

IN THE RED CROSS WORLD

DATES OF FOUNDATION OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES

FROM 1863 TO 1963

On the eve of the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross, to be held in Vienna this October, the International Committee of the Red Cross considers it useful to publish a list of dates of foundation of National Societies recognized by the ICRC during the first century of our movement's history, that is to say since the constitution of the Committee of Five on February 17, 1863, until February 17, 1963.

For this purpose the ICRC has corresponded with all the National Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies. With six exceptions, all have replied giving the date of foundation according to their own records. In some cases, however, and for the sake of standardization of references, we have considered it appropriate to change the dates communicated to us.

It must be pointed out that, in the past, different publications have given different dates, because they referred either to government decrees approving a new Society's statutes and promulgating recognition on the national level, or to the formation of a central committee, the first constituent assembly or recognition by the International Committee.

The list given below includes Societies now extinct which, as a result of historic events, have either disappeared or been radically transformed. To distinguish these Societies, the names of countries on the map today are shown in heavy print.

It will be recalled that the Red Cross Centenary Congress in Geneva in 1963 showed the need for this wide consultation by the ICRC, in which National Societies readily participated. We would add that the list published here may be added to or amended in our subsequent issues; as and when we receive further data or comments, which we shall welcome.

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<i>Württemberg</i>	December 16, 1863
<i>Oldenburg</i>	January 2, 1864
Belgium	February 4, 1864
<i>Prussia</i>	February 6, 1864
Spain	March 2, 1864
France	May 25, 1864
Italy	June 15, 1864
<i>Mecklemburg-Schwerin</i>	June 24, 1864
<i>Hamburg</i>	October 18, 1864
<i>Hessen-Darmstadt</i>	December 19, 1864
Portugal	February 11, 1865
Sweden	May 24, 1865
Norway	September 22, 1865
<i>Saxony</i>	June 7, 1866
<i>Baden</i>	June 29, 1866
Switzerland	July 17, 1866
<i>Bavaria</i>	October 18, 1866
<i>Russia—U.S.S.R.</i>	May 3, 1867
Austria	May 17, 1867
Netherlands	July 19, 1867
Turkey	June 20, 1868
Great Britain	August 4, 1870
<i>Montenegro</i>	January 15, 1876
<i>Serbia-Yugoslavia</i>	January 25, 1876
Denmark	April 27, 1876
Rumania	July 4, 1876
Japan	May 1, 1877
Finland	May 7, 1877
Greece	June 22, 1877
Hungary	March 27, 1879
Peru	April 17, 1879
Argentina	June 13, 1880
United States of America	May 21, 1881
El Salvador	March 13, 1885
Costa Rica	April 4, 1885
Bulgaria	October 20, 1885
Congo ¹	December 31, 1888
<i>Siam—Thailand</i>	April 26, 1893
Venezuela	January 30, 1895
<i>Transvaal—South Africa</i> (Republic)	July 22, 1896

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Canada	October 16, 1896
Uruguay	March 5, 1897
Chile	December 18, 1903
China	May 29, 1904
Brazil	December 5, 1908
Cuba	March 10, 1909
Mexico	February 21, 1910
Ecuador	April 22, 1910
<i>Egypt</i> —United Arab Republic	October 24, 1912
Luxembourg	August 8, 1914
Australia	August 13, 1914
Colombia	July 23, 1915
Panama	March 1, 1917
Bolivia	May 15, 1917
Czechoslovakia	February 14, 1919
<i>Estonia</i>	February 24, 1919
Poland	April 27, 1919
Paraguay	November 12, 1919
India	March 20, 1920
<i>Germany</i> ²	May 31, 1921
Albania	October 4, 1921
<i>Latvia</i>	April 13, 1922
<i>Lithuania</i>	July 29, 1922
<i>Danzig</i> (Free Town)	July 29, 1922
Iran	April 3, 1923
Guatemala	April 22, 1923
Iceland	December 10, 1924
Dominican Republic	April 23, 1927
New Zealand	December 22, 1931
Iraq	February 28, 1932
Haiti	May 29, 1932
Nicaragua	January 10, 1934
Afghanistan	April 9, 1934
Ethiopia	July 8, 1935
Burma	April 1, 1937
Honduras	September 24, 1937
Mongolia	June 16, 1939
Ireland	September 5, 1939
Syria	May 30, 1942
Liechtenstein	April 30, 1945

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Lebanon	July 9, 1945
Indonesia	September 17, 1945
Korea (Dem. Rep.)	October 18, 1946
Viet Nam (Dem. Rep.)	November 23, 1946
Philippines	April 15, 1947
Pakistan	December 20, 1947
Jordan	January 12, 1948
Monaco	March 3, 1948
Ceylon	April 1, 1949
Korea (Republic of)	October 27, 1949
San Marino	November 29, 1949
Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	February 4, 1950
Viet Nam (Republic of)	December 25, 1951
Germany (Dem. Rep.)	October 23, 1952
Liberia	March 29, 1954
Laos	January 1, 1955
Tunisia	September 26, 1956
Sudan	October 30, 1956
Ghana ¹	October 1, 1957
Libya	October 5, 1957
Malaysia	November 22, 1957
Morocco	December 24, 1957
Cambodia	June 16, 1958
Togo	February 26, 1959
Nigeria	September 29, 1960
Upper Volta	July 31, 1961
Sierra Leone	July 1, 1962
Tanganyika	December 7, 1962
Cameroon	January 9, 1963
Algeria	January 11, 1963
Senegal	January 29, 1963

¹ Congolese and African association, reconstituted in 1960.

² Reconstitution of German Red Cross associations into a National Society.