
Appendix 10: The Editors of the Yearbook of International Organizations

Aims

Facilitate the evolution of the world-wide network of non-profit organizations.
Promote understanding of how such bodies represent valid interests in every field of human activity – scientific, religious, artistic, educational, trade, labour.
Collect and disseminate information on these bodies and their interrelationships.
Present such information in experimental ways, as a catalyst for the emergence of innovative bodies.
Promote research on the legal, administrative and other problems common to these bodies.

Background

The UIA was founded in Brussels in 1907 and established as a federation in 1910. Its work contributed to the creation of the *League of Nations* and the *International Institute of Intellectual Cooperation* (the predecessor of *UNESCO*). During the 1920s, the UIA created an International University, the first of its kind.

Since 1951 the UIA has been officially recognized as an research institute whose programmes focus on facilitating the work of the community of international associations.

Structure

The UIA is a non-profit, a-political, independent, non-governmental body.

The UIA is more than 95 percent self-financed through the sale of publications and membership subscriptions. The balance is made up from grants from a number of official and private bodies. The annual budget is approximately €740,000.

The UIA consists of its full members, a secretariat, and a host of partners (associate members, corresponding and collaborating organizations). The General Assembly of full members elects a Council of 15 to 21 members.

Members

Full members are individuals who demonstrate sustained activity in international organizations. They come from every continent and include association executives, international civil servants, and academics.

Organizations or individuals wishing to associate themselves with the UIA's work may become Associate Members. Associate Members include a wide range of organizations, foundations, government agencies and commercial enterprises, and are entitled to preferential use of UIA services.

Working languages

The main working languages of the UIA are English and French, although information is received in many languages. Most publications are produced in English, with French versions when possible. The *Yearbook of International Organizations* is indexed in all languages used by international organizations.

Collaboration with inter-governmental organizations

The UIA has Consultative Relations with UNESCO, UN/ECOSOC, and ILO. It collaborates with the Council of Europe and the European Commission. It is one of the research institutes in the network of the UN University.

A special ECOSOC resolution establishes cooperation between the United Nations and the UIA for the preparation of the *Yearbook of International Organizations*, for which contact is maintained with over 2,500 intergovernmental bodies.

Relationship with international associations

Contact is maintained with over 25,000 international non-governmental organizations eligible for inclusion in the *Yearbook*. Special links exist with, for example, the federations of international organizations established in Belgium (FAIB), France (UOIF), and Geneva (FIIG).