

History of the International Leprosy Congress

International Leprosy Congresses have been held for over 100 years, beginning with the meeting in Berlin in 1887. Organized by the International Leprosy Association since its establishment in 1931, these meetings have consistently brought together leading experts in the care of leprosy patients, research on all aspects of this disease, the charitable organizations and foundations which support leprosy work, and representatives of Ministries of Health throughout the world.

The following is a list of venues and dates of prior Congresses:

Berlin, Germany	1887
Bergen, Norway	1909
Strasbourg, France	1922
Cairo, Egypt	1938
Havana, Cuba	1948
Madrid, Spain	1953
Tokyo, Japan	1958
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	1963
London, England	1968
Bergen, Norway	1973
Mexico City, Mexico	1978
New Delhi, India	1984
The Hague, The Netherlands	1988
Orlando, Florida, U.S.A.	1993
Beijing, China	1998