

Section 9: Table 4.1. Long-term review

Top international meeting countries in 1856-2005

This table lists the number of meetings of type A for the years 1856 to 2005 for countries with a total of at least 100 meetings of type A over the course of these 150 years.

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.

Countries are listed in alphabetical order. Meetings are totalled in 25 year periods.

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	Total meetings of type A					
	1856-1880	1881-1905	1906-1930	1931-1955	1956-1980	1981-2005
Algeria	0	1	1	4	39	198
Argentina	0	0	5	15	161	1492
Australia	0	0	3	6	261	4438
Austria	5	17	33	53	647	5572
Bahamas	0	0	0	0	12	150
Bahrain	0	0	0	0	5	130
Bangladesh	0	0	0	0	6	250
Barbados	0	0	0	0	18	256
Belgium	8	62	85	163	653	7922
Benin	0	0	0	0	5	149
Bolivia	0	0	0	1	15	218
Botswana	0	0	0	0	1	143
Brazil	0	0	2	34	200	2413
Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	0	0	129
Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	129	611
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	4	219
Cameroon	0	0	0	0	19	253
Canada	0	0	8	31	475	5445
Chile	0	0	1	14	70	989
China	0	0	0	0	2	2153
Colombia	0	0	0	5	92	691
Congo Brazzaville	0	0	0	0	5	97
Costa Rica	0	0	0	2	39	554
Côte d'Ivoire	0	0	0	0	39	337
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	526
Cuba	0	1	2	13	23	687
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	11	435
Czech Rep	0	0	0	0	0	1613
Czechoslovakia	0	0	12	20	167	612
Denmark	1	6	18	64	362	3611
Dominican Rep	0	0	0	1	27	328
Ecuador	0	0	0	0	39	471
Egypt	0	0	1	10	71	1205
El Salvador	0	0	0	1	20	119
Estonia	0	0	0	4	0	338
Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	23	393

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Fiji	0	0	0	1	16	237
Finland	0	0	3	21	253	3425
France	15	97	94	285	1397	16205
Gabon	0	0	0	0	13	107
Gambia	0	0	0	0	2	114
Germany (*)	6	36	57	119	1462	11206
Ghana	0	0	0	1	37	345
Greece	0	2	2	8	215	2610
Guatemala	0	0	1	1	29	279
Guyana	0	0	0	0	15	103
Honduras	0	0	0	2	9	103
Hong Kong	0	0	0	0	60	1134
Hungary	1	9	16	13	166	2642
Iceland	0	0	0	0	25	579
India	0	0	0	15	206	2341
Indonesia	0	0	2	0	87	1092
Iran Islamic Rep	0	0	0	1	44	207
Iraq	0	0	0	0	28	82
Ireland	0	0	1	6	164	1493
Israel	0	0	0	4	201	1316
Italy	7	25	56	175	1033	9555
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	46	357
Japan	0	0	3	5	438	4224
Jordan	0	0	0	1	10	319
Kenya	0	0	0	2	72	893
Korea Rep	0	0	0	0	63	1807
Kuwait	0	0	0	0	5	107
Latvia	0	0	0	3	0	276
Lebanon	0	0	0	0	23	260
Libyan AJ	0	0	0	0	16	111
Lithuania	0	0	0	2	0	296
Luxembourg	1	0	5	19	74	803
Malaysia	0	0	0	0	79	1572
Mali	0	0	0	0	7	122
Malta	0	0	1	0	33	483
Mauritius	0	0	0	0	9	190
Mexico	0	2	1	23	293	2058
Monaco	0	0	2	7	67	376
Morocco	0	0	0	3	55	738
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	104
Nepal	0	0	0	0	8	254
Netherlands	3	14	60	140	682	7031
New Caledonia	0	0	0	1	9	117
New Zealand	0	0	1	4	67	863
Nicaragua	0	0	0	0	10	103
Niger	0	0	0	0	7	105
Nigeria	0	0	0	1	61	426
Norway	0	4	8	30	221	2592
Pakistan	0	0	0	4	20	327
Panama	0	1	0	0	49	316
Paraguay	0	0	0	0	15	156
Peru	0	0	0	13	71	610
Philippines	0	0	0	3	201	1321
Poland	0	0	11	15	209	2075
Portugal	1	1	3	23	145	2759
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	2	48	313
Romania	0	0	1	16	83	579
Russia	3	5	1	0	0	1511
Saudi Arabia	0	0	1	0	25	158
Senegal	0	0	0	0	51	506
Singapore	0	0	0	0	81	1867
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	480
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0	657
South Africa	0	0	0	1	48	1763
Spain	0	5	25	54	572	7042
Sri Lanka	0	0	0	3	31	338
Sudan	0	0	0	0	14	101
Sweden	2	4	31	71	490	3905
Switzerland	9	34	62	174	832	7450
Syrian AR	0	0	0	1	23	193
Taiwan	0	0	0	0	42	737
Tanzania UR	0	0	0	0	17	300
Thailand	0	0	0	1	105	2086
Togo	0	0	0	0	17	160
Trinidad-Tobago	0	0	0	0	20	332
Tunisia	0	0	1	0	61	640
Turkey	0	0	0	17	102	1415

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Uganda	0	0	0	0	7	251
UK	6	33	99	215	1271	11778
Ukraine	0	0	0	0	0	279
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	4	292
Uruguay	0	0	0	7	29	481
USA	1	20	50	135	1595	22827
USSR	0	0	1	1	209	503
Venezuela	0	0	0	6	135	648
Vietnam	0	0	0	0	2	303
Yugoslavia	0	0	0	16	254	461
Zambia	0	0	0	0	20	177
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	3	480