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In their 1984 book "Algebraic Combinatorics I: Association Schemes", E.Bannai and T.Ito conjectured that there are only finitely many distance-regular graphs with fixed valency $k \ge 3$. In the series of papers, they showed that their conjecture holds for k = 3, 4, and for the class of bipartite distance-regular graphs. J.H.Koolen and V.Moulton also show that there are only finitely many distance-regular graphs with k = 5, 6, or 7, and there are only finitely many triangle-free distance-regular graphs with k = 8, 9 or 10. In this talk, we show that the Bannai-Ito conjecture holds for any integer k > 2 (i.e., for fixed integer k > 2, there are only finitely many distance-regular graphs with valency k). This is a joint work with J.H.Koolen and V.Moulton. (Received March 02, 2009)