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1ICM: 1968 – Paris, France;
2ICM: 1972 – Manchester, UK;
3ICM: 1975 – Hamburg, Germany;
4ICM: 1978 – Gargnano, Italy;
5ICM: 1981 – Radford, USA;
6ICM: 1984 – Amsterdam, The Netherlands;
7ICM: 1987 – Vittorio Veneto, Italy;
8ICM: 1990 – Innsbruck, Austria;
9ICM: 1993 – Paris, France;
10ICM: 1996 – Copenhagen, Denmark;
11ICM: 1999 – Białowieża, Poland;
12ICM: 2002 – Mtunzini, South Africa;
13ICM: 2005 – Bergen, Norway;
14ICM: 2008 – Görlitz, Germany;
15ICM: 2011 – Brisbane, Australia;
16ICM: 2014 – Olomouc, Czech Republic.

16ICM was the first myriapodological congress to be held in the Czech Republic. The 84 participants and 18 accompanying persons came from 24 countries on five continents, making the 16th Congress a truly international and global meeting of myriapod specialists.

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