Section 9: Table 4.3. Long-term review
Top 10 international meeting countries and cities in 1859-2008

This table lists the 9 to 10 countries and cities with the greatest number of meetings of type A for each 25-year period from 1859 to 2008.

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

Note: For this table the editors have chosen to group defunct countries under their current names in cases where exactly the same territory is covered. In practical terms for this edition, this affects only Germany. Cities, while being listed under the country in which they are currently located, have been grouped and totalled by city, regardless of any changes in country name. Equally, cities with names known by various spellings have been grouped and totalled. For example, Prague is listed as "Prague, Czech Rep", regardless of the year. Cities so treated are indicated by a "*" after the name.

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	1859-1883
France	22
Belgium	14
Italy	12
Switzerland	11
UK	11
Germany	10
Austria	5
Netherlands	4
USA	3

City	1859-1883
Paris, France	18
Brussels, Belgium	9
London, UK	7
Milan, Italy	5
Vienna, Austria	5
Berne, Switzerland (*)	4
Geneva, Switzerland	4
Liège, Belgium	3
St Petersburg, Russia (*)	3
Zurich, Switzerland	3

Country	1884-1908
France	110
Belgium	65
UK	53
Germany	52
Switzerland	44
Italy	37
USA	26
Austria	24
Netherlands	19
Hungary	11

City	1884-1908
Paris, France	90
Brussels, Belgium	43
London, UK	40
Vienna, Austria	24
Rome, Italy	21
Berlin, Germany (*)	20
Geneva, Switzerland	13
Budapest, Hungary	11
The Hague, Netherlands	11
Antwerp, Belgium	9

Country	1909-1933
France	110
UK	101
Belgium	90
Netherlands	73
USA	69
Switzerland	61
Italy	60
Germany	57
Austria	36
Spain	34

City	1909-1933
Paris, France	95
London, UK	71
Brussels, Belgium	65
The Hague, Netherlands	38
Rome, Italy	36
Vienna, Austria	33
Stockholm, Sweden	29
Berlin, Germany (*)	28
Amsterdam, Netherlands	26
Geneva, Switzerland	22

Country	1934-1958
France	339
UK	274
Italy	250
Belgium	231
Switzerland	216
USA	199
Netherlands	176
Germany FR	149
Sweden	99
Denmark	87

City	1934-1958
Paris, France	242
Brussels, Belgium	167
London, UK	164
Rome, Italy	114
Copenhagen, Denmark	75
Stockholm, Sweden	75
Amsterdam, Netherlands	66
Vienna, Austria	62
The Hague, Netherlands	61
Zurich, Switzerland	58

Country	1959-1983
USA	2411
France	1965
UK	1782
Germany FR	1737
Italy	1340
Switzerland	1094
Netherlands	925
Belgium	859
Austria	840
Spain	776

City	1959-1983
Paris, France	838
London, UK	753
Vienna, Austria	529
Brussels, Belgium	482
Tokyo, Japan	392
Rome, Italy	387
Copenhagen, Denmark	360
Madrid, Spain	350
Stockholm, Sweden	350
Amsterdam, Netherlands	320

Country	1984-2008
USA	26777
France	18256
UK	13165
Italy	11128
Germany	10744
Belgium	9017
Spain	8459
Switzerland	8392
Netherlands	8329
Austria	6656

City	1984-2008
Paris, France	7636
Brussels, Belgium	6196
Vienna, Austria	4620
Geneva, Switzerland	4472
London, UK	4382
Singapore, Singapore	3030
Rome, Italy	2672
Amsterdam, Netherlands	2534
Copenhagen, Denmark	2508
Washington DC, USA	2508