

## Section 5: Table 9.5.3. Long-term review

### Top countries and cities for international association meetings 1863-2012: Type A

This table lists the 10 countries and cities with the greatest number of meetings of type A for each 25-year period from 1863 to 2012.

**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

**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.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Type “A” in 1863-1887</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Type “A” in 1888-1912</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Type “A” in 1913-1937</u>
Belgium	22	France	123	France	144
France	21	Belgium	84	UK	133
Switzerland	16	UK	69	Belgium	100
Italy	15	Germany	57	USA	91
Germany	14	Switzerland	48	Germany	81
UK	12	Italy	46	Switzerland	75
Austria	8	USA	39	Netherlands	74
Netherlands	5	Netherlands	35	Italy	71
USA	4	Austria	29	Austria	41
Denmark	3	Hungary	17	Spain	41
<u>City</u>	<u>Type “A” in 1863-1887</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Type “A” in 1888-1912</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Type “A” in 1913-1937</u>
Paris, France	17	Paris, France	104	Paris, France	126
Brussels, Belgium	13	Brussels, Belgium	62	London, UK	89
London, UK	8	London, UK	53	Brussels, Belgium	76
Vienna, Austria	8	Vienna, Austria	29	Rome, Italy	45
Antwerp, Belgium	5	Berlin, Germany	24	Berlin, Germany	41
Geneva, Switzerland	5	Rome, Italy	24	Vienna, Austria	35
Milan, Italy	5	The Hague, Netherlands	21	The Hague, Netherlands	33
Zurich, Switzerland	5	Budapest, Hungary	17	Stockholm, Sweden	30
Bern, Switzerland	4	Geneva, Switzerland	15	Amsterdam, Netherlands	29
Berlin, Germany	3	Stockholm, Sweden	15	Copenhagen, Denmark	26
Copenhagen, Denmark	3				
Hamburg, Germany	3				
Liège, Belgium	3				
Rome, Italy	3				
The Hague, Netherlands	3				
Turin, Italy	3				

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**Section 5: Table 9.5.3. Top countries and cities for international meetings 1862-2011: Type A**

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Type "A" in 1938-1962</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Type "A" in 1963-1987</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Type "A" in 1988-2012</u>
France	424	USA	4482	USA	29796
Italy	357	France	3382	France	19057
UK	341	UK	2865	UK	13510
USA	327	Germany FR	2531	Germany	12721
Germany FR	276	Italy	2192	Italy	12678
Switzerland	271	Switzerland	1791	Belgium	10765
Belgium	255	Canada	1501	Spain	9676
Netherlands	238	Netherlands	1492	Netherlands	9394
Austria	150	Belgium	1477	Switzerland	8866
Sweden	142	Spain	1310	Canada	7971
<u>City</u>	<u>Type "A" in 1938-1962</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Type "A" in 1963-1987</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Type "A" in 1988-2012</u>
Paris, France	300	Paris, France	1547	Paris, France	8548
London, UK	205	London, UK	1201	Brussels, Belgium	7959
Brussels, Belgium	174	Brussels, Belgium	915	Singapore, Singapore	5805
Rome, Italy	164	Vienna, Austria	759	Vienna, Austria	5575
Vienna, Austria	120	Rome, Italy	709	Geneva, Switzerland	4913
Stockholm, Sweden	103	Geneva, Switzerland	642	London, UK	4667
Copenhagen, Denmark	101	Tokyo, Japan	600	Rome, Italy	3731
The Hague, Netherlands	82	Madrid, Spain	539	Barcelona, Spain	2974
Amsterdam, Netherlands	79	Copenhagen, Denmark	532	Amsterdam, Netherlands	2919
Zurich, Switzerland	65	Amsterdam, Netherlands	508	Berlin, Germany	2916