IBS Congresses and Symposia
[1st] IBS Congress, Milwaukee, 1970 (organized by John Fuegi); Eric Bentley’s production of The Measures Taken, Martin Esslin, Jost Hermand, Reinhold Grimm

2nd IBS Congress, Rutgers University, 1-3 April 1971 (organized by Claude Hill with Gisela Bahr and Ralph Ley); Eric Bentley, John Ewen, John Fuegi, Patty Lee Parmalee, John Willett, Victor Lange, Walter Sokel, Andzej Wirth, Erika Munk, Lee Baxandall, John Bettenbender, John Simon, Carl Weber, Wolfgang Roth (NB invitee Ernst Schumacher from the GDR was denied an entry visa to the USA).


4th Brecht Congress, Austin, TX, 17-20 November 1976 (organized by Hubert Heinen, Janet King, Betty N. Weber): Bertolt Brecht and The Creative Link between Knowledge and Society

[Repeated efforts by Walter Hinck to organize a Bertolt Brecht congress in Frankfurt am Main (with Suhrkamp Verlag’s support) – remained unsuccessful, no funding from the city]

5th Brecht Congress, University of Maryland, College Park, 28-31 March 1979 (organized by John Fuegi): Brecht and America, Brecht and Philosophy, Brecht and Contemporary Theater and Film

[plans for the 6th International Brecht Symposium, Fall 1981, University of California, Los Angeles (organized by Emma Lew Thomas) were cancelled]

6th International Brecht Symposium, 28-31 May 1982, Reed College, Portland, Oregon (organized by Laureen Nussbaum)

7th IBS Symposium, 8-13 December 1986, Hong Kong (organized by Antony Tatlow), Brecht in Asia and Africa

8th IBS Symposium, 8-13 December 1991, Augsburg, Germany (organized by Hans-Thies Lehmann, Renate Voris, Bernd and Sylvia Mahl), The Other Brecht / Der andere Brecht

9th IBS Symposium, 10-11 March 1995, Augsburg, Germany (organized by Siegfried Mews and Marc Silberman), Brecht und die kollektive Produktivität, Brecht und die Musik

[Symposium of the short-lived IBS partner, the European Brecht Society (EBS), Helsinki, Finland, 23-25 August 1998 (organized by Kalevi Haikara, Pekka Loukela, Ralf Langbacka, Anneli Suur-Kujala)]

10th IBS Symposium, 28-31 May 1998, San Diego, CA (organized by John Rouse, Siegfried Mews, Marc Silberman, Florian Vaßen), Brecht 100 <-> 2000: Culture and Politics in These Times
11th IBS Symposium, 26-29 June 2003, Berlin, Germany (organized by Alexander Honold, Klaus Siebenhaar, Marc Silberman, Florian Vaßen), Mahagonny.com

12th IBS Symposium, 12-16 July 2006, Augsburg, Germany (organized by Jürgen Hillesheim, Stephen Brockmann, and Mathias Mayer), Brecht and Death / Brecht und der Tod

13th IBS Symposium, 19-23 May 2010, Honolulu, HI, Brecht in/and Asia (organized by Eiichiro Hirata, Hans-Thies Lehmann, Markus Wessendorf, Marc Silberman, Erdmut Wizisla)

14th IBS Symposium, 20-23 May 2014, Porto Alegre, Brazil, The Creative Spectator: Collision and Dialogue (onsite organizational committee: João Pedro Alcantara Gil, Marta Isaacsson, Mirna Spritzer, Patricia Fagundes, Silvia Baelstreri Nunes, Suzane Weber da Silva; scholarly committee: André Carreira, Antonio Hohlfeldt, Florian Vaßen, Hans-thies Lehmann, Jorge Dubatti, Luiz Fernando Ramos, Marc Silberman, Marta Isaacsson, Sérgio de Carvalho)