
Section 5: Table 9.5.3. Long-term review**Top countries and cities for international association meetings
1861-2010**

This table lists the 10 countries and cities with the greatest number of meetings of type A for each 25-year period from 1861 to 2010.

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

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	1861-1885	Country	1886-1910	Country	1911-1935
France	21	France	118	France	116
Belgium	20	Belgium	81	UK	115
Italy	15	UK	62	Belgium	100
Switzerland	14	Germany	55	USA	94
Germany	12	Switzerland	46	Netherlands	76
UK	11	Italy	38	Switzerland	74
Austria	6	USA	31	Italy	71
Netherlands	5	Austria	28	Germany	66
Denmark	3	Netherlands	28	Spain	41
USA	3	Hungary	14	Sweden	39

City	1861-1885	City	1886-1910	City	1911-1935
Paris, France	17	Paris, France	97	Paris, France	100
Brussels, Belgium	12	Brussels, Belgium	61	London, UK	81
London, UK	7	London, UK	47	Brussels, Belgium	71
Vienna, Austria	6	Vienna, Austria	28	Rome, Italy	46
Geneva, Switzerland	5	Berlin, Germany	23	The Hague, Netherlands	34
Milan, Italy	5	Rome, Italy	19	Stockholm, Sweden	32
Antwerp, Belgium	4	The Hague, Netherlands	16	Vienna, Austria	32
Bern, Switzerland	4	Budapest, Hungary	14	Berlin, Germany	30
Berlin, Germany	3	Geneva, Switzerland	14	Amsterdam, Netherlands	29
Copenhagen, Denmark	3	Bern, Switzerland	11	Madrid, Spain	24
Hamburg, Germany	3	Washington DC, USA	11		
Liège, Belgium	3				
Rome, Italy	3				
The Hague, Netherlands	3				
Zurich, Switzerland	3				

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Country	1936-1960	Country	1961-1985	Country	1986-2010
France	409	USA	3153	USA	29975
UK	314	France	2352	France	19804
Italy	306	UK	2109	UK	14234
USA	263	Germany FR	2057	Italy	13164
Switzerland	249	Italy	1642	Germany	12307
Belgium	242	Switzerland	1264	Belgium	10136
Germany FR	227	Netherlands	1119	Netherlands	9619
Netherlands	216	Belgium	1034	Spain	9575
Sweden	129	Canada	963	Switzerland	9143
Austria	113	Austria	958	Canada	8385
City	1936-1960	City	1961-1985	City	1986-2010
Paris, France	291	Paris, France	964	Paris, France	8402
London, UK	181	London, UK	847	Brussels, Belgium	7116
Brussels, Belgium	165	Vienna, Austria	596	Vienna, Austria	5159
Rome, Italy	136	Brussels, Belgium	587	Geneva, Switzerland	4851
Copenhagen, Denmark	95	Rome, Italy	483	London, UK	4708
Stockholm, Sweden	92	Tokyo, Japan	459	Singapore, Singapore	4298
Vienna, Austria	86	Copenhagen, Denmark	413	Rome, Italy	3895
Amsterdam, Netherlands	77	Stockholm, Sweden	401	Amsterdam, Netherlands	2790
The Hague, Netherlands	70	Madrid, Spain	400	Barcelona, Spain	2788
Zurich, Switzerland	62	Amsterdam, Netherlands	373	Copenhagen, Denmark	2712