

Section 9.5: Table 9.5.3. Long-term review

Top countries and cities for international association meetings 1862-2011

This table lists the 10 countries and cities with the greatest number of meetings of type A for each 25-year period from 1862 to 2011.

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

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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.

<u>Country</u>	<u>1862-1886</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>1887-1911</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>1912-1936</u>
France	24	France	119	UK	126
Belgium	21	Belgium	84	France	119
Italy	16	UK	65	Belgium	101
Switzerland	14	Germany	57	USA	97
Germany	12	Switzerland	46	Switzerland	79
UK	11	Italy	43	Germany	78
Austria	7	USA	35	Netherlands	76
Netherlands	5	Netherlands	31	Italy	68
Denmark	3	Austria	28	Austria	42
USA	3	Hungary	16	Sweden	42
<u>City</u>	<u>1862-1886</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>1887-1911</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>1912-1936</u>
Paris, France	18	Paris, France	100	Paris, France	102
Brussels, Belgium	12	Brussels, Belgium	63	London, UK	88
London, UK	7	London, UK	50	Brussels, Belgium	74
Vienna, Austria	7	Vienna, Austria	28	Rome, Italy	45
Antwerp, Belgium	5	Berlin, Germany	24	Berlin, Germany	39
Geneva, Switzerland	5	Rome, Italy	21	Vienna, Austria	37
Milan, Italy	5	The Hague, Netherlands	19	The Hague, Netherlands	34
Bern, Switzerland	4	Budapest, Hungary	16	Stockholm, Sweden	33
Berlin, Germany	3	Geneva, Switzerland	14	Amsterdam, Netherlands	29
Copenhagen, Denmark	3	Washington DC, USA	12	Geneva, Switzerland	24
Hamburg, Germany	3				
Liège, Belgium	3				
Rome, Italy	3				
The Hague, Netherlands	3				
Turin, Italy	3				
Zurich, Switzerland	3				

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Country	1937-1961	Country	1962-1986	Country	1987-2011
France	437	USA	3881	USA	30369
Italy	346	France	2920	France	19816
UK	335	UK	2520	UK	14192
USA	295	Germany FR	2374	Italy	13195
Switzerland	265	Italy	1927	Germany	12825
Germany FR	257	Switzerland	1576	Belgium	10549
Belgium	247	Netherlands	1306	Spain	9750
Netherlands	233	Belgium	1258	Netherlands	9742
Sweden	133	Canada	1193	Switzerland	9186
Austria	128	Spain	1154	Canada	8315
City	1937-1961	City	1962-1986	City	1987-2011
Paris, France	310	Paris, France	1257	Paris, France	8556
London, UK	193	London, UK	1028	Brussels, Belgium	7522
Brussels, Belgium	165	Brussels, Belgium	727	Vienna, Austria	5341
Rome, Italy	154	Vienna, Austria	685	Singapore, Singapore	5039
Copenhagen, Denmark	98	Rome, Italy	587	Geneva, Switzerland	4903
Vienna, Austria	98	Tokyo, Japan	542	London, UK	4676
Stockholm, Sweden	95	Geneva, Switzerland	500	Rome, Italy	3815
Amsterdam, Netherlands	79	Madrid, Spain	467	Barcelona, Spain	2873
The Hague, Netherlands	74	Stockholm, Sweden	465	Amsterdam, Netherlands	2860
Zurich, Switzerland	62	Copenhagen, Denmark	464	Berlin, Germany	2776