

**Figure 2.1.16. (a) Geographic distribution
Top international meeting countries – number of meetings: 2001**

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.

Countries listed had a minimum of 30 meetings in 2001.

After figure 2.1.17 (next page) is shown a graphic representation of countries hosting 50 or more meetings in 2001 – figure 2.1.16 (b).

Country	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings
USA	1195	12.91%
UK	615	6.64%
France	600	6.48%
Germany	544	5.88%
Italy	414	4.47%
Spain	340	3.67%
Belgium	317	3.42%
Australia	308	3.33%
Netherlands	293	3.16%
Switzerland	240	2.59%
Austria	231	2.49%
Japan	215	2.32%
Canada	208	2.25%
Sweden	194	2.10%
Finland	184	1.99%
China and HK	159	1.72%
Denmark	152	1.64%
Korea Rep	134	1.45%
Singapore	120	1.30%
Portugal	116	1.25%
Greece	110	1.19%
Norway	110	1.19%
Poland	105	1.13%
Hungary	99	1.07%
South Africa	95	1.03%
Brazil	94	1.02%
Russia	90	0.97%
India	85	0.92%
Thailand	81	0.87%
Argentina	79	0.85%
Czech Rep	78	0.84%
Mexico	75	0.81%
Turkey	75	0.81%
Ireland	64	0.69%
Malaysia	55	0.59%
New Zealand	55	0.59%
Egypt (UAR)	49	0.53%
Croatia	47	0.51%
Cuba	44	0.48%
Israel	41	0.44%
Slovenia	39	0.42%
Taiwan-China	35	0.38%
Morocco	34	0.37%
Chile	32	0.35%
Indonesia	32	0.35%
Philippines	31	0.34%
Bulgaria	30	0.33%