

## INTERPOL

*Membership.* The UICC is made up of voluntary cancer leagues, patient organizations, associations and societies as well as cancer research and treatment centres and, in some countries, ministries of health.

*Activities.* The UICC creates and carries out programmes around the world in collaboration with several hundred volunteer experts, most of whom are professionally active in UICC member organizations. It promotes co-operation between cancer organizations, researchers, scientists, health professionals and cancer experts, with a focus in four key areas: building and enhancing cancer control capacity, tobacco control, population-based cancer prevention and control, and transfer of cancer knowledge and dissemination. The last UICC World Cancer Congress was held in 2002 in Oslo and the next is scheduled to take place in Washington, D.C. in 2006. Thereafter the congress will take place every two years.

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*President:* Dr John Seffrin (USA).

*Executive Director:* Isabel Mortara (Switzerland).

*Secretary-General:* Dr Stener Kvinnsland (Norway).

## INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU)

Founded in 1889 by William Randal Cremer (UK) and Frédéric Passy (France), the Inter-Parliamentary Union was the first permanent forum for political multilateral negotiations. The Union is a centre for dialogue and parliamentary diplomacy among legislators representing every political system and all the main political leanings in the world. It was instrumental in setting up what is now the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague.

*Activities.* The IPU fosters contacts, co-ordination and the exchange of experience among parliaments and parliamentarians of all countries; considers questions of international interest and concern, and expresses its views on such issues in order to bring about action by parliaments and parliamentarians; contributes to the defence and promotion of human rights—an essential factor of parliamentary democracy and development; contributes to better knowledge of the working and development of representative institutions and to the strengthening of representative democracy.

*Membership.* The IPU had 140 members and seven associate members in March 2005.

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*Website:* <http://www.ipu.org>

*President:* Sergio Pérez Verdugo (Chile).

*Secretary-General:* Anders B. Johnsson (Sweden).

## INTERPOL (INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION)

*Organization.* Interpol was founded in 1923, disbanded in 1938 and reconstituted in 1946. The International Criminal Police Organization—Interpol was founded to ensure and promote the widest possible mutual assistance between all criminal police authorities within the limits of the law existing in the different countries worldwide and the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and to establish and develop all institutions likely to contribute effectively to the prevention and suppression of ordinary law crimes.