

## **Locations of International Labor Organizations**

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It is important for the historian or scholar of the international labor movement to be aware of the contemporary structure and activities of the international labor confederations. Too often historians fail to take these organizations seriously as significant repositories of information on trade union policy. However, since the days of the First International in the nineteenth century, when efforts arose to unify many of the demands of national labor movements into one general political movement of all workers, trade union confederations built across national lines have functioned to fulfill this original need and political aim of workers everywhere. The names and addresses of international labor organizations listed below will hopefully provide the historian or student of labor with some overall picture of the institutional framework of trade unions on a global scale. Its usefulness becomes more apparent in the modern period, where one is engaged in the analysis of various labor movements in the post World War II period.

### *INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS*

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| International Labor Organization (ILO)<br>4 route des Morillons<br>CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland<br>Washington Branch ILO<br>1750 New York Ave., N.W. Rm. 330<br>Washington, D.C. 20006 | f. June 1919, League of Nations;<br>1946, United Nations<br>m. 135 Member States as of April<br>25, 1977 |
| International Confederation of Free Trade Unions<br>(ICFTU)<br>Rue Montagne-aux-Herbes-Potageres 37-41<br>B-1000 Brussels, Belgium   | f. Dec. 1949, London<br>m. 56.2 million in 88 countries (1977<br>est.)                                   |
| World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU)<br>Namesti Curieovych I<br>11688 Prague 1, Czechoslovakia  | f. Oct. 1945, Paris<br>m. 160 million in 70 countries (1977<br>est.)                                     |
| World Confederation of Labor (WCL) (formerly<br>the Christian CISC)<br>50, rue Joseph II<br>B-1040 Brussels, Belgium   | f. 1920, The Hague<br>m. 14.5 million in 80 countries (1973<br>est.)                                     |

*INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS, INTERNATIONALS,  
& FEDERATIONS*

*INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS* (affiliated with the ICFTU)

International Federation of Building and Wood-workers (IFBWW) 27-29 rue de la Coulovreniere 1204 Geneva, Switzerland	f. 1934 (thru mergers) m. 3 million in 55 countries*
International Federation of Chemical, Energy, and General Workers' Unions (ICEF) 58 rue de Moillebeau 1211 Geneva, Switzerland	f. 1907 m. 5.5 million in 66 countries
International Federation of Commercial, Clerical and Technical Employees (FIET) 15 avenue de Balexert 1210 Chatelaine-Geneva, Switzerland	f. 1904 m. 6.4 million in 80 countries
Universal Alliance of Diamond Workers (UADW) Plantin en Moretulei 66-68 Antwerp, Belgium	f. 1905 m. 11,000 in 4 countries
International Secretariat of Entertainment Trade Unions (ISETU) Maria Theresienstr. 11 1090 Vienna, Austria	f. 1965 m. 350,000 in 35 countries
International Union of Food and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF) Rampe du Pont Rouge 1213 Petit Lancy, Switzerland	f. 1920 (thru mergers) m. 1.8 million in 60 countries
International Graphical Federation (IGF) Monbijoustr. 73 3007 Berne, Switzerland	f. 1949 (thru mergers) m. 650,000 in 26 countries
International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) International Press Center, Blvd. Charlemagne 1 1041 Brussels, Belgium	f. 1952 m. 83,000 in 25 countries
International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF) 54 bis route des Acacias 1227 Geneva, Switzerland	f. 1893/1904 m. 13.7 million in 70 countries
Miners' International Federation (MIF) 75-76 Blackfriars Road London, S.E.1, England	f. 1890 m. 1.2 million in 32 countries
International Federation of Plantation, Agricultural and Allied Workers (IFPAAW) 17 rue Necker 1201 Geneva, Switzerland	f. 1960 (thru mergers) m. 1.6 million in 50 countries
Postal, Telegraph, and Telephone International (PTTI) 36 avenue de Lignon 1219 Geneva, Switzerland	f. 1911 m. 3.3 million in 86 countries

\* 1978-1979 estimates

*INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS* (continued)

- Public Services International (PSI)  
Holstrom House, Central Way  
Feltham, Middlesex, England  
f. 1935 (thru mergers)  
m. 6 million in 67 countries
- International Federation of Free Teachers' Unions  
(IFFTU)  
11 avenue Georges Bergmann  
1050 Brussels, Belgium  
f. 1928  
m. 3 million in 52 countries
- International Textile, Garment and Leather  
Workers' Federation (ITGLWF)  
8 rue Joseph Stevens  
1000 Brussels, Belgium  
f. 1970 (thru mergers)  
m. 5.4 million in 63 countries
- International Transport Workers Federation (ITF)  
133-135 Great Suffolk Street  
London, S.E.1, England  
f. 1896  
m. 4.4 million in 90 countries

*TRADE UNIONS INTERNATIONAL* (affiliated with the WFTU)

- Trade Unions International of Agricultural, Fore-  
stry, and Plantation Workers (TUIAFPW)  
Opletalova 57  
Prague 11000, Czechoslovakia  
f. Dec. 1949, Warsaw  
m. 41 million in 46 countries  
(1977)
- Trade Unions International of Workers of the  
Building, Wood and Building Materials  
Industries (TUIBWM)  
Fredrikinkatu F28B13, Box 10281  
00101 Helsinki, Finland  
f. July 1949, Milan  
m. 15 million in 45 countries  
(1977)
- Trade Unions International of Chemical, Oil and  
Allied Workers (ICPS)  
Benczur u. 45  
H-1415 Budapest, Hungary  
f. March 1950, Budapest  
m. 6.9 million in 33 countries  
(1977)
- Trade Unions International of Workers in Com-  
merce (TUIWC)  
Opletalova 57  
Prague 11000, Czechoslovakia  
f. June 1959, Prague  
m. 15 million in 45 countries  
(1977)
- Trade Unions International of Workers of the  
Food, Tobacco and Beverages Industries &  
Hotel, Cafe and Restaurant Workers  
4, rue de 6 Septembre  
Sofia, Bulgaria  
f. Nov. 1949, Sofia  
m. 14 million in 49 countries  
(1977)
- Permanent Committee of Graphic Arts Unions  
% TUI Opletalova 57  
Prague 11000, Czechoslovakia  
f. unavailable  
m. unavailable
- International Organization of Journalists (IOJ)  
Parizska 9  
Prague 11001, Czechoslovakia  
f. 1926, Paris; 1946,  
Copenhagen  
m. unavailable
- Trade Unions International of Workers in the Metal  
Industry (TUIWMI)  
B.P. 158  
Moscow K9, USSR  
f. June 1949, Turin  
m. 20 million in 26 countries  
(1977)

*TRADE UNIONS INTERNATIONAL* (continued)

- Miners' Trade Unions International (MTUI)  
U1. Kopernika 36/40  
Warsaw 00 924, Poland  
f. 1949, Warsaw  
m. ca. 6 million in 22 countries  
(1976)
- Trade Unions International of Public and Allied  
Employees (TUIPAE)  
Französische Str. 47, Postfach 1322  
DDR-108 Berlin, Germany GDR  
f. Oct. 1949, Berlin  
m. 24 million in 41 countries  
(1977)
- World Federation of Teachers' Unions (FISE)  
Wilhelm Wolff-Str. 21  
DDR-111 Berlin, Germany GDR  
f. 1946, Paris  
m. 16 million in 50 countries  
(1976)
- Trade Unions International of the Textile, Clothing,  
Leather and Fur Workers (TUITCLF)  
Opletalova 57  
Prague 11001, Czechoslovakia  
f. July 1958, Sofia (mergers)  
m. ca. 10 million in 29 countries  
(1976)
- Trade Unions International of Transport, Port and  
Fishery Workers  
Opletalova 57  
Prague 11001, Czechoslovakia  
f. March 1953, Prague  
(mergers)  
m. 16.5 million in 50 countries  
(1977)

*FEDERATIONS* (of the WCL)

- World Federation of Agricultural Workers  
50, rue Joseph II  
B-1040 Brussels, Belgium  
f. 1921  
m. 3.4 million in 25 countries  
(1975)
- World Federation of Building and Woodworkers'  
Unions  
Kromme Nieuwe Gracht 22, PB 414  
Utrecht, Netherlands  
f. 1937  
m. 330,000 (1977)
- World Federation for Energy, Chemical and Miscel-  
laneous Industries  
26/32 Avenue d'Auderghem  
1040 Brussels, Belgium  
f. 1920  
m. 150,000 (1976)
- World Federation of Workers in the Food, Drink,  
Tobacco and Hotel Trades  
50, rue Joseph II  
B-1040 Brussels, Belgium  
f. 1920  
m. 250,000 in 25 countries  
(1976)
- International Federation of Christian Trade Unions  
in the Graphic and Paper Industries  
P.C. Hooftstraat, 170-172, P.O. Box 5522  
Amsterdam, Netherlands  
f. 1925/1946  
m. 36,000 (1975)
- World Federation for the Metallurgic Industry  
50, rue Joseph II  
B-1040 Brussels, Belgium  
f. 1920  
m. 500,000 (1976)
- International Federation of Christian Miners'  
Unions  
26/32 Avenue d'Auderghem  
1040 Brussels, Belgium  
f. 1901  
m. 220,000 in 10 countries  
(1976)

*FEDERATIONS (of the WCL) (continued)*

- World Federation of Trade Unions of Non-Manual Workers  
A. Goemaerelei 69  
B-2000 Antwerp, Belgium
- f. 1921  
m. 400,000 in 7 countries (1976)
- International Federation of Trade Unions of Employees in Public Service  
50, rue Joseph II  
B-1040 Brussels, Belgium
- f. 1921  
m. 3.5 million (1976)
- World Confederation of Teachers  
50, rue Joseph II  
B-1040 Brussels, Belgium
- f. 1963  
m. 1 million (1976)
- International Federation of Textile Clothing Workers' Unions  
Koning Albertlaan 27  
B-9000 Gent, Belgium
- f. 1901  
m. 400,000 in 19 countries (1976)
- International Federation of Trade Unions of Transport Workers  
50, rue Joseph II  
B-1040 Brussels, Belgium
- f. 1921  
m. 600,000 in 28 countries (1976)

*REGIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS**Africa:*

- Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU)  
P.O. Box M. 386  
Accra, Ghana
- f. April 1973, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
m. unavailable; 52 countries (1976)

*Asia:*

- Asian Regional Organization of the ICFTU  
P-20 Green Park Extension  
New Delhi — 110016, India
- f. May 1951, Karachi, Pakistan  
m. 22.8 million in 18 countries (1976)

*Caribbean:*

- Trade Union Council of Caribbean Workers (TUCCW)  
Emmastraat 27, Esquina Yzerstraat 59  
Curacao, Netherlands, Antilles
- f. 1970, Willemstad (Curacao)  
m. unavailable; ca. 15 states and territories (1976)  
(affiliated to CLAT)

*Europe:*

- European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)  
Rue Montagne-aux-Herbes-Potageres 37  
B-1000 Brussels, Belgium
- f. Feb. 1973, Brussels  
m. 37 million in 17 countries (1976)

Contains six industry committees (1975):  
European Metalworkers' Federation in the Community (EMF)  
38 rue Rosse-aux-Loups  
1000 Brussels, Belgium

*REGIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS* (continued)

European Federation of Agricultural  
Workers' Unions in the Community  
(EFA)

37 rue Montagne-aux-Herbes-Potageres  
1000 Brussels, Belgium

Trade Union Committee of the Post, Tele-  
phone and Tele-Communication Service  
for the EEC Countries

36 avenue de Lignon  
1211 Le Lignon  
Geneva, Switzerland

European Regional Organization of the  
International Federation of Commercial,  
Clerical and Technical Employees  
(EURO-FIET)

10 rue de Tournai  
1000 Brussels, Belgium

Metalworkers and Miners Inter-Trade Union  
Committee (ICFTU-ECSC)

58 avenue de la Liberte  
Case Postale 20006  
Luxembourg

European Committee of the International  
Secretariat of Entertainment Trade  
Unions

Klotsnmoor 31  
2000 Hamburg, Germany FRG

Other affiliated industry committees:

Trade Union Committee for Transport in the  
Community

37 rue Montagne-aux-Herbes-Potageres  
1000 Brussels, Belgium

European Trade Union Committee for Tex-  
tiles, Clothing and Leather

16 Oaselaan  
191900 Overijse, Belgium

EEC Coordination Committee of the Interna-  
tional Federation of Chemical Workers  
and other Industries

Koningsworther Platz 6  
3 Hannover, Germany FRG

Joint Committee of the Building and Wood-  
workers in the EEC

Rue Haute, 26-28  
1000 Brussels, Belgium

European Trade Union Committee of Food  
and Allied Workers in the Community

Gertrudenstrasse 9  
Hamburg, Germany FRG

## REGIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS (continued)

*Latin America:*

- Central Latinoamericana de Trabajadores (CLAT)  
Apartado 6681  
Caracas 101, Venezuela
- f. Dec. 1954, Santiago, Chile  
m. 6.5 million (1976)
- Congreso Permanente de Unidad Sindical de Los  
Trabajadores de America Latina  
(CPUSTAL)  
Apartado 3003  
Panama 3, Panama
- f. Sept. 1962, Santiago, Chile  
m. unavailable; ca. 17 countries  
(1976)
- Organizacion Regional Interamericana de Trabaja-  
dores (ORIT-ICFTU)  
Huatabampo 6  
Mexico 7 D.F., Mexico
- f. Jan. 1951, Mexico City  
m. 28 million (1976)

*Middle East:*

- International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions  
(ICATU)  
Ramses Building, Ramses Square  
P.O. Box 1041  
Cairo, Egypt  
(to be moved to Syria)
- f. March 1956, Damascus,  
Syria  
m. 10 million in 13 countries  
(1977)
- Contains ten Arab Trade Union Secretariats  
(1976):
- Arab Federation of Oil, Metal and Chemical  
Workers (f. 1961)
  - Arab Transport Federation (f. 1966)
  - Arab Federation of Agricultural Workers  
(f. 1969)
  - Arab Federation of Weavers (f. 1969)
  - Arab Federation of Food Industry Workers  
(f. 1969)
  - Arab Federation of Postal, Telephone and  
Telegraph Workers (f. 1969)
  - Arab Federation of Building, Wood and  
Building Materials Workers (f. 1972)
  - Arab Federation of Workers in Commerce  
(f. 1972)
  - Arab Federation of Bank, Insurance and  
Finance Workers (f. 1972)
  - Arab Federation of Metal, Engineering and  
Electronic Industry Workers (f. 1975)

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