
1.2 What meetings are counted in this report?

This report is extracted from the Union of International Associations (UIA) database, which is the source of UIA's flagship publications: the *International Congress Calendar* and the *Yearbook of International Organizations*. At the time of producing this edition there were 494,711 meetings in the UIA meetings database of which 453,139 (91.6%) meet the criteria for inclusion in this report. Of these 453,139 meetings, 436,847 took place in 2017 or earlier, 11,240 took place in 2018, and 5,052 are scheduled for 2019 or later. Some events take place in more than one city and are counted in this report for each city separately.

Meetings included in this report are divided into three types. The types are indicated by letters: type A, type B and type C. These letters have, in themselves, no significance in relation to the meetings they group and are used merely for convenience.

Type “A”: Meetings of international associations

Type “A” meetings conform to all the following criteria:

- The meeting must have a clear link to an international association included in the UIA database, the source of the *Yearbook of International Organizations*. (See also below “What is an ‘international organization’”.)
- The meeting can be linked to either an international non-governmental organization (INGO) or to an intergovernmental organization (IGO).
- The meeting is eligible for inclusion regardless of its frequency. A meeting can be a one-off event, part of a regular series, or part of an irregular series.
- The meeting is eligible for inclusion regardless of its location. A meeting series can be held always in the same location, or rotate according to a pattern between locations, or change locations randomly.
- The meeting is eligible for inclusion regardless of its participant numbers.

Included in this report are 417,973 type “A” meetings for all years, and 10,774 for 2018. Type “A” meetings are included in all tables in this report.

Types “B” and “C”: Other international meetings

Type “B” meetings conform to all the following criteria:	Type “C” meetings conform to all the following criteria:
The meeting does not qualify for Type “A” but is nonetheless considered to be of significant international associative character.	
The meeting lasts at least 3 days.	The meeting lasts at least 2 days.
The meeting has <u>either</u> a concurrent exhibition <u>or</u> at least 300 participants.	The meeting has <u>either</u> a concurrent exhibition <u>or</u> at least 250 participants.
At least 40 percent of the meeting’s participants are from countries other than the host country <u>and</u> at least 5 nationalities are represented.	
Included in this report are 26,719 type “B” meetings for all years, and 285 for 2018.	Included in this report are 35,166 type “C” meetings for all years, and 466 for 2018.
Logically, all meetings counted as Type “B” are also counted as Type “C”.	Logically, meetings counted as Type “C” are not all counted as Type “B”.
These meetings are included only in some tables in this report.	