Figure 9.4.3. Long-term review
Top 10 international meeting countries and cities in 1855-2004

This table lists the 9 or 10 countries and the 9 or 10 cities with the greatest number of meetings of type A for each 25-year period from 1855-2004.

Meetings counted under the heading "A" are "Meetings of international organizations":

- meetings organized or sponsored by "international organizations", i.e. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) 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

and

- with at least 50 participants, or number of participants unknown.

 (*) Note: For this table the editors have chosen to group defunct countries under their current names in cases where exactly the same territory is covered. In practical terms for this edition, this affects only Germany: "Germany" covers pre-1945 Germany, the German Democratic Republic and the German Federal Republic of 1945-1989, and post-1989 Germany. Likewise, cities, while being listed under the country in which they are currently located, have been grouped and totalled by city, regardless of any changes in country name. Equally, cities with names known by various spellings have been grouped and totalled. For example, Prague is listed as "Prague, Czech Rep", regardless of the year. Cities so treated are indicated by a "(*)" after the name.

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. For the years presented here, the data can be assumed to be now reasonably stable.

Data for the years prior to 1983 require special mention. The UIA meetings database – the source of this statistics report and of the *International Congress Calendar* – contains, with few exceptions, only information since 1983, the year in which the UIA installed its own computerized data storage system. Most data in this report for the years prior to 1983 were collected not by the rigorous collection methods under which the *International Congress Calendar* operates, but by the more flexible (insofar as recording meeting activity is concerned) standards of the *Yearbook of International Organizations*. The *Yearbook* presents a general picture of an organization and its activities (including its events) while the *Calendar* focuses exclusively on documenting events. It should therefore not be assumed that the data for the years prior to 1983, in most cases extracted from the *Yearbook* and not from the *Calendar,* give a complete history of the meetings of all organizations and associations. The volume of data available for analysis in this section is, however, sufficient to make it indicative.

Country	1855-1879
France	14
Belgium	8
Switzerland	8
Germany (*)	6
Austria	5
UK	5
Italy	3
Netherlands	3
Russia	3
Sweden	2

City	1855-1879
Paris, France	12
Brussels, Belgium	6
Vienna, Austria	5
Geneva, Switzerland	3
London, UK	3
St Petersburg, Russia	3
Zurich, Switzerland	3
Antwerp, Belgium	2
Berne, Switzerland	2
Florence, Italy	2

Country	1880-1904
France	93
Belgium	52
Germany (*)	35
Switzerland	34
UK	32
Italy	25
USA	18
Austria	14
Netherlands	14

City	1880-1904
Paris, France	76
Brussels, Belgium	35
London, UK	23
Vienna, Austria	14
Berlin (*), Germany	11
Rome, Italy	10
Antwerp, Belgium	9
Berne, Switzerland	9
Scheveningen, Netherlands	8

Country	1905-1929
France	94
UK	91
Belgium	84
Netherlands	59
Italy	58
Switzerland	58
Germany (*)	49
USA	47
Austria	36
Sweden	24

City	1905-1929
Paris, France	78
London, UK	69
Brussels, Belgium	58
Rome, Italy	34
Scheveningen, Netherlands	34
Vienna, Austria	34
Geneva, Switzerland	24
Berlin (*), Germany	23
Budapest, Hungary	20
Stockholm, Sweden	20

Country	1930-1954
France	261
UK	200
Italy	158
Switzerland	153
Belgium	152
Netherlands	129
USA	129
Germany (*)	107
Sweden	70
Denmark	60

City	1930-1954
Paris, France	197
London, UK	121
Brussels, Belgium	103
Rome, Italy	84
Copenhagen, Denmark	53
Stockholm, Sweden	52
Amsterdam, Netherlands	48
Scheveningen, Netherlands	46
Zurich, Switzerland	41

Country	1955-1979
USA	1398
Germany (*)	1337
France	1295
UK	1135
Italy	955
Switzerland	777
Netherlands	621
Austria	597
Belgium	593
Spain	516

City	1955-1979
Paris, France	595
London, UK	557
Vienna, Austria	385
Brussels, Belgium	365
Rome, Italy	284
Tokyo, Japan	242
Stockholm, Sweden	239
Madrid, Spain	237
Munich (*), Germany	233
Copenhagen, Denmark	230

Country	1980-2004
USA	21511
France	15484
UK	11278
Germany (*)	10691
Italy	9044
Belgium	7559
Switzerland	7128
Netherlands	6654
Spain	6618
Austria	5246

City	1980-2004
Paris, France	6331
Brussels, Belgium	5059
London, UK	3801
Geneva, Switzerland	3711
Vienna, Austria	3545
Strasbourg, France	2331
Rome, Italy	2218
Washington DC, USA	2157
Copenhagen, Denmark	2143
Berlin (*), Germany	2140