

Section 9: Table 4.2. Long-term review

Top international meeting cities in 1856-2005

This table lists the number of meetings of type A for the years 1856 to 2005 for cities 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: In this table 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.

Cities 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.

City	Total meetings of type A					
	1856-1880	1881-1905	1906-1930	1931-1955	1956-1980	1981-2005
Aachen, Germany (*)	0	0	0	2	13	132
Aberdeen, UK	0	0	0	0	7	114
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	0	0	0	0	36	265
Abuja, Nigeria	0	0	0	0	0	136
Acapulco, Mexico	0	0	0	0	16	151
Accra, Ghana	0	0	0	1	33	261
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	23	383
Adelaide, Australia	0	0	0	0	12	354
Aix-en-Provence, France	0	0	0	1	16	145
Alborg, Denmark	0	0	0	0	5	133
Albuquerque NM, USA	0	0	0	0	5	116
Alexandria, Egypt	0	0	0	1	6	102
Algiers, Algeria	0	1	1	4	34	160
Amman, Jordan	0	0	0	1	10	276
Amsterdam, Netherlands	1	3	20	55	242	2204
Anaheim CA, USA	0	0	0	0	10	193
Ankara, Turkey	0	0	0	1	18	106
Antalya, Turkey	0	0	0	0	1	161
Antwerp, Belgium	2	9	13	12	35	520
Århus, Denmark	0	0	0	1	18	269
Arusha, Tanzania UR	0	0	0	0	5	159
Asunción, Paraguay	0	0	0	0	14	140
Athens, Greece	0	2	2	7	161	1205
Atlanta GA, USA	0	0	0	2	28	505
Auckland, New Zealand	0	0	0	2	18	316
Baghdad, Iraq	0	0	0	0	27	79
Bali, Indonesia	0	0	0	0	12	283
Baltimore MD, USA	0	0	0	0	8	323
Bamako, Mali	0	0	0	0	7	113
Banff, Canada	0	0	0	1	9	130
Bangalore, India	0	0	0	1	11	186
Bangkok, Thailand	0	0	0	1	80	1482
Banjul, Gambia	0	0	0	0	1	103
Barcelona, Spain	0	0	9	10	110	1972
Basel, Switzerland	0	7	0	11	50	283

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	1856-1880	1881-1905	1906-1930	1931-1955	1956-1980	1981-2005
Bath, UK	0	0	0	1	8	108
Beijing, China	0	0	0	0	2	1162
Beirut, Lebanon	0	0	0	0	21	202
Belfast, UK	0	0	0	1	3	129
Belgrade, Serbia (*)	0	0	0	4	71	55
Bergen, Norway	0	0	0	0	26	382
Berkeley CA, USA	0	0	0	1	15	96
Berlin, Germany (*)	1	11	32	27	211	1983
Berne, Switzerland	3	8	12	18	54	294
Biarritz, France	0	1	0	1	4	134
Bilbao, Spain	0	0	0	0	3	99
Birmingham, UK	0	0	1	0	23	408
Bled, Slovenia (*)	0	0	0	1	10	123
Bologna, Italy	0	0	0	3	29	326
Bonn, Germany	0	1	0	0	1	361
Bonn, Germany FR	0	0	0	2	48	84
Bordeaux, France	0	3	1	2	20	309
Boston MA, USA	0	0	1	3	47	560
Boulder CO, USA	0	0	0	0	10	142
Brasilia, Brazil	0	0	0	0	10	171
Bratislava, Slovakia (*)	0	0	0	0	12	356
Bremen, Germany	1	2	1	0	0	104
Brighton, UK	0	0	0	2	46	393
Brisbane, Australia	0	0	0	2	6	401
Bristol, UK	0	0	0	1	10	124
Bruges, Belgium	0	0	1	1	23	244
Brussels, Belgium	6	39	61	112	387	5345
Bucharest, Romania	0	0	1	11	65	310
Budapest, Hungary	1	9	15	13	138	2059
Buenos Aires, Argentina	0	0	5	14	108	1056
Cairns, Australia	0	0	0	0	0	113
Cairo, Egypt	0	0	0	9	62	955
Calgary, Canada	0	0	0	0	8	149
Cambridge MA, USA	0	0	0	4	9	147
Cambridge, UK	0	2	7	13	66	475
Canberra, Australia	0	0	0	0	41	261
Cancún, Mexico	0	0	0	0	5	270
Cannes, France	0	0	0	4	45	325
Cape Town, South Africa	0	0	0	0	4	491
Caracas, Venezuela	0	0	0	6	103	422
Cardiff, UK	0	0	0	1	14	163
Cartagena de Indias, Colombia	0	0	0	1	7	269
Casablanca, Morocco	0	0	0	0	10	128
Chennai, India	0	0	0	3	6	163
Chiang Mai, Thailand	0	0	0	0	4	205
Chicago IL, USA	0	2	3	9	52	793
Christchurch, New Zealand	0	0	0	0	12	143
Cincinnati OH, USA	0	0	0	1	8	104
Cologne, Germany (*)	0	4	5	4	40	280
Colombo, Sri Lanka	0	0	0	3	23	271
Copenhagen, Denmark	1	6	17	55	265	2235
Cotonou, Benin	0	0	0	0	5	129
Dakar, Senegal	0	0	0	0	49	476
Dallas TX, USA	0	0	0	0	6	294
Damascus, Syrian AR	0	0	0	1	23	133
Davos, Switzerland	0	0	1	2	14	113
Delft, Netherlands	0	0	1	1	8	119
Denver CO, USA	0	0	0	0	13	264
Detroit MI, USA	0	0	1	2	9	88
Dhaka, Bangladesh	0	0	0	0	5	214
Dijon, France	0	0	0	1	17	101
Dresden, Germany (*)	0	1	4	3	22	252
Dubai, United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	0	147
Dublin, Ireland	0	0	1	5	128	1076
Dubna, Russia	0	0	0	0	0	101
Dubrovnik, Croatia (*)	0	0	0	2	45	249
Durban, South Africa	0	0	0	0	5	268
Düsseldorf, Germany	0	2	1	0	0	174
Edinburgh, UK	0	1	3	10	101	837
Edmonton, Canada	0	0	0	0	9	104
Espoo, Finland	0	0	0	0	4	257
Estoril, Portugal	0	0	0	2	18	85
Florence, Italy	2	1	2	10	83	707
Frankfurt-Main, Germany (*)	1	0	1	9	41	374
Gaborone, Botswana	0	0	0	0	1	108
Gdansk, Poland	0	0	2	0	7	107
Geneva, Switzerland	3	8	25	37	198	3908

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Genoa, Italy	0	1	0	0	12	190
Ghent, Belgium	0	0	3	5	27	251
Glasgow, UK	0	1	0	1	21	451
Gold Coast, Australia	0	0	0	0	1	104
Gothenburg, Sweden	0	0	3	3	46	475
Granada, Spain	0	0	0	0	7	221
Graz, Austria	0	0	0	0	20	282
Grenoble, France	0	1	1	3	36	222
Groningen, Netherlands	0	0	1	0	13	124
Guadalajara, Mexico	0	0	0	0	5	126
Guatemala City, Guatemala	0	0	1	1	25	183
Halifax, Canada	0	0	0	0	5	122
Hamburg, Germany (*)	2	3	1	1	146	583
Hannover, Germany (*)	0	1	0	4	35	218
Hanoi, Vietnam	0	0	0	0	0	200
Harare, Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	0	396
Havana, Cuba	0	1	2	13	19	585
Heidelberg, Germany (*)	0	1	1	0	22	283
Helsingør, Denmark	0	0	0	0	1	120
Helsinki, Finland	0	0	2	20	176	1627
Hobart, Australia	0	0	0	0	2	107
Hong Kong, Hong Kong	0	0	0	0	60	1134
Honolulu HI, USA	0	0	3	0	36	414
Houston TX, USA	0	0	0	0	24	276
Indianapolis IN, USA	0	0	0	0	1	131
Innsbruck, Austria	0	0	2	2	32	244
Interlaken, Switzerland	0	0	1	2	22	125
Islamabad, Pakistan	0	0	0	0	4	133
Istanbul, Turkey	0	0	0	16	65	912
Jakarta, Indonesia	0	0	0	0	49	407
Jerusalem, Israel (*)	0	1	0	3	96	698
Johannesburg, South Africa	0	0	0	0	19	293
Kampala, Uganda	0	0	0	0	6	204
Karachi, Pakistan	0	0	0	3	12	89
Karlsruhe, Germany (*)	0	1	0	0	12	113
Kathmandu, Nepal	0	0	0	0	7	220
Khartoum, Sudan	0	0	0	0	14	96
Kiev, Ukraine (*)	0	0	0	0	5	139
Kingston, Jamaica	0	0	0	0	24	163
Kobe, Japan	0	0	0	0	2	144
Krakow, Poland	0	0	2	3	22	377
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (*)	0	0	0	1	63	1060
Kyoto, Japan	0	0	1	1	84	497
Lagos, Nigeria	0	0	0	1	38	124
Las Vegas NV, USA	0	0	0	0	12	347
Lausanne, Switzerland	0	1	11	11	104	452
Leeds, UK	0	0	0	0	9	94
Leiden, Netherlands	0	1	2	5	15	190
Leipzig, Germany (*)	0	1	2	2	12	145
Leuven, Belgium	0	0	0	1	26	288
Libreville, Gabon	0	0	0	0	13	103
Liège, Belgium	0	12	4	18	64	261
Lille, France	0	1	0	3	7	176
Lima, Peru	0	0	0	12	63	495
Limassol, Cyprus	0	0	0	0	1	100
Linz, Austria	0	0	0	0	8	101
Lisbon, Portugal	1	1	3	17	97	1523
Liverpool, UK	0	3	0	1	10	107
Lomé, Togo	0	0	0	0	17	151
London, UK	3	24	72	135	596	3972
Los Angeles CA, USA	0	0	0	7	43	427
Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium	0	0	0	0	9	129
Lucerne, Switzerland	0	1	3	10	41	182
Lugano, Switzerland	0	0	1	2	7	110
Lund, Sweden	0	0	1	1	16	162
Lusaka, Zambia	0	0	0	0	13	138
Luxembourg, Luxembourg	1	0	5	17	67	763
Lyon, France	0	0	5	4	38	582
Maastricht, Netherlands	0	0	0	0	5	722
Madison WI, USA	0	0	0	1	9	96
Madrid, Spain	0	5	13	31	259	1771
Mainz, Germany (*)	0	0	0	0	33	104
Malmö, Sweden	0	0	0	3	18	162
Manchester, UK	0	0	1	0	19	372
Manila, Philippines	0	0	0	2	171	1010
Marrakech, Morocco	0	0	0	1	1	236
Marseille, France	0	0	2	1	28	287

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Melbourne, Australia	0	0	0	1	65	814
Mexico City, Mexico	0	2	1	22	209	777
Miami FL, USA	0	0	0	0	33	494
Milan, Italy	3	2	11	17	83	590
Minneapolis MN, USA	0	0	0	1	16	227
Monaco, Monaco	0	0	2	6	29	138
Monte Carlo, Monaco	0	0	0	1	38	228
Monterey CA, USA	0	0	0	0	2	110
Montevideo, Uruguay	0	0	0	7	19	346
Montpellier, France	0	0	0	1	25	398
Montréal, Canada	0	0	0	8	134	1259
Montreux, Switzerland	0	0	0	4	49	200
Moscow, Russia (*)	0	2	0	0	128	877
Mumbai, India	0	0	0	2	10	201
Munchen, Germany FR	0	0	0	0	4	194
Munich, Germany (*)	0	2	3	14	244	911
Nagoya, Japan	0	0	0	0	10	183
Nairobi, Kenya	0	0	0	1	64	758
Nancy, France	0	0	0	3	9	127
Nantes, France	0	0	0	0	5	110
Naples, Italy	0	0	1	6	25	209
Nashville TN, USA	0	0	0	0	2	164
New Delhi, India	0	0	0	7	111	1000
New Orleans LA, USA	0	0	1	4	40	570
New York NY, USA	1	3	10	22	125	2127
Newcastle upon Tyne, UK	0	0	0	0	9	92
Niamey, Niger	0	0	0	0	7	102
Nice, France	0	0	0	5	58	614
Nicosia, Cyprus	0	0	0	0	6	169
Noordwijk, Netherlands	0	0	0	0	14	267
Noordwijkerhout, Netherlands	0	0	0	0	13	203
Nottingham, UK	0	0	0	0	5	131
Nouméa, New Caledonia	0	0	0	1	7	110
Nuremberg, Germany (*)	0	1	2	0	14	115
Odense, Denmark	0	0	0	1	4	110
Orlando FL, USA	0	0	0	0	4	709
Osaka, Japan	0	0	0	0	13	243
Oslo, Norway	0	1	5	27	129	1109
Ottawa, Canada	0	0	2	1	61	513
Otzenhausen, Germany (*)	0	0	0	0	0	109
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	4	197
Oulu, Finland	0	0	0	0	5	98
Oxford, UK	1	0	8	16	60	436
Padua, Italy	0	0	0	0	13	90
Palermo, Italy	0	0	0	1	8	118
Palma de Mallorca, Spain	0	0	0	1	18	146
Panama, Panama	0	0	0	0	34	248
Paris, France	13	78	80	212	631	6642
Pattaya, Thailand	0	0	0	0	10	98
Penang, Malaysia	0	0	0	0	5	137
Perth, Australia	0	0	0	0	13	282
Philadelphia PA, USA	0	0	3	5	43	358
Phoenix AZ, USA	0	0	0	0	4	183
Pisa, Italy	0	0	0	0	9	116
Pittsburgh PA, USA	0	0	0	1	5	172
Port of Spain, Trinidad-Tobago	0	0	0	0	0	148
Portland OR, USA	0	0	0	0	10	142
Porto, Portugal	0	0	0	2	5	318
Poznan, Poland	0	0	1	0	8	130
Prague, Czech Rep (*)	0	0	12	19	110	1644
Pretoria, South Africa	0	0	0	0	4	174
Québec, Canada	0	0	1	1	30	346
Quito, Ecuador	0	0	0	0	35	324
Rabat, Morocco	0	0	0	1	29	197
Reading, UK	0	0	0	0	8	106
Reykjavik, Iceland	0	0	0	0	19	426
Rhodes, Greece	0	0	0	0	11	147
Riga, Latvia	0	0	0	1	0	227
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	0	0	2	17	102	792
Rome, Italy	0	13	33	90	301	2344
Rotterdam, Netherlands	0	1	0	1	55	389
Salamanca, Spain	0	0	0	1	7	97
Salt Lake City UT, USA	0	0	0	0	6	140
Salvador da Bahia, Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	110
Salzburg, Austria	0	0	0	5	56	435
San Antonio TX, USA	0	0	0	0	1	260
San Diego CA, USA	0	0	0	0	21	643

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San Francisco CA, USA	0	0	4	3	95	866
San Jose CA, USA	0	0	0	0	2	108
San José, Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	32	441
San Juan, Puerto Rico	0	0	0	2	34	205
San Salvador, El Salvador	0	0	0	0	18	100
Santafé de Bogota, Colombia	0	0	0	4	63	237
Santiago de Compostela, Spain	0	0	0	0	8	103
Santiago, Chile	0	0	1	12	49	687
Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep	0	0	0	1	19	238
Sao Paulo, Brazil	0	0	0	14	51	458
Sapporo, Japan	0	0	0	0	8	94
Saragossa, Spain	0	0	0	1	5	99
Scottsdale AZ, USA	0	0	0	0	1	109
Seattle WA, USA	0	0	0	0	18	352
Seoul, Korea Rep	0	0	0	0	56	1386
Seville, Spain	0	0	1	1	18	405
Shanghai, China	0	0	0	0	0	314
Sheffield, UK	0	0	0	1	8	96
Siena, Italy	0	0	0	3	4	101
Singapore, Singapore (*)	0	0	0	3	77	1851
Sofia, Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	45	332
Sorrento, Italy	0	0	0	2	5	99
St Andreasberg, Germany (*)	0	0	0	0	0	123
St Louis MO, USA	0	4	1	2	19	186
St Petersburg, Russia	3	3	0	0	0	433
Stavanger, Norway	0	0	0	0	3	153
Stockholm, Sweden	2	4	27	50	271	1826
Strasbourg, France	0	0	0	6	80	2393
Stuttgart, Germany (*)	0	1	2	6	32	175
Suva, Fiji	0	0	0	0	9	119
Sydney, Australia	0	0	1	2	89	1304
Taipei, Taiwan	0	0	0	0	37	576
Tallinn, Estonia (*)	0	0	0	1	4	231
Tampa FL, USA	0	0	0	0	5	103
Tampere, Finland	0	0	0	0	8	279
Teheran, Iran Islamic Rep	0	0	0	1	40	156
Tel Aviv, Israel	0	0	0	1	54	243
The Hague, Netherlands	2	8	34	49	148	1010
Thessaloniki, Greece	0	0	0	0	19	289
Tokyo, Japan	0	0	2	4	272	1519
Toronto, Canada	0	0	2	8	84	921
Toulouse, France	0	1	0	1	20	335
Tours, France	0	0	0	3	13	86
Trier, Germany	0	0	0	0	0	144
Trieste, Italy	0	0	0	1	16	610
Tripoli, Libyan AJ	0	0	0	0	13	91
Tromsø, Norway	0	0	0	0	5	136
Trondheim, Norway	0	0	0	0	10	242
Tsukuba, Japan	0	0	0	0	3	112
Tucson AZ, USA	0	0	0	0	7	117
Tunis, Tunisia	0	0	0	0	43	435
Turin, Italy	1	3	5	4	44	318
Turku, Finland	0	0	0	0	19	261
Uppsala, Sweden	0	0	0	7	36	256
Utrecht, Netherlands	0	0	2	7	25	272
Valencia, Spain	0	0	0	4	18	307
Valletta, Malta	0	0	0	0	2	159
Vancouver, Canada	0	0	0	3	41	898
Varna, Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	64	111
Venice, Italy	0	5	2	13	97	617
Verona, Italy	0	0	0	0	14	105
Versailles, France	0	0	0	2	21	105
Victoria, Canada	0	0	0	0	2	99
Vienna, Austria	5	17	31	38	419	3780
Vilnius, Lithuania (*)	0	0	0	0	3	210
Wageningen, Netherlands	0	0	0	1	13	177
Warsaw, Poland	0	0	5	11	122	824
Washington DC, USA	0	7	14	26	213	2256
Wellington, New Zealand	0	0	0	0	14	157
West Berlin, Germany FR	0	0	0	0	0	232
Wiesbaden, Germany (*)	0	1	0	3	39	84
Yaoundé, Cameroon	0	0	0	0	18	182
Yokohama, Japan	0	0	0	0	4	272
York, UK	0	0	0	0	14	152
Zagreb, Croatia (*)	0	0	0	5	31	248
Zurich, Switzerland	3	6	5	46	125	609