

Section 9: Table 4.3. Long-term review

Top 10 international meeting countries and cities in 1858-2007

This table lists the 8 to 10 countries and cities with the greatest number of meetings of type A for each 25-year period from 1858 to 2007.

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	1858-1882	Country	1883-1907	Country	1908-1932
France	21	France	105	France	113
Italy	11	Belgium	66	UK	101
UK	11	Germany	47	Belgium	92
Belgium	10	UK	44	Netherlands	71
Switzerland	10	Switzerland	42	USA	66
Germany	9	Italy	36	Switzerland	63
Austria	5	USA	24	Germany	58
Netherlands	3	Austria	22	Italy	56
Russia	3	Netherlands	19	Austria	35
USA	3	Hungary	10	Sweden	32

City	1858-1882	City	1883-1907	City	1908-1932
Paris, France	17	Paris, France	85	Paris, France	99
London, UK	7	Brussels, Belgium	43	London, UK	71
Brussels, Belgium	6	London, UK	33	Brussels, Belgium	66
Vienna, Austria	5	Vienna, Austria	22	The Hague, Netherlands	37
Geneva, Switzerland	4	Rome, Italy	20	Rome, Italy	34
Milan, Italy	4	Berlin, Germany *	18	Vienna, Austria	33
Berne, Switzerland *	3	Geneva, Switzerland	12	Berlin, Germany *	30
St Petersburg Russia *	3	The Hague, Netherlands	11	Stockholm, Sweden	28
Zürich, Switzerland	3			Amsterdam, Netherlands	25
				Geneva, Switzerland	23

Country	1933-1957	Country	1958-1982	Country	1983-2007
France	334	USA	2175	USA	25579
UK	252	France	1770	France	17561
Italy	236	Germany	1763	UK	12811
Switzerland	206	UK	1645	Germany	12503
USA	181	Italy	1234	Italy	10661
Germany	179	Switzerland	1005	Belgium	8629
Belgium	172	Netherlands	846	Switzerland	8133
Netherlands	160	Belgium	839	Spain	7996
Sweden	94	Austria	778	Netherlands	7909
Denmark	79	Spain	697	Austria	6383

City	1933-1957	City	1958-1982	City	1983-2007
Paris, France	241	Paris, France	766	Paris, France	7280
London, UK	154	London, UK	706	Brussels, Belgium	5891
Brussels, Belgium	124	Vienna, Austria	493	Vienna, Austria	4416
Rome, Italy	111	Brussels, Belgium	471	Geneva, Switzerland	4321
Stockholm, Sweden	69	Tokyo, Japan	372	London, UK	4282
Copenhagen, Denmark	68	Rome, Italy	363	Rome, Italy	2568
Amsterdam, Netherlands	63	Stockholm, Sweden	329	Berlin, Germany *	2547
Vienna, Austria	56	Copenhagen, Denmark	328	Singapore, Singapore	2503
Zürich, Switzerland	56	Madrid, Spain	311	Strasbourg, France	2474
The Hague, Netherlands	52	Amsterdam, Netherlands	295	Amsterdam, Netherlands	2439