

THE HISTORY OF THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS CALENDAR CONFERENCE

The foundation of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) occurred in 1912 but it was not until 1932 that a European Committee was created by the sport's global governing body, whose remit was initially limited to organising the European Athletics Championships, the first of which were held in 1934.

After World War II, it became a necessity to hold annual meetings at which the leaders of the national federations in Europe could co-ordinate their calendars for the following year, which would then be published in a booklet with all the other major IAAF and European competitions.

For many years. The Calendar Conference would be held in conjunctions with meetings of the European Committee of the IAAF.

At the IAAF Budapest Congress in 1966, it was decided that subsequently the European Committee of the IAAF would be elected by the European Federations alone and so began the process towards the formation of the European Athletic Association in 1969 and the recognition at the 1970 IAAF Congress in Stockholm of an independent European organisation.

From 1969 until 2001, the Calendar Conference was incorporated into the Congresses of the European Athletic Association or were held as separate events in those years where no Congress was held. In conjunction with the Calendar Conferences, there were always also meetings of the European Athletics Council and other bodies.

The traditional date of the conference has generally been in October or November, after the summer competition season has ended. In 2003, the Congress and the Calendar Conference were held separately for the first time, the latter in conjunction with a workshop of Member Federation representatives and meetings of other organisations.

Compared to 1969, when only about 100 delegates representing mainly national federations attended the Calendar Conference, nowadays it is usual see more than 400 participants.

In addition to members of the European Athletics Council, representatives of the Member Federations and other members of the European Athletics and IAAF families, taking part in the Calendar Conferences are IAAF and European Athletics competition organisers, national meeting organisers, athlete representatives, commercial representatives and stakeholders, the media and representatives of other international athletics organisations.

In 2008, European Athletics took the decision to reshape the Calendar Conferences into a more coherent format and so the European Athletics Convention was created with the aim of providing more credibility and added values for all stakeholders.

The Convention now provides more content and more substance for the European Athletics Member Federations and offers additional opportunities for workshops, education, networking and socialising apart of the usual calendar-related activities.

The Convention now offers a better platform for the media and sponsors, especially as it is now held in conjunction with the Golden Tracks Awards, which honour the male and female European Athlete of the Year and which were introduced in 2014.

European Athletics Calendar Conference

1	9 November 1946	Bruxelles BEL
2	8 November 1947	Copenhagen DEN
3	20 November 1948	Paris FRA
4	29 November 1949	Luxembourg LUX
5	4 November 1950	Lausanne SUI
6	3 November 1951	Stockholm SWE
7	22 November 1952	Bruxelles BEL
8	21 November 1953	Bruxelles BEL
9	20 November 1954	Roma ITA
10	19 November 1955	Frankfurt-am-Main GER
11	13 January 1957	London GBR (This Congress was delayed until after the Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games)
12	2 November 1957	Beograd YUG
13	15 November 1958	Barcelona ESP
14	14 November 1959	Zürich SUI
15	12 November 1960	Athina GRE
16	11 November 1961	Amsterdam HOL
17	10 November 1962	Praha TCH
18	16 November 1963	Sofia BUL
19	29 November 1964	Geneve SUI
20	21 November 1965	Copenhagen DEN
21	19 November 1966	Istanbul TUR
22	18 November 1967	Praha TCH
23	24 November 1968	Bruxelles BEL
24	1 November 1969	Bucuresti ROU
25	7 November 1970	Paris FRA
26	6 November 1971	Oslo NOR
27	4 November 1972	Budapest HUN
28	3 November 1973	Warszawa POL
29	2 November 1974	Zagreb YUG
30	8 November 1975	Roma ITA
31	30 October 1976	Reykjavik ISL
32	5 November 1977	Sevilla ESP
33	4 November 1978	Rhodos GRE
34	3 November 1979	Berlin GDR
35	1 November 1980	Faro POR
36	31 October 1981	London GBR
37	30 October 1982	Linz AUT
38	29 October 1983	Madrid ESP
39	27 October 1984	Bruxelles BEL
40	26 October 1985	Oslo NOR
41	1 November 1986	Roma ITA
42	24 October 1987	Bratislava TCH
43	12 November 1988	Sevilla ESP
44	28 October 1989	Amsterdam HOL
45	27 October 1990	Istanbul TUR
46	26 October 1991	Estoril POR
47	24 October 1992	Praha TCH
48	23 October 1993	Venezia ITA
49	14 October 1994	Copenhagen DEN
50	13 October 1995	Paris FRA
51	10-11 October 1996	Dublin IRL

52	9-10 October 1997	Budapest HUN
53	29-30 October 1998	Granada ESP
54	15 October 1999	Funchal POR
55	27 October 2000	Göteborg SWE
56	20 October 2001	Moskva RUS
57	25 October 2002	Firenze ITA
58	24 October 2003	Rethymno GRE
59	15 October 2004	Tallinn EST
60	14 October 2005	Reykjavik ISL
61	13 October 2006	Varna BUL
62	12 October 2007	Malta MLT

Included in the European Athletics Convention

1	17 October 2008	Amsterdam NED
2	16 October 2009	Budapest HUN
3	15 October 2010	Belgrade SRB
4	14 October 2011	Arona ESP
5	12 October 2012	St Julians MLT
6	11 October 2013	Tallinn EST
7	10 October 2014	Baku AZE
8	16 October 2015	Lausanne SUI
9	14 October 2016	Funchal POR
10	13 October 2017	Vilnius LTU
11	26 October 2018	Lausanne SUI

CONGRESSES OF THE EUROPEAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Constitutive Congress	1 November 1969	Bucuresti ROU
1st Congress	7 November 1970	Paris FRA
2nd Congress	6 November 1971	Oslo NOR
Extraordinary Congress	11 September 1972	München GER
3rd Congress	3 November 1973	Warszawa POL
4th Congress	8 November 1975	Roma ITA
Extraordinary Congress	30 October 1976	Reykjavik ISL
5th Congress	5 November 1977	Sevilla ESP
6th Congress	3 November 1979	Berlin GDR
7th Congress	31 October 1981	London GBR
8th Congress	29 October 1983	Madrid ESP
9th Congress	26 October 1985	Oslo NOR
Extraordinary Congress	1 November 1986	Roma ITA
10th Congress	24 October 1987	Bratislava TCH
11th Congress	28 October 1989	Amsterdam HOL
Extraordinary Congress	27 October 1990	Istanbul TUR
12th Congress	26 October 1991	Estoril POR
Extraordinary Congress	24 October 1992	Praha TCH
13th Congress	24 October 1993	Venezia ITA
Extraordinary Congress	15 October 1994	Copenhagen DEN
14th Congress	14 October 1995	Paris FRA
Extraordinary Congress	12 October 1996	Dublin IRL
15th Congress	11 October 1997	Budapest BUL
Extraordinary Congress	31 October 1998	Granada ESP
16th Congress	16 October 1999	Funchal POR
17th Congress	20 October 2001	Moskva RUS
18th Congress	12 April 2003	Athens GRE
19th Congress	16 April 2005	Ljubljana SLO
Extraordinary Congress	15 October 2006	Reykjavik ISL
20th Congress	14 April 2007	Cannes FRA
21st Congress	18 April 2009	Lausanne SUI
22nd Congress	16 April 2011	London GBR
23rd Congress	13 April 2013	Skopje MKD
24th Congress	11 April 2015	Bled SLO
Extraordinary Congress	16 October 2015	Lausanne SUI
25th Congress	13 October 2017	Vilnius LTU
26th Congress	13 April 2019	Prague CZE
27 th Congress	16 October 2021	Lausanne SUI