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## 9.1.1 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 511,371 meetings in the UIA meetings database of which 471,800 meet the criteria for inclusion in this report. Of these 471,800 meetings 462,627 took place in 2019 or earlier, 4,242 took place in 2020, and 4,931 are scheduled for 2020 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 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 4,096 Type A meetings for 2020.*

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:**

- 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 has either a concurrent exhibition or at least 300 participants.
- At least 40 percent of the meeting's participants are from countries other than the host country and at least 5 nationalities are represented.

Logically, all meetings counted as Type B are also counted as Type C.

*Included in this report are 98 Type B meetings for 2020.*

#### **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 2 days.
- The meeting has either a concurrent exhibition or at least 250 participants.

Logically, meetings counted as Type C are *not* all counted as Type B.

*Included in this report are 146 Type C meetings for 2020.*

### **Types "B" and "C" meetings are included only in some tables in this report.**

On average, 900-1200 new organization descriptions are added to the database annually.