

Part B. Visualizations and patterns

This part is a partial response to the needs of many for new ways of thinking about the complexity of international organization networks – and the networks of problems with which they deal, and the networks of strategies advocated in that process.

There is a major challenge to enable people to obtain greater insight into complex networks of relationships amongst international organizations, world problems, strategies in response to them, human development and human values. The challenge is to compensate for the natural tendency to rely on focused information on urgent issues by enabling people to work with contextual information and configurations of related issues and responses to them.

In previous editions of this volume representations of non-quantitative relationships and patterns between organizations, problems and strategies were offered in the form of network (spring) maps. These may be still accessed from the web at <http://www.uia.be/visuals/javagallery.htm>.

For further explanatory information on displaying complexes of problems, strategies, values and organizations, see Appendix 3: Visualization and patterns

For this edition, the editors – the Union of International Associations (UIA) – pay tribute to two pioneers in the field of documentation and the presentation of information: Paul Otlet and Henri La Fontaine, the founders of the UIA.

On 4 June 1907 the representatives of about twenty associations set up a “Central Bureau of International Organizations”; its establishment was registered under Belgian law on 29 January 1908. One of the new Bureau’s first activities was the holding of a World Congress of International Associations, from 9 to 11 May 1910 in Brussels, at which the Bureau was re-established as the Union of International Associations.

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Section 10. Historical review

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