

## Historical List of IARF Congresses

		Theme
1901	London (UK)	Proceedings published as <i>Liberal Religious Thought at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century</i> .
1903	Amsterdam (Netherlands)	Congress of Religious Free-thinkers
1905	Geneva (Switzerland)	Congress of Religious and Progressive Christians
1907	Boston (USA)	Fourth International Congress of Religious Liberals
1910	Berlin (Germany)	World Congress of Free Christianity and Religious Progress
1913	Paris (France)	International Congress for Religious Progress – Progressive Christians and Free Religious Believers
1920	Boston (USA)	*1
1922	Leiden (Netherlands)	*2
1927	Prague (Czech Republic)	Seventh Congress of Free Christians and Other Religious Liberals (for apparent conflict with 1920 and 1922 events – see footnotes below)
1930	Arnhem (Netherlands)	
1934	Copenhagen (Denmark)	11 <sup>th</sup> International Congress of Religious Liberals
1937	Oxford (UK)	Liberal Christianity: The World's Need
1949	Amsterdam (Netherlands)	The Mission and Message of Liberal Religion
1952	Oxford (UK)	Authority and Freedom in the Modern World
1955	Belfast (UK)	Liberal Religion in an Age of Anxiety
1958	University of Chicago (USA)	Today's Religions Can Meet the World's Needs Today
1961	Davos (Switzerland)	The Unity of Mankind in Our Divided World
1964	The Hague (Netherlands)	A Religion for the World of Tomorrow
1966	London (UK)	The Spiritual Challenge of Mankind Today and Our Response
1969	Boston (USA)	Religious Encounter with the Changing World
1972	Heidelberg (Germany)	Man, His Freedom and His Future
1975	Montréal (Canada)	Our Unity in Diversity
1978	Oxford (UK)	The Limits of Toleration Today
1981	Noordwijkerhout (Netherlands)	The Tide of Religion
1984	Tokyo (Japan)	Religious Path to Peace: Eastern Initiative & Western Response
1987	Stanford CA (USA)	World Religions Face the 21st Century
1990	Hamburg (Germany)	Religions Co-operating for the World
1993	Bangalore (India)	Living our Faiths, Working Together for Peace and Justice
1996	Iksan City (Korea Rep)	Spirituality . Responsibility . Cooperation
1999	Vancouver (Canada)	Creating an Earth Community: A Religious Imperative
2002	Budapest (Hungary)	Religious Freedom: Europe's Story for Today's

		World
2006	Kaohsiung (Taiwan)	Dignity in Diversity
2010	Kochi (India)	From Conflict to Reconciliation: The Challenge of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century

\*1 This Congress was counted as Pilgrim (Seventh) International Congress by its Secretary-General, Rev Charles W. Wendte, and is as such listed in his autobiography *The Wider Fellowship*. However, the European led secretariat which continued the IARF administration after Rev Wendte's retirement, decided not to count this first major gathering of IARF supporters after the First World War as a formal IARF congress, but saw it as a joint meeting with the Unitarian Tercentenary Celebrations in 1920, commemorating three hundred years of the landing of the 'Pilgrim Fathers' in North America (1620).

(from Josef Boehle thesis, Chapter 2 – "Charles William Wendte and the Development of the First Permanent International Inter-religious Organisation", footnote 74).

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Leiden, 29 – 30 August, 1922 (7th IARF Congress)

This congress is considered the first one after World War I. Even though there were only 62 participants, they represented 12 nations, conducted a program, and set new goals for the future (youth organization, etc.).

(from: Elke Schlinck-Lazarraga, *Geschichte des Weltbundes für Religiöse Freiheit* 1975)