

A TIMELINE OF MAJOR FAIRS

1790's

- 1791 Prague, Bohemia; First Industrial Exhibition
- 1798 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française

1800's

- 1801 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Second Exposition)
- 1802 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Third Exposition)
- 1806 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Fourth Exposition)

1810's

- 1819 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Fifth Exposition)

1820's

- 1822 Berlin Industrial Exposition Trade Fair
- 1823 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Sixth Exposition)
- 1827 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Seventh Exposition)
- 1829 New York City, United States; American Institute Fair
- 1829 Turin, Piedmont-Sardina; Prima triennale pubblica esposizione

1830's

- 1832 Turin, Piedmont-Sardina; Seconda triennale pubblica esposizione
- 1833 Calcutta, India; Calcutta International Exhibition
- 1834 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Eighth Exposition)

1830's continued

- 1838 Turin, Piedmont-Sardina; Pubblica esposizione dell'anno
- 1839 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Ninth Exposition)

1840's

- 1844 Paris, France; L'Exposition publique des produits de l'industrie française (Tenth Exposition)
- 1844 Turin, Piedmont-Sardina; Quarto esposizione d'Industria et di belle
- 1846 Genoa, Piedmont-Sardina; Esposizione dei prodotti e delle manufatture nazionall
- 1849 Birmingham, United Kingdom; Exhibition of Industrial Arts and Manufacturers
- 1849 United Kingdom; First Exhibition of British Manufacturers
- 1849 Paris, France; Exposition Nationale Des Produits de l'Industrie Agricole Et Manufacturière

1850's

- 1850 Turin, Piedmont-Sardina Quinta esposizione d'Industria et di belle
- 1851 London, United Kingdom; The Great Exhibition of the Works of Industry of All Nations
- 1852 Cork, United Kingdom; Irish Industrial Exhibition
- 1853 Naples, Two Sicilies; Solenne pubblica esposizione di arti e manufatture
- 1853 New York, United States; Exhibition of the Industry of All Nations
- 1853 Dublin, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; Great Industrial Exhibition
- 1854 Genoa, Piedmont-Sardinia; Esposizione industriale
- 1854 Munich, Bavaria; Allgemeine deutsche Industrie-Ausstellung.
- 1854 Melbourne, Victoria; Melbourne Exhibition 1854
- 1855 Paris, France; Exposition Universelle des produits de l'agriculture, de l'industrie et des beaux-arts de Paris 1855
- 1857 Manchester, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; Art Treasures at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Stretford
- 1858 Turin, Sardinia; Sesta esposizione nazionale di prodotti d'industria

1860's

- 1861 Metz, France; Exposition Universelle
- 1862 London, United Kingdom; London International Exhibition of Industry and Art
- 1865 Dublin, United Kingdom; International Exhibition
- 1867 Paris, France; Exposition Universelle

1870's

- 1870 Sydney, New South Wales; Intercolonial Exhibition
- 1871 London, United Kingdom; First Annual International Exhibition
- 1872 London, United Kingdom; Second Annual International Exhibition
- 1872 Lima, Peru; Exposición internacional de 1872
- 1872 Lyon, France; Exposition universelle et Internationale
- 1872 Kyoto, Nippon; Exhibition of Arts and Manufactures
- 1873 London, United Kingdom; Third Annual International Exhibition
- 1873 Vienna, Austria-Hungary; Weltausstellung 1873 Wien
- 1873 Sydney, New South Wales; Metropolitan Intercolonial Exhibition
- 1874 London, United Kingdom; Fourth Annual International Exhibition
- 1874 Dublin, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; International Exhibition of Arts and Manufacturers
- 1875 Melbourne, Victoria; Victorian Intercolonial Exhibition
- 1875 Nizhni Novgorod, Russia; Nizhni Novgorod Fair
- 1875 Sydney, New South Wales; Intercolonial Exhibition
- 1875 Santiago, Chile; Exposición internacional de Chile
- 1876 Philadelphia, United States; Centennial International Exhibition
- 1876 Brisbane, Queensland; Intercolonial Exhibition
- 1877 Cape Town, Cape Colony; South African International Exhibition
- 1877 Tokyo, Nippon; First National Industrial Exhibition
- 1878 Paris, France; Exposition Universelle
- 1878 Ballarat, Victoria; Australian Juvenile Industrial Exhibition
- 1879 Sydney, New South Wales; Sydney International Exhibition
- 1879 Berlin, Germany; Berlin Industrial Exposition
- 1879 Melbourne, Victoria; Intercolonial Juvenile Industrial Exhibition

1880's

- 1880 Melbourne, Victoria; Melbourne International Exposition
- 1881 Melbourne, Victoria; Melbourne International Exposition
- 1881 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States; Milwaukee Industrial Exposition
- 1881 Paris, France; International Exposition of Electricity
- 1881 Atlanta, Georgia, United States; International Cotton Exposition
- 1881 Budapest, Austria-Hungary; Országos Noipara Kiállitás
- 1882 Bordeaux, France; Exposition Internationale des vins
- 1882 Buenos Aires, Argentina; Exposición continental Sud-Americana
- 1883 Boston, Massachusetts, United States; The American Exposition of the Products, Arts and Manufacturers of Foreign Nations
- 1883 Amsterdam, Netherlands; Internationale Koloniale en Uitvoerhandel Tontoostelling (International Colonial and Export Exhibition)
- 1883 Calcutta, India; Calcutta International Exhibition

1880's Continued

- 1883 South Kensington, United Kingdom; International Fisheries Exhibition
- 1883 Parramatta, New South Wales; Inter-colonial Juvenile Industrial Exhibition
- 1883 Louisville, Kentucky, United States; Southern Exhibition
- 1884 New Orleans, Louisiana, United States; World Cotton Centennial
- 1884 Melbourne, Australia; Victorian International Exhibition 1884 of Wine, Fruit, Grain and other products of the soil of Australasia with machinery, plant and tools employed
- 1884 Edinburgh, United Kingdom; First International Forestry Exhibition
- 1884 Turin, Italy; Esposizione Generale Italiana
- 1885 New Orleans, Louisiana, United States; North Central and South American Exposition
- 1885 Melbourne, Victoria; Victorians' Jubilee Exhibition
- 1885 Antwerp, Belgium; Exposition Universelle d'Anvers
- 1885 Wellington, New Zealand; New Zealand Industrial Exposition
- 1885 London, United Kingdom; International Inventions Exposition
- 1886 London, United Kingdom; Colonial and Indian Exposition
- 1886 Edinburgh, United Kingdom; International Exhibition of Industry, Science and Art
- 1886 Liverpool, United Kingdom; International Exhibition of Navigation, Commerce and Industry
- 1887-1888 Adelaide, South Australia; Adelaide Jubilee International Exhibition
- 1887 Geelong, Victoria; Geelong Jubilee Juvenile and Industrial Exhibition
- 1887 London, United Kingdom; American Exhibition
- 1887 Rome, Italy; Esposizione mondiale
- 1888-1889 Melbourne, Victoria; Victorian Juvenile Industrial Exhibition
- 1888 Philadelphia, United States; Centennial International Exhibition
- 1888 Glasgow, United Kingdom; International Exhibition
- 1888 Brussels, Belgium; Grand Concours International des Sciences et de l'industrie
- 1888 Barcelona, Spain; Exposición universal de Barcelona
- 1888 Lisboa, Portugal; Exposição Industrial Portuguesa
- 1888 Copenhagen, Denmark; Nordiske Industri-Landbrugs og Kunstudstilling (The Nordic Exhibition)
- 1889 Paris, France; Exposition universelle
- 1889 Dunedin, New Zealand; New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition
- 1889 Buffalo, New York; United States; International Industrial Fair

1890's

- 1890 Bremen, Germany; Nord-West-Deutsche Gewerbe und Industrie-Ausstellung
- 1891 Moscow, Russia; Exposition française
- 1891 Frankfurt, Germany; International Electro-Technical Exhibition
- 1891 Kingston, Jamaica; International Exhibition
- 1891 Prague, Austria-Hungary; General Land Centennial Exhibition
- 1891-1892 Launceston, Tasmania; Tasmanian International Exhibition
- 1892 Genoa, Italy; Esposizione Italo-Americana
- 1892 Madrid, Spain; Exposición Histórico-Americana
- 1892 Kimberly, Cape Colony; South Africa and International Exhibition
- 1893 Chicago, United States; World's Columbian Exposition
- 1893 New York City, United States; World's Fair Prize Winners' Exposition
- 1894 San Francisco, United States; California Mid-Winter International Exposition of 1894
- 1894 Antwerp, Belgium; Exposition Internationale d'Anvers
- 1894 Lyons, France; Exposition internationale et coloniale
- 1894 Oporto, Portugal; Exposição Insular e Colonial Portuguesa
- 1895 Hobart, Tasmania; Tasmanian International Exhibition
- 1895 Ballarat, Victoria; Australian Industrial Exhibition
- 1895 Atlanta, United States; Cotton States and International Exposition



Matt Breece next to the stone Balestrade in Piedmont Park, the site of the 1895 Cotton States and International Exposition in Atlanta, Georgia, United States. Photo by author.

- 1896 Berlin, Germany; Gewerbe-Ausstellung
- 1897 Brussels, Belgium; Exposition internationale de Bruxelles
- 1897 Guatemala City, Guatemala; Esposición Centro-Americana
- 1897 Brisbane, Queensland; Queensland International Exhibition
- 1897 Chicago, United States; Irish Fair
- 1897 Stockholm, Sweden; Allmänna konst-och industriutställningen
- 1898 Jerusalem, Ottoman Empire; Universal Scientific and Philanthropic Exposition
- 1897 Nashville, Tennessee; United States; Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition



Above is a full-scale replica of the Parthenon in Athens Greece. This Parthenon was built for Nashville, Tennessee's 1897 Centennial Exposition. Mike Mullan is on the steps in 2015 to help establish scale. Admission in 1897 was 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. Photo by author.

- 1898 Denedin, New Zealand; Otago Jubilee Industrial Exposition
- 1898 Omaha, Nebraska; United States; Trans-Mississippi Exposition
- 1898 Munich, Germany; Kraft-und Arbeitsmaschinen-Ausstellung
- 1898 Turin, Italy; Esposizione Generale Italiana
- 1898 Vienna, Austria-Hungary; Jubiläums-Ausstellung
- 1899 Coolgardie, Western Australia; Australian International Mining and Industrial Exhibition
- 1899 Omaha, United States; Greater America Exposition
- 1899 Philadelphia, United States; National Export Exposition
- 1899 London, United Kingdom; Greater Britain Exhibition

1900's

- 1900 Paris, France; L'Exposition de Paris



Above, you can still climb the staircase to the Buffet de la Gare Lyon from L'Exposition de Paris held in 1900 in Paris, France. Photos by author.

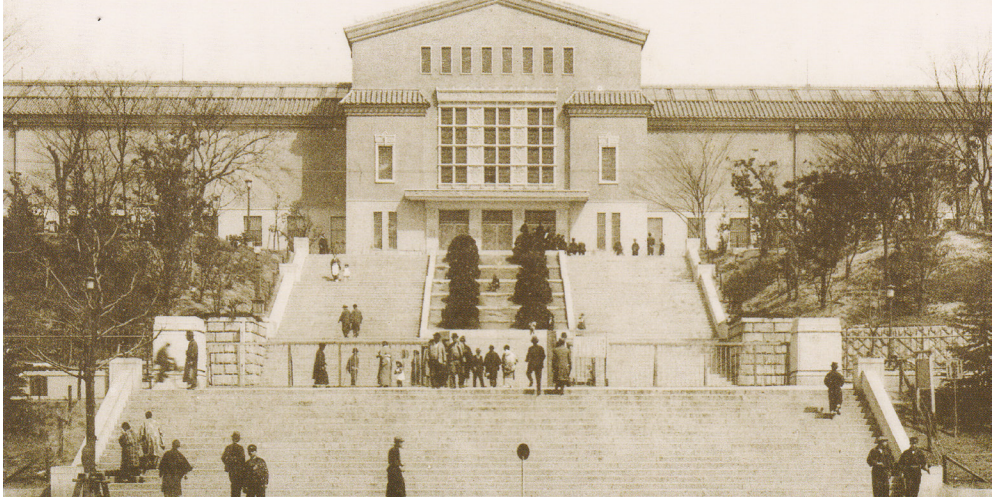
- 1900 Adelaide, South Australia; Century Exhibition of Arts and Industries
- 1901 Buffalo, New York; United States; Pan-American Exposition
- 1901 Glasgow, United Kingdom; Glasgow International Exhibition
- 1901 Vienna, Austria-Hungary; Bosnische Weihnachts-Ausstellung



- 1901 Charleston, United States; South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition (postcard from that fair above)

1900's Continued

- 1902 Turin, Italy; Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte Decorativa Moderna
- 1902 Hanoi, French Indochina; Hanoi Exhibition
- 1902 Cork, United Kingdom; Cork International Exhibition
- 1903 Osaka, Nippon; National Industrial Exposition



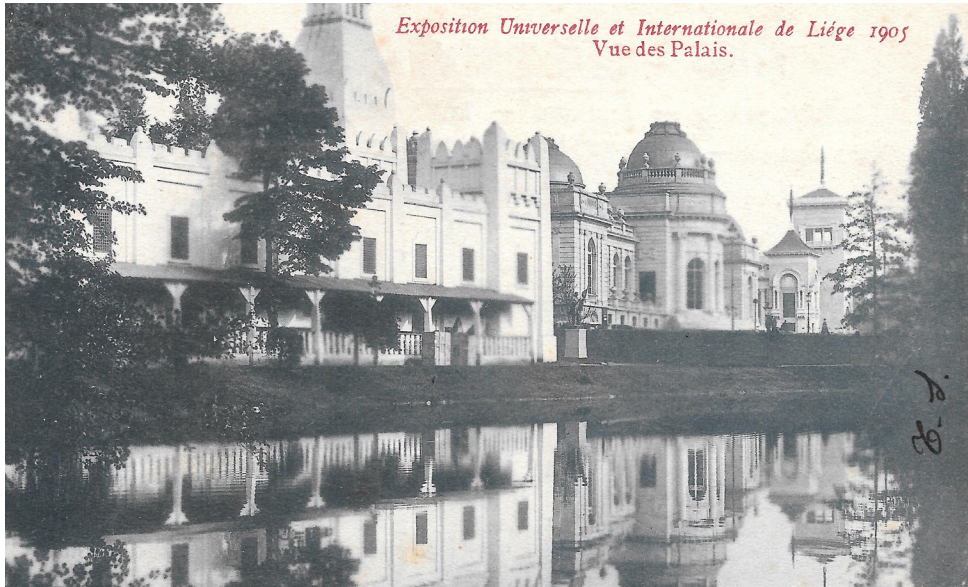
The 1903 exhibition ran for 153 days which was the longest in Japan at that time and the first one to be open at night. Remains of the site have been re-purposed. The above photo is from 1936. The building is currently the Osaka City Museum in Tennoji Park. It was the former site of National Industrial Exhibitions. Osaka wouldn't host a BIE sanctioned fair until 1970.

- 1904 St. Louis, United States; Louisiana Purchase Exposition (below)



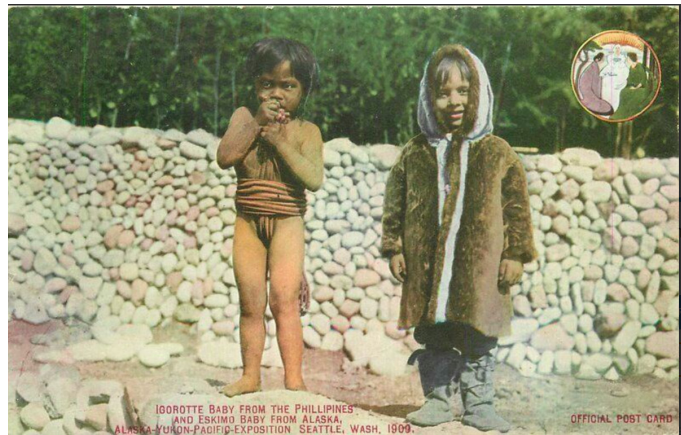
- **1900's Continued**

- 1905 Portland, United States; Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition
- 1905 Liège, Belgium; Exposition universelle et internationale de Liège (below)



- 1905 London, United Kingdom; Naval, Shipping and Fisheries Exposition
- 1905 New York, United States; Irish Industrial Exposition
- 1906 Milan, Italy; Esposizione Internazionale del Sempione
- 1906 London, United Kingdom; Imperial Austrian Exhibition
- 1906 Marseille, France; Exposition coloniele
- 1907 Chicago, United States; World's Pure Food Exposition
- 1907 Mannheim, Germany; Internationale Kunst-Ausstellung
- 1908 Zaragoza, Spain; la exposición Hispano-Francesa de 1908
- 1906-1907 Christchurch, New Zealand; International Exhibition
- 1907 Dublin, United Kingdom; Irish International Exhibition
- 1907 Norfolk, Virginia, United States; Jamestown Exposition
- 1908 London, United Kingdom; Franco-British Exhibition
- 1908 New York City, United States; International Mining Exposition
- 1908 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Exposição Nacional
- 1908 Marseille, France; Exposition International de l'Electrcite
- 1909 London, United Kingdom; Imperial International Exhibition
- 1909 Seattle, United States; Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition
- 1909 New York City, United States; Hudson-Fulton Celebration
- 1909 Quito, Ecuador; Exposicion Nacional

To the right is a picture post-card of a displayed “Iggorrot Baby from the Phillipines and Eskimo Baby from Alaska.” taken at the 1909 Seattle, United States exposition. Both had to stay in their their “native dress” for the duration of the exhibit.



1910's

- 1910 Bogotá, Colombia; Exposición del centenario de la independencia
- 1910 Nanking, China; Nanyang Industrial Exposition
- 1910 Brussels, Belgium; Exposition Universelle et Industrielle des Bruxelles
- 1910 Buenos Aires, Argentina; Exposición internacional del centenario
- 1910 London, United Kingdom; Japan-British Exhibition
- 1910 San Francisco, United States; Admission day Festival
- 1910 Vienna, Austria-Hungary; Internationale Jagd-Ausstellung
- 1911 Dresden, Germany; International Hygiene Exhibition
- 1911 London, United Kingdom; Coronation Exhibition
- 1911 London, United Kingdom; Festival of Empire
- 1911 Rome, Italy; Esposizione internazionale d'arte
- 1911 Turin, Italy; Esposizione internazionale dell'industria e del lavoro
- 1911 Glasgow, United Kingdom; Scottish Exhibition of National History, Art and Industry
- 1911 New York City, United States; International Mercantile Exposition
- 1912 Manila, Philippines; Philippine Exposition
- 1912 London, United Kingdom; Latin-British Exhibition
- 1913 Auckland, New Zealand; Auckland Exhibition
- 1913 Ghent, Belgium; Exposition universelle et internationale
- 1913 Amsterdam, Netherlands; Tentoonstelling De Vrouw
- 1913 Knoxville, Tennessee; United States; National Conservation Exposition
- 1914 London, United Kingdom; Anglo-American Exhibition

1910's continued

- 1914 Malmö, Sweden; Baltic Exhibition
- 1914 Boulogne-sur-Mer, France; International Exposition of Sea Fishery Industries
- 1914 Lyon, France; Exposition internationale urbaine
- 1914 Cologne, Germany; Werkbund Exhibition
- 1914 Bristol, United Kingdom; International Exhibition
- 1914 Semarang, Dutch East Indies; Colonial Exhibition of Semarang
- 1914 Kristiania, Norway; Norges Jubilæumsutstilling (Jubilee Exhibition)
- 1914 Baltimore, United States; National Star-Spangled Banner Centennial Celebration
- 1914 Genoa, Italy; Esposizione internazionale di marina e igiene marinara
- 1915 San Francisco, California; United States; Panama-Pacific International Exposition (below, photo of Palace of Fine Arts taken by author in 2021).



- 1915 Panama City, Panama; Exposición nacional de panama-pacific
- 1915 Richmond, United States; Negro Historical and Industrial Exposition
- 1915 Chicago, United States; Lincoln Jubilee and Exposition
- 1915 San Diego, California; United States; Panama-California Exposition (photo below taken by Chris Bohringer in 2021 of Balboa Park)



1910's continued

- 1916 San Diego, California; United States; Panama-California International Exposition
- 1918 New York City, United States; Bronx International Exposition of Science, Arts and Industries
- 1918 Chicago, United States; Allied War Exposition

1920's

- 1920 Shanghai, China; American-Chinese Exposition
- 1921 London, United Kingdom; International Exhibition of Rubber and Other Tropical Products
- 1922 Marseille, France; Exposition nationale coloniale
- 1922 Tokyo, Nippon; Peace Exhibition (public domain photo below)



- 1922-1923 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Exposição do Centenario do Brasil
- 1923 Los Angeles, United States; American Historical Review and Motion Picture Exposition
- 1923 Calcutta, India; Calcutta Exhibition
- 1923 Göteborg, Sweden; Jubileumsutställningens Göteborg (Gothenburg Exhibition)
- 1924 Wembley, United Kingdom; British Empire Exhibition
- 1924 New York City, United States; French Exposition
- 1925 Paris, France; Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes
- 1925-1926 Dunedin, New Zealand; New Zealand and South Seas International Exhibition
- 1926 Philadelphia, United States; Sesquicentennial Exposition
- 1926 Berlin, Germany; Internationale Polizeiausstellung
- 1927 Stuttgart, Germany; Werkbund Exhibition
- 1928 Cologne, Germany; Internationale Presse-Ausstellung
- 1928 Long Beach, United States; Pacific Southwest Exposition

- 1929 Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom; North East Coast Exhibition
- 1929 Hangzhou, People's Republic of China; Westlake Exposition
- 1929 Barcelona, Spain; Exposición Internacional de Barcelona
- 1929 Sevilla, Spain; Exposición Ibero-Americana

1930's

- 1930 Antwerp, Belgium; Exposition internationale coloniale, maritime et d'art flamand
- 1930 Liège, Belgium; Exposition internationale de la grande industrie, sciences et applications, artwallon ancien
- 1930 Trondheim, Norway; Trøndelag Exhibition
- 1930 Paris, France; Exposition coloniale internationale
- 1931 Yorktown, Virginia; United States; Yorktown Sesquicentennial
- 1932 Tel Aviv, British Mandate of Palestine; Levant Fair
- 1933-1934 Chicago, Illinois; United States; A Century of Progress, International Exposition
- 1934 Porto, Portugal; Exposição Colonial Portuguesa
- 1934 Tel Aviv, British Mandate of Palestine; Levant Fair
- 1935 Moscow, USSR; All-Union Agricultural Exhibition
- 1935 Brussels, Belgium; Exposition universelle de Bruxelles
- 1935 Porto Alegre, Brazil; Exposição do Centenario Farroupilha
- 1935-1936 San Diego, California; United States; California Pacific International Exposition
- 1936 Stockholm, Sweden; ILIS International Aerospace Exhibition
Stockholm
- 1936 Tel Aviv, British Mandate of Palestine; Levant Fair
- 1936 Cleveland, United States; Great Lakes Exposition
- 1936 Dallas, Texas; United States; Texas Centennial Central Exposition
- 1936-1937 Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa; Empire Exhibition
- 1937 Cleveland, United States; Great Lakes Exposition
- 1937 Dallas, United States; Greater Texas and Pan-American Exposition
- 1937 Düsseldorf, Germany; Reichsausstellung Schaffendes Volk
- 1937 Miami, Florida; United States; Pan-American Fair
- 1937 Paris, France; Exposition internationale des arts et techniques dans la vie moderne
- 1937 Nagoya, Japan; Nagoya Pan-Pacific Peace Exposition
- 1938 Glasgow, Scotland; United Kingdom; Empire Exhibition



- 1938 Helsinki, Finland; Second International Aerospace Exhibition of the League of Air Defence [sic] of Finland
- 1939 Wellington, New Zealand; New Zealand Centennial Exhibition
- 1939 Liège, Belgium; Exposition internationale de l'eau
- 1939-1940 New York City, New York; United States; New York World's Fair
- 1939-1940 San Francisco, California; United States; Golden Gate International Exposition

1940's

- 1940 Lisboa, Portugal Exposição do Mundo Português
- 1940 Naples, Italy; Mostra Triennale delle Terre Italiane d'Oltremare
- 1947 Paris, France; International Exhibition on Urbanism and Housing
- 1948 Brussels, Belgium; Foire coloniale
- 1949 Stockholm, Sweden; The Universal Exhibition of Sport of Lingiad
- 1949-1950 Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Exposition internationale du bicentenaire de Port-au-Prince
- 1949 Lyon, France; Exhibition of Rural Habitat

1950's

- 1951 Lille, France; L'exposition textile internationale
- 1951 London, United Kingdom; Festival of Britain
- 1953 Jerusalem, Israel; The conquest of the Desert – International Exhibition
- 1953 Rome, Italy; Agricultural Exposition of Rome EA 53
- 1953 Naples, Italy; Mostra d'Oltremare Exhibition
- 1954 Naples, Italy; The International Exhibition of Navigation
- 1955 Turin, Italy; International Expo of Sport
- 1955 Helsingborg, Sweden; H55 International Exhibition of Applied Arts of Housing and the Interior
- 1955 Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic; Feria de la Paz y Confraternidad del Mundo Libre
- 1956 Beit Dagon, Israel; Exhibition of Citriculture
- 1957 Berlin, Germany; Interbau - International Building Exhibition
- 1958 Brussels, Belgium; Exposition Universelle et venti Internationale de Bruxelles

1960's

- 1961 Turin, Italy; Exposition International du Travail
- 1962 Seattle, Washington; United States, Century 21 Exposition
- 1964-1965 New York City, New York; United States; New York World's Fair
- 1967 Montreal, Canada; Expo '67
- 1968 San Antonio, Texas; United States; HemisFair '68

1970's

- 1970 Osaka, Nippon; Expo '70
- 1971 Budapest, Hungary; Expo '71
- 1974 Spokane, Washington; United States; Expo '74
- 1975 Okinawa, Nippon; Expo '75

1980's

- 1981 Plovdiv, Bulgaria; Expo 81
- 1982 Knoxville, United States; 1982 World's Fair
- 1984 New Orleans, Louisiana; United States; 1984 World's Fair
- 1985 Tsukuba, Nippon; 1985 World's Fair
- 1986 Vancouver, Canada; Expo '86
- 1988 Brisbane, Australia; Expo '88

1990's

- 1991 Plovdiv, Bulgaria; Expo 91
- 1992 Sevilla, Spain; Expo '92
- 1992 Genoa, Italy; Expo Colombo '92
- 1993 Daejeon, South Korea; Expo '93
- 1998 Lisboa, Portugal; Expo '98
- 1999 Kunming, People's Republic of China; World Horticultural Exposition

2000's

- 2000 Hanover, Germany; Expo 2000
- 2000 Greenwich, London; United Kingdom; Millennium Dome
- 2002 Biel, Murten, Neuchâtel and Yverdon-les-Bains in Switzerland; Expo '02
- 2004 Barcelona, Spain; Universal Forum of World Cultures
- 2005 Aichi, Nippon; Expo 2005
- 2008 Zaragoza, Spain; Expo 2008



2010's

- 2010 Shanghai, China; Expo 2010
- 2012 Yeosu, South Korea; Expo 2012
- 2015 Milan, Italy; Expo 2015
- 2016 Antalya, Turkey; Expo 2016
- 2017 Astana, Kazakhstan; Expo 2017