

Section 9: Table 4.2. Long-term review

Top international meeting cities in 1857-2006

This table lists the number of meetings of type A for the years 1857 to 2006 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” and meet all the following criteria:

- meetings organized or sponsored by “international organizations”, i.e. international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) 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
- 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.

Total meetings of type A							Total meetings of type A						
City, Country	1857-1881	1882-1906	1907-1931	1932-1956	1957-1981	1982-2006	City, Country	1857-1881	1882-1906	1907-1931	1932-1956	1957-1981	1982-2006
Aachen, Germany (*)	0	0	0	2	16	140	Bath, UK	0	0	0	1	11	111
Aberdeen, UK	0	0	0	0	11	116	Beijing, China	0	0	0	0	4	1315
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	0	0	0	0	39	268	Beirut, Lebanon	0	0	0	0	23	220
Abuja, Nigeria	0	0	0	0	0	154	Belfast, UK	0	0	0	1	4	139
Acapulco, Mexico	0	0	0	0	24	150	Belgrade, Serbia (*)	0	0	0	0	4	165
Accra, Ghana	0	0	0	1	36	275	Bergen, Norway	0	0	0	1	32	407
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	24	418	Berkeley CA, USA	0	0	0	2	15	103
Adelaide, Australia	0	0	0	0	13	394	Berlin, Germany (*)	2	17	28	28	234	2110
Aix-en-Provence, France	0	0	0	2	18	154	Berne, Switzerland	3	10	11	21	67	293
Alborg, Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	109	Biarritz, France	0	1	0	1	6	137
Albuquerque NM, USA	0	0	0	0	5	125	Bilbao, Spain	0	0	0	1	2	111
Alexandria, Egypt	0	0	0	1	7	117	Birmingham, UK	0	0	1	0	27	431
Algiers, Algeria	0	1	1	5	39	165	Bled, Slovenia (*)	0	0	0	1	10	129
Amman, Jordan	0	0	0	1	10	292	Bologna, Italy	1	0	1	3	32	349
Amsterdam, Netherlands	1	3	22	62	267	2333	Bonn, Germany	0	1	0	1	1	384
Anaheim CA, USA	0	0	0	0	14	202	Bonn, Germany FR	0	0	0	2	53	87
Ankara, Turkey	0	0	0	1	18	118	Bordeaux, France	0	3	2	1	24	318
Antalya, Turkey	0	0	0	0	1	182	Boston MA, USA	0	0	2	4	56	606
Antwerp, Belgium	2	9	13	12	38	543	Boulder CO, USA	0	0	0	0	11	160
Århus, Denmark	0	0	0	1	23	286	Brasília, Brazil	0	0	0	0	26	165
Arusha, Tanzania UR	0	0	0	0	7	176	Bratislava, Slovakia (*)	0	0	0	0	13	388
Asunción, Paraguay	0	0	0	0	15	147	Brazzaville, Congo Braz.	0	0	0	0	5	98
Athens, Greece	0	3	1	9	176	1293	Bremen, Germany	1	3	0	0	0	117
Atlanta GA, USA	0	0	1	1	35	541	Brighton, UK	0	0	0	2	55	398
Auckland, New Zealand	0	0	0	2	23	342	Brisbane, Australia	0	0	0	2	8	459
Austin TX, USA	0	0	0	1	7	99	Bristol, UK	0	0	0	1	14	131
Avignon, France	0	1	0	1	10	93	Brno, Czech Rep	0	0	0	0	0	104
Baghdad, Iraq	0	0	0	1	32	73	Bruges, Belgium	0	0	1	1	27	258
Bali, Indonesia	0	0	0	0	13	295	Brussels, Belgium	7	40	66	115	428	5621
Baltimore MD, USA	0	0	0	0	11	346	Bucharest, Romania	0	0	4	8	73	336
Bamako, Mali	0	0	0	0	7	127	Budapest, Hungary	1	9	18	13	166	2186
Banff, Canada	0	0	0	1	8	142	Buenos Aires, Argentina	0	0	5	15	126	1124
Bangalore, India	0	0	0	1	14	200	Busan, Korea Rep	0	0	0	0	1	101
Bangkok, Thailand	0	0	0	3	94	1604	Cairns, Australia	0	0	0	0	0	129
Banjul, Gambia	0	0	0	0	2	111	Cairo, Egypt	0	0	0	0	67	1021
Barcelona, Spain	0	0	10	13	118	2148	Calgary, Canada	0	0	0	0	9	167
Basel, Switzerland	0	7	0	11	56	297	Cambridge MA, USA	0	0	0	5	12	160

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Cambridge, UK	0	2	9	13	89	513	Jakarta, Indonesia	0	0	0	0	58	426
Canberra, Australia	0	0	0	0	48	272	Jeju, Korea Rep	0	0	0	0	0	126
Cancún, Mexico	0	0	0	0	7	295	Jerusalem, Israel (*)	0	1	1	2	113	700
Cannes, France	0	0	0	4	59	340	Johannesburg, S. Africa	0	0	0	0	22	314
Cape Town, South Africa	0	0	0	0	5	571	Kampala, Uganda	0	0	0	0	6	216
Caracas, Venezuela	0	0	0	6	112	432	Karachi, Pakistan	0	0	0	3	13	98
Cardiff, UK	0	0	0	1	15	174	Karlsruhe, Germany (*)	0	1	0	0	16	114
Cartagena de Indias, Colombia	0	0	0	1	9	289	Kathmandu, Nepal	0	0	0	1	7	227
Casablanca, Morocco	0	0	0	0	11	140	Khartoum, Sudan	0	0	0	0	16	108
Chennai, India	0	0	0	3	7	174	Kiev, Ukraine (*)	0	0	0	0	6	156
Chiang Mai, Thailand	0	0	0	0	5	223	Kingston, Jamaica	0	0	0	0	24	168
Chicago IL, USA	0	2	3	19	58	855	Kobe, Japan	0	0	0	0	2	157
Christchurch, New Zealand	0	0	0	0	16	153	Krakow, Poland	0	0	4	1	27	419
Cincinnati OH, USA	0	0	0	1	8	112	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (*)	0	0	0	1	72	1159
Cleveland OH, USA	0	0	1	5	11	92	Kyoto, Japan	0	0	1	1	99	532
Coimbra, Portugal	0	0	0	1	0	105	Lagos, Nigeria	0	0	0	1	45	124
Cologne, Germany (*)	2	2	5	5	47	291	Las Vegas NV, USA	0	0	0	0	19	381
Colombo, Sri Lanka	0	0	0	3	34	281	Lausanne, Switzerland	0	1	11	12	118	462
Como, Italy	0	0	0	2	4	94	Leeds, UK	0	0	0	0	11	99
Copenhagen, Denmark	1	6	17	64	288	2360	Leiden, Netherlands	0	1	5	4	19	209
Cotonou, Benin	0	0	0	0	6	134	Leipzig, Germany (*)	0	1	2	2	17	157
Dakar, Senegal	0	0	0	0	56	490	Leuven, Belgium	0	0	0	1	29	312
Dallas TX, USA	0	0	0	1	9	316	Libreville, Gabon	0	0	0	0	14	110
Damascus, Syrian AR	0	0	0	2	25	138	Liège, Belgium	2	10	4	18	74	268
DaresSalaam, Tanzania	0	0	0	0	10	96	Lille, France	1	0	0	3	8	188
Davos, Switzerland	0	0	1	2	15	121	Lima, Peru	0	0	0	14	70	530
Delft, Netherlands	0	0	1	1	10	133	Limassol, Cyprus	0	0	0	0	1	113
Denver CO, USA	0	0	1	0	14	281	Linz, Austria	0	0	0	0	10	105
Detroit MI, USA	0	0	1	2	11	89	Lisbon, Portugal	1	3	2	20	110	1620
Dhaka, Bangladesh	0	0	0	0	6	225	Liverpool, UK	0	3	0	1	13	119
Dijon, France	0	0	0	2	19	102	Ljubljana, Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0	340
Dresden, Germany (*)	0	1	5	3	0	278	Lomé, Togo	0	0	0	0	21	150
Dubai, United Arab Em.	0	0	0	0	1	190	London, UK	7	27	73	147	655	4159
Dublin, Ireland	0	0	1	5	147	1119	Long Beach CA, USA	0	0	0	1	7	92
Dubna, Russia	0	0	0	0	0	107	Los Angeles CA, USA	0	0	0	8	57	438
Dubrovnik, Croatia (*)	0	0	0	5	47	273	Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium	0	0	0	0	11	131
Durban, South Africa	0	0	0	0	6	289	Lucerne, Switzerland	0	2	3	10	45	187
Durham, UK	0	0	0	0	5	99	Lugano, Switzerland	0	0	1	3	9	113
Düsseldorf, Germany	0	2	1	0	0	187	Lund, Sweden	0	0	1	1	20	177
Edinburgh, UK	0	2	3	12	117	887	Lusaka, Zambia	0	0	0	0	16	140
Edmonton, Canada	0	0	0	0	10	105	Luxembourg, Luxembourg	1	0	5	19	76	781
Espoo, Finland	0	0	0	0	6	291	Lyon, France	0	0	5	4	47	627
Estoril, Portugal	0	0	0	2	19	89	Maastricht, Netherlands	0	0	0	0	10	806
Florence, Italy	2	1	2	16	90	763	Madison WI, USA	0	0	0	1	11	106
Frankfurt-Main, Germ. (*)	0	0	0	5	44	77	Madrid, Spain	1	4	14	38	289	1875
Fukuoka, Japan	0	0	0	0	0	107	Mainz, Germany (*)	0	0	0	0	37	107
Gaborone, Botswana	0	0	0	0	1	113	Malmö, Sweden	0	0	0	3	19	180
Gdansk, Poland	0	0	2	0	7	123	Manchester, UK	0	0	1	0	24	392
Geneva, Switzerland	3	13	22	36	222	4123	Manila, Philippines	0	0	0	5	205	1034
Genoa, Italy	0	1	0	1	12	201	Mar del Plata, Argentina	0	0	0	0	13	92
Ghent, Belgium	0	1	2	5	30	268	Marrakech, Morocco	0	0	0	1	2	263
Glasgow, UK	0	1	0	2	26	488	Marseille, France	0	1	1	1	32	302
Gold Coast, Australia	0	0	0	0	1	123	Melbourne, Australia	0	0	0	5	68	911
Gothenburg, Sweden	0	0	3	5	51	510	Mexico City, Mexico	0	3	1	28	236	804
Granada, Spain	0	0	0	0	8	230	Miami FL, USA	0	0	0	1	42	533
Graz, Austria	0	0	0	0	24	299	Milan, Italy	4	7	6	21	89	631
Grenoble, France	0	1	1	4	48	227	Minneapolis MN, USA	0	0	0	1	21	242
Groningen, Netherlands	0	0	1	0	15	132	Monaco, Monaco	0	1	1	6	30	138
Guadalajara, Mexico	0	0	0	0	6	134	Monte Carlo, Monaco	0	0	0	1	49	227
Guatemala, Guatemala	0	0	1	2	27	190	Monterey CA, USA	0	0	0	0	2	122
Halifax, Canada	0	0	0	0	6	131	Montevideo, Uruguay	0	0	0	9	20	363
Hamburg, Germany (*)	2	3	1	3	162	612	Montpellier, France	0	0	0	1	27	424
Hannover, Germany (*)	0	1	0	5	40	227	Montréal, Canada	0	0	1	10	166	1363
Hanoi, Vietnam	0	0	0	0	0	232	Montreux, Switzerland	0	0	0	6	55	215
Harare, Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	1	404	Moscow, Russia (*)	0	2	0	1	143	933
Havana, Cuba	0	1	2	15	22	614	Mumbai, India	0	0	0	2	11	217
Heidelberg, Germany	0	2	2	0	1	246	Munich, Germany (*)	0	2	3	22	264	1160
Helsingør, Denmark	0	0	1	0	18	148	Nagoya, Japan	0	0	0	0	13	199
Helsinki, Finland	0	0	2	24	202	1813	Nairobi, Kenya	0	0	0	1	75	794
Hobart, Australia	0	0	0	0	2	117	Nancy, France	0	0	0	3	12	127
Hong Kong, Hong Kong	0	0	0	0	70	1209	Nantes, France	0	0	0	0	5	127
Honolulu HI, USA	0	0	3	0	42	445	Naples, Italy	0	0	3	7	24	228
Houston TX, USA	0	0	0	1	32	285	Nashville TN, USA	0	0	0	0	3	175
Hyderabad, India	0	0	0	0	2	101	Nassau, Bahamas	0	0	0	0	7	94
Indianapolis IN, USA	0	0	0	0	1	133	New Delhi, India	0	0	0	8	125	1065
Innsbruck, Austria	0	0	2	3	36	268	New Orleans LA, USA	0	0	1	4	53	582
Interlaken, Switzerland	0	0	1	3	23	128	New York NY, USA	2	3	12	23	148	2247
Islamabad, Pakistan	0	0	0	0	5	144	Newcastle upon Tyne, UK	0	0	0	1	11	100
Istanbul, Turkey	0	0	0	19	67	1014	Niamey, Niger	0	0	0	0	9	106

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Nice, France	0	0	1	4	66	652	Scottsdale AZ, USA	0	0	0	0	1	119
Nicosia, Cyprus	0	0	0	0	7	187	Seattle WA, USA	0	0	0	0	22	389
Nijmegen, Netherlands	0	0	0	0	8	93	Sendai, Japan	0	0	0	0	5	97
Noordwijk, Netherlands	0	0	0	0	14	307	Seoul, Korea Rep	0	0	0	0	73	1535
Noordwijkerhout, Neth.	0	0	0	0	18	210	Seville, Spain	0	0	1	1	21	426
Nottingham, UK	0	0	0	0	7	141	Shanghai, China	0	0	0	0	0	374
Nouméa, New Caledonia	0	0	0	1	7	112	Sheffield, UK	0	0	0	1	10	101
Nuremberg, Germany (*)	0	1	2	1	17	121	Siena, Italy	0	0	0	3	4	105
Odense, Denmark	0	0	0	1	5	118	Singapore, Singapore (*)	0	0	0	3	99	2123
Orlando FL, USA	0	0	0	0	6	757	Sofia, Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	49	363
Osaka, Japan	0	0	0	0	18	259	Sorrento, Italy	0	0	0	2	5	103
Oslo, Norway	0	1	5	32	141	1163	Southampton, UK	0	0	0	0	7	95
Ottawa ON, Canada	0	0	2	1	81	536	St Andreasberg, Germ. (*)	0	0	0	0	0	133
Otzenhausen, Germany (*)	0	0	0	0	0	109	St Louis MO, USA	0	5	1	4	21	207
Ouagadougou, Burkina	0	0	0	0	4	212	St Petersburg, Russia	3	4	0	0	0	481
Oulu, Finland	0	0	0	0	7	109	Stavanger, Norway	0	0	0	0	3	161
Oxford, UK	1	0	9	18	72	466	Stockholm, Sweden	2	4	30	60	299	1932
Padua, Italy	0	0	0	0	14	92	Strasbourg, France	0	0	0	7	96	2433
Palermo, Italy	0	0	0	1	9	127	Stuttgart, Germany (*)	0	2	1	11	25	253
Palm Beach FL, USA	0	0	0	0	4	97	Suva, Fiji	0	0	0	0	11	121
Palma de Mallorca, Spain	0	0	0	1	21	157	Sydney, Australia	0	0	1	2	109	1415
Panama, Panama	0	0	0	0	36	267	Taipei, Taiwan	0	0	0	0	43	631
Paris, France	17	84	89	232	717	7018	Tallinn, Estonia (*)	0	0	0	1	4	258
Pattaya, Thailand	0	0	0	0	11	104	Tampa FL, USA	0	0	0	0	5	118
Penang, Malaysia	0	0	0	0	6	142	Tampere, Finland	0	0	0	0	10	315
Perth, Australia	0	0	0	0	13	310	Teheran, Iran Islamic Rep	0	0	0	1	43	166
Philadelphia PA, USA	0	0	4	6	46	376	Tel Aviv, Israel	0	0	0	4	61	242
Phoenix AZ, USA	0	0	0	1	10	188	The Hague, Netherlands	2	9	37	53	166	1063
Pisa, Italy	0	0	0	0	11	126	Thessaloniki, Greece	0	0	0	0	21	303
Pittsburgh PA, USA	0	0	0	1	6	189	Tokyo, Japan	0	0	2	7	333	1630
Port of Spain, Trinidad-T.	0	0	0	0	0	159	Toronto, Canada	0	0	2	7	87	961
Portland OR, USA	0	0	0	0	13	154	Toulouse, France	0	1	0	1	26	362
Porto, Portugal	0	0	0	2	8	339	Tours, France	0	0	0	3	13	89
Poznan, Poland	0	0	1	0	9	140	Trier, Germany	0	0	0	0	0	184
Prague, Czech Rep (*)	0	0	12	21	117	1797	Trieste, Italy	0	0	0	1	16	648
Pretoria, South Africa	0	0	1	0	4	189	Tripoli, Libyan AJ	0	0	0	0	15	100
Québec, Canada	0	0	1	1	35	373	Tromsø, Norway	0	0	0	0	6	143
Quito, Ecuador	0	0	0	0	46	339	Trondheim, Norway	0	0	0	1	11	258
Rabat, Morocco	0	0	0	1	31	209	Tsukuba, Japan	0	0	0	0	3	121
Reading, UK	0	0	0	0	8	109	Tucson AZ, USA	0	0	0	0	8	132
Reno NV, USA	0	0	0	0	3	100	Tunis, Tunisia	0	0	0	0	50	448
Reykjavik, Iceland	0	0	0	0	26	459	Turin, Italy	1	4	4	4	45	348
Rhode St Genese, Belgium	0	0	0	0	0	100	Turku, Finland	0	0	0	0	21	290
Rhodes, Greece	0	0	0	0	11	165	Uppsala, Sweden	0	0	0	7	40	273
Riga, Latvia	0	0	0	1	0	254	Utrecht, Netherlands	0	1	2	8	25	286
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	0	1	1	21	113	848	Valencia, Spain	0	0	0	4	21	347
Rome, Italy	0	18	32	101	334	2467	Valletta, Malta	0	0	0	0	2	172
Rotterdam, Netherlands	0	1	0	1	59	407	Vancouver BC, Canada	0	0	0	3	54	982
Salamanca, Spain	0	0	0	1	8	99	Varna, Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	69	116
Salt Lake City UT, USA	0	0	0	0	9	147	Venice, Italy	1	4	2	16	104	652
Salvador da Bahia, Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	126	Verona, Italy	0	0	0	1	13	113
Salzburg, Austria	0	0	0	5	62	448	Versailles, France	0	0	0	2	23	109
San Antonio TX, USA	0	0	0	0	3	283	Victoria, Canada	0	0	0	0	2	108
San Diego CA, USA	0	0	0	1	31	718	Vienna, Austria	5	19	34	45	467	4119
San Francisco CA, USA	0	0	4	4	117	908	Vilnius, Lithuania (*)	0	0	0	0	3	241
San Jose CA, USA	0	0	0	0	2	122	Wageningen, Netherlands	0	0	0	2	13	181
San José, Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	36	455	Warsaw, Poland	0	0	5	11	133	874
San Juan, Puerto Rico	0	0	0	2	34	219	Washington DC, USA	1	7	14	31	243	2361
San Salvador, El Salvador	0	0	0	0	18	106	Wellington, New Zealand	0	0	0	1	15	166
Santa Cruz, Bolivia	0	0	0	0	5	101	West Berlin, Germany FR	0	0	0	0	0	232
Santafé, Colombia	0	0	0	4	66	256	Wiesbaden, Germany (*)	0	1	0	4	39	89
Santiago de C., Spain	0	0	0	0	8	110	Yaoundé, Cameroon	0	0	0	0	19	191
Santiago, Chile	0	0	1	15	52	726	Yokohama, Japan	0	0	0	0	4	305
Santo Domingo, Dominican R.	0	0	0	1	30	246	York, UK	0	0	0	0	16	165
São Paulo, Brazil	0	0	0	14	65	493	Zagreb, Croatia (*)	0	0	0	5	36	257
Sapporo, Japan	0	0	0	0	9	105	Zurich, Switzerland	3	7	6	54	136	637
Saragossa, Spain	0	0	0	1	5	110							