

Section 9: Table 4.3. Long-term review

Top 10 international meeting countries and cities in 1857-2006

This table lists the 10 countries and the 9 or 10 cities with the greatest number of meetings of type A for each 25-year period from 1857-2006.

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:** 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	1857-1881	Country	1882-1906	Country	1907-1931
France	20	France	103	France	104
Belgium	11	Belgium	63	UK	104
Italy	10	Germany	43	Belgium	88
UK	10	Switzerland	43	Netherlands	68
Germany	9	UK	37	Switzerland	59
Switzerland	9	Italy	35	USA	58
Austria	5	USA	21	Germany	53
Netherlands	3	Austria	19	Italy	52
Russia	3	Netherlands	16	Austria	36
USA	3	Hungary	9	Sweden	34
City	1857-1881	City	1882-1906	City	1907-1931
Paris, France	17	Paris, France	84	Paris, France	89
Brussels, Belgium	7	Brussels, Belgium	40	London, UK	73
London, UK	7	London, UK	27	Brussels, Belgium	66
Vienna, Austria	5	Vienna, Austria	19	The Hague, Netherlands	37
Milan, Italy	4	Rome, Italy	18	Vienna, Austria	34
Berne, Switzerland	3	Berlin, Germany (*)	17	Rome, Italy	32
Geneva, Switzerland	3	Geneva, Switzerland	13	Stockholm, Sweden	30
St Petersburg, Russia	3	Berne, Switzerland	10	Berlin, Germany (*)	28
Zurich, Switzerland	3	Liège, Belgium	10	Amsterdam, Netherlands	22
				Geneva, Switzerland	22
Country	1932-1956	Country	1957-1981	Country	1982-2006
France	315	USA	1919	USA	24363
UK	237	France	1605	France	17000
Italy	212	Germany FR	1481	UK	12390
Switzerland	194	UK	1472	Italy	10136
USA	170	Italy	1133	Germany	9365
Belgium	166	Switzerland	934	Belgium	8300
Netherlands	152	Netherlands	766	Switzerland	7809
Germany FR	93	Belgium	730	Spain	7566
Sweden	83	Austria	718	Netherlands	7496
Denmark	74	Spain	638	Austria	6011
City	1932-1956	City	1957-1981	City	1982-2006
Paris, France	232	Paris, France	717	Paris, France	7018
London, UK	147	London, UK	655	Brussels, Belgium	5621
Brussels, Belgium	115	Vienna, Austria	467	London, UK	4159
Rome, Italy	101	Brussels, Belgium	428	Geneva, Switzerland	4123
Copenhagen, Denmark	64	Rome, Italy	334	Vienna, Austria	4119
Amsterdam, Netherlands	62	Tokyo, Japan	333	Rome, Italy	2467
Stockholm, Sweden	60	Stockholm, Sweden	299	Strasbourg, France	2433
Zurich, Switzerland	54	Madrid, Spain	289	Washington DC, USA	2361
The Hague, Netherlands	53	Copenhagen, Denmark	288	Copenhagen, Denmark	2360
Vienna, Austria	45	Amsterdam, Netherlands	267	Amsterdam, Netherlands	2333
