

**Figure 2.1.12. (a) Geographic distribution  
Top international meeting countries – number of meetings: 2000**

Meetings taken into consideration include (a) those organized and/or sponsored by international organizations, and (b) some national meetings with international participation (provided they have a minimum of 300 participants, at least 40% foreign, at least 5 nationalities, and of at least 3 days duration). Excluded are meetings taking the form of religious gatherings, courses, party conferences, fairs, sales meetings, as well as closed administrative and expert meetings.

Country	Number of meetings	Percentage of meetings
USA	1303	13.81%
France	632	6.70%
UK	613	6.50%
Germany	591	6.27%
Italy	430	4.56%
Australia	361	3.83%
Netherlands	348	3.69%
Spain	331	3.51%
Belgium	312	3.31%
Switzerland	244	2.59%
Canada	242	2.57%
Austria	230	2.44%
Japan	227	2.41%
China & Hong Kong	164	1.74%
Finland	150	1.59%
Denmark	146	1.55%
Sweden	139	1.47%
Norway	137	1.45%
Singapore	124	1.31%
Portugal	118	1.25%
Hungary	114	1.21%
Brazil	113	1.20%
Argentina	110	1.17%
Israel	109	1.16%
Korea Rep (South Korea)	109	1.16%
South Africa	96	1.02%
Thailand	94	1.00%
Russia	93	0.99%
Poland	92	0.98%
India	91	0.96%
Czech Rep	87	0.92%
Greece	87	0.92%
Mexico	75	0.80%
Turkey	63	0.67%
Ireland	60	0.64%