Section 9: Table 2.3. Five year review

Top 10 international meeting countries and cities in 2008-2012

This table lists the 10 countries and the 10 cities with the greatest number of meetings of type A for each of the years from 2008 to 2012.

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. The number of meetings in the database for the current reporting year will, on average, increase by 25 percent over the following three years, and by 40 percent over the following five years.

Below is Table 2.3, as it appeared in the report for 2011 (published in 2012). It is reprinted here to illustrate the importance of the comments in “Caveat” (above and in the Introduction) regarding the change in data over time.