- Tourism and cycling
- Safe Roads and Safe Cities
- Planning and design for health and quality of life

Integrating Life and Transport – suggested topics include:

- Cycling in intermodal transport systems
- The potentials of technological innovation (including ebikes)
- The place and role of infrastructure
- The challenges of suburbanization
- Transport, access and social integration
- The place of bike share systems

A Lively Economy – suggested topics include:

- Sustainable transport economics: growth, degrowth and sustainable development
- Cycle-related industries and job creation
- Cargo bikes and logistics
- Cycling and smart cities
- Cycling and economic justice
- Fiscal incentives
- Urban (re)development

4. Abstract submission

High quality research contributions from all fields of study and disciplinary backgrounds that are relevant to one of the four theme tracks described above are invited to participate.

Contributions should be sent in the form of extended abstracts of no more than 800 words, in English, until 14 January 2018 to victorandrade@fau.ufrj.br and h.haubold@ecf.com, mentioning the chosen theme track.

All submissions will be evaluated by the scientific committee and, in case they respond to the criteria of original high quality research contributing to one of the four theme tracks, invited for presentation at the colloquium.





5. Scientific Programme Committee

- **Thiago Allis**, Associate Professor, School of Arts, Sciences and Humanities, University of São Paulo
- **Victor Andrade**, Associate Professor & LABMOB Coordinator, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
- **Peter Cox**, Professor, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Chester, and Incoming Chair of the Scientists for Cycling Advisory Board
- **Manfred Neun**, ECF President and outgoing Chair of the Scientists for Cycling Advisory Board
- **Lake Sagaris**, Adjunct Professor, Center for BRT Excellence/CEDEUS/Transport Engineering, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

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