

Section 9: Table 4.1. Long-term review

Top international meeting countries in 1859-2008

This table lists the number of meetings of type A for the years 1859 to 2008 for countries with a total of at least 100 meetings of type A over the course of these 150 years.

Meetings counted under the heading “A” are “Meetings of international organizations” and meet all the following criteria:

- meetings organized or sponsored by “international organizations”, i.e. international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) and intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) that are included in the UIA’s *Yearbook of International Organizations* (see the Introduction “What is an ‘international organization’”) and whose details are subject to systematic collection and updates on an annual basis by the UIA
- with at least 50 participants, or number of participants unknown

Countries are listed in alphabetical order. Meetings are totalled in 25 year periods.

Caveat: When comparing consecutive years in flux, it should be remembered that both years’ totals can be expected to change over time, the latest slightly more rapidly than the older. For the years presented here, the data can be assumed to be now reasonably stable.

Data for the years prior to 1983 require special mention. The UIA meetings database – the source of this statistics report and of the *International Congress Calendar* – contains, with few exceptions, only information since 1983, the year in which the UIA installed its own computerized data storage system. Most data in this report for the years prior to 1983 were collected not by the rigorous collection methods under which the *International Congress Calendar* operates, but by the more flexible (insofar as recording meeting activity is concerned) standards of the *Yearbook of International Organizations*. The *Yearbook* presents a general picture of an organization and its activities (including its events) while the *Calendar* focuses exclusively on documenting events. It should therefore not be assumed that the data for the years prior to 1983, in most cases extracted from the *Yearbook* and not from the *Calendar*, give a complete history of the meetings of all organizations and associations. The volume of data available for analysis in this section is, however, sufficient to make it indicative.

Country	Total meetings of type A					
	1859-1883	1884-1908	1909-1933	1934-1958	1959-1983	1984-2008
Algeria	0	1	1	5	51	216
Argentina	0	0	6	18	214	1774
Australia	0	0	3	12	394	5491
Austria	5	24	36	86	840	6656
Bahamas	0	0	0	0	25	166
Bahrain	0	0	0	0	8	161
Bangladesh	0	0	0	0	12	271
Barbados	0	0	0	0	32	268
Belgium	14	65	90	231	859	9017
Benin	0	0	0	0	9	171
Bolivia	0	0	0	2	20	268
Bosnia-Herzegovina	0	0	0	0	0	75
Botswana	0	0	0	0	7	165
Brazil	0	1	1	44	290	2923
Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	0	0	158
Bulgaria	0	0	0	1	155	742
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	8	260
Côte d'Ivoire	0	0	0	0	47	339
Cambodia	0	0	0	0	1	131
Cameroon	0	0	0	0	27	281
Canada	0	0	11	42	731	6355
Chile	0	0	1	20	91	1151
China	0	0	0	0	10	3021
Colombia	0	0	0	5	116	801
Congo Brazzaville	0	0	0	0	8	113
Congo DR	0	0	0	1	24	93
Costa Rica	0	0	0	4	56	608
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	760
Cuba	0	1	2	16	36	761
Curaçao	0	0	0	0	11	90
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	25	529
Czech Rep	0	0	0	0	0	2059
Czechoslovakia	0	0	16	23	230	581
Denmark	2	6	19	87	518	4042
Dominican Rep	0	0	0	1	46	373
Ecuador	0	0	0	3	63	530
Egypt	0	0	3	8	95	1419
El Salvador	0	0	0	3	18	145
Estonia	0	0	1	3	0	460
Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	35	461
Fiji	0	0	0	2	25	254
Finland	0	0	4	29	370	4179
France	22	110	110	339	1965	18256
Gabon	0	0	0	0	21	118
Gambia	0	0	0	0	5	123

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Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	71
German DR	0	0	1	10	147	206
Germany	10	52	57	41	26	10744
Germany FR	0	0	0	149	1737	2016
Ghana	0	0	0	2	40	420
Greece	0	3	1	14	279	3138
Guadeloupe	0	0	0	0	13	77
Guatemala	0	1	0	4	33	324
Guyana	0	0	0	0	21	114
Honduras	0	0	0	2	13	115
Hong Kong	0	0	0	1	92	1335
Hungary	1	11	18	15	283	3037
Iceland	0	0	0	1	46	676
India	0	0	0	31	280	2753
Indonesia	0	0	2	2	123	1260
Iran Islamic Rep	0	0	0	1	47	253
Iraq	0	0	0	1	44	64
Ireland	0	0	2	9	217	1724
Israel	0	0	0	11	263	1352
Italy	12	37	60	250	1340	11128
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	65	397
Japan	0	0	3	17	625	5376
Jordan	0	0	0	1	12	383
Kazakhstan	0	0	0	0	0	95
Kenya	0	0	0	2	117	989
Korea Rep	0	0	0	0	111	2584
Kuwait	0	0	0	0	17	123
Laos	0	0	0	0	0	85
Latvia	0	0	1	2	0	381
Lebanon	0	0	0	0	25	299
Libyan AJ	0	0	0	1	23	127
Lithuania	0	0	0	2	0	403
Luxembourg	1	0	6	23	96	889
Macau	0	0	0	0	0	110
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	89
Malawi	0	0	0	0	10	100
Malaysia	0	0	0	0	131	1909
Mali	0	0	0	0	7	152
Malta	0	0	1	0	37	584
Mauritius	0	0	0	0	10	218
Mexico	0	3	1	37	386	2444
Monaco	0	1	1	7	90	406
Morocco	0	0	0	3	84	859
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	5	127
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	122
Nepal	0	0	0	1	10	268
Netherlands	4	19	73	176	925	8329
New Caledonia	0	0	0	1	10	122
New Zealand	0	0	1	6	105	1014
Nicaragua	0	0	0	0	16	113
Niger	0	0	0	0	15	109
Nigeria	0	0	0	2	85	482
Norway	0	4	10	42	315	3003
Oman	0	0	0	0	0	72
Pakistan	0	0	0	5	26	367
Panamá	0	1	0	1	67	367
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	14	84
Paraguay	0	0	0	0	20	172
Peru	0	0	0	16	107	743
Philippines	0	0	0	9	283	1481
Poland	0	0	17	15	247	2546
Portugal	1	3	3	32	216	3360
Puerto Rico	0	0	1	3	69	357
Qatar	0	0	0	0	6	130
Romania	0	0	5	11	93	766
Russia	1	6	2	0	0	1883
Samoa	0	0	0	0	10	101
Saudi Arabia	0	0	1	0	36	178
Senegal	0	0	0	1	65	556
Serbia	0	0	0	0	0	72
Serbia-Montenegro	0	0	0	0	0	123
Singapore	0	0	0	0	147	3030
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	614
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0	915
South Africa	0	0	1	1	69	2188
Spain	1	5	34	77	776	8459
Sri Lanka	0	0	0	5	58	365
St Lucia	0	0	0	0	7	92
Sudan	0	0	0	0	22	120
Sweden	2	7	33	99	649	4482

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Switzerland	11	44	61	216	1094	8392
Syrian AR	0	0	0	2	27	221
Taiwan	0	0	0	0	62	951
Tanzania UR	0	0	0	0	22	353
Thailand	0	0	0	5	169	2479
Togo	0	0	0	0	29	158
Trinidad-Tobago	0	0	0	0	34	369
Tunisia	0	0	1	1	86	730
Turkey	0	0	0	21	113	1895
Uganda	0	0	0	0	7	309
UK	11	53	101	274	1782	13165
Ukraine	0	0	0	0	0	362
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	10	449
Uruguay	0	0	1	9	37	559
USA	3	26	69	199	2411	26777
USSR	2	0	2	9	260	479
Vatican	0	0	0	0	5	88
Venezuela	0	0	0	7	181	680
Vietnam	0	0	0	1	1	430
Yugoslavia	0	0	0	31	317	405
Zambia	0	0	0	0	26	193
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	18	484