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**List of Speakers at Annual General Assembly/Reunion from 1978 to Date**

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| **Year** | **Location & Organising Region** | **Speakers** | **Positions held** | **Subject** | **Principal Organiser** |
| **2023** | **London**  **LON** | **Sir Roderic Lyne KBE CMG**  **Gideon Rachman** | **Former UK Ambassador to Moscow and Permanent Representative UKMIS Geneva**  **The Financial Times** | **“Is the world sliding into conflict?”** | **Maggie Heraty**  **Frederick Lyons** |
| **2022** | **York**  **NOR** | **Sir Mark Lowcock,**  **Stephen Lusty** | **Permanent Secretary to DFID (2011–2017), USG for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (2017–21)**  **Chair, York Civic Trust** | **A discussion with President Sir Kieran Prendergast on current international affairs**  **An illustrated talk on York** | **Nikki Feirn**  **Andy Flatt** |
| **2021** | **No AR held because of CORONAVIRUS pandemic** |  |  |  |  |
| **2020** | **Little Horsted**  **KSX**  **AR Cancelled because of CORONAVIRUS outbreak** | **David Hannay, Baron Hannay of Chiswick, KCMG CH**  **Paul Myles** | **a.o Member of the UN High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change**  **Author of the "Rise of Thomas Paine"** | **Ways to preserve and sustain the international, rules-based order in an era of populist nationalism (interview with Edward Mortimer, former BAFUNCS President)**  **Thomas Paine** | **Sheila Cooper**  **Richard Sydenham** |
| **2019** | **Stratford-upon-Avon**  **WMW** | **Matthew Rycroft**  **Panel: David McFadyen, Michael Davies, Marilyn Carr, John Burley**  **Professor Sir Adam Roberts** | **Permanent Secretary, Department for International development**  **BAFUNCS Members and Authors of the Book**  **Emeritus Professor of International Relations, Oxford University** | **Interview by Sir Kieran Prendergast on the guest speakers' career with the Foreign Office**  **Eric Drummond and his Legacies**  **Panel discussion with the authors** | **Michael Davies** |
| **2018** | **Geneva**  **OVS** | **Mr Kofi Annan**  **David Harland** | **Former Secretary-General of the United Nations**  **Executive Director of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue** | **In conversation with Sir Kieran Prendergast**  **So-called weak mediation: The increasing Role of the NGO's** | **Coby Sikkens** |
| **2017** | **King's Lynn**  **CAM** | **Baroness Valerie Amos**  **Dr Paul Richards** | **Under Secretary for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator**  **Historian** | **Challenges to Global Humanitarian Action Today**  **King's Lynn: A Port for a Thousand Years** | **John Stares** |
| **2016** | **Bournemouth**  **SCL** | **Sir Mark Lyall Grant KCMG**  **Clare Short** | **Former UK Permanent Representative to the UN**  **Former MP and Secretary of State for International Development** | **National Security and the UN System**  **Britain's Role in the World - the need for a fundamental rethink** | **June Hargreaves-Beer** |
| **2015** | **Hollingbourne**  **KSX** | **Sir John Holmes**  **Prof Ron Skeldon** | **Former USG Humanitarian Affairs**  **Department of Geography, School of Global Studies, University of Sussex** | **UN Neutrality, an Illusion**  **Development, Population and Migration: Myths, Realities and Illusions** | **Michael Askwith**  **Sheila Cooper** |
| **2014** | **Edinburgh**  **NOR** | **Magnus Linklater**  **Prof David Purdie** | **Editor of the Times (Scotland)**  **Professor of Medicine, Edinburgh University** | **Scotland’s role in the UK, Europe and the World**  **Edinburgh and the Scottish Enlightenment** | **Robert England** |
| **2013** | **London**  **LON** | **Dame Rosalyn Higgins**  **Sir Kieran Prendergast** | **Former President of the ICJ**  **Former UN USG Political Affairs** | **The International Court of Justice – an anomalous principal organ of the UN**  **Humanitarian Intervention – more complicated than it seems?** | **Enid Steward-Goffman** |
| **2012** | **Oxford**  **OXF** | **Lord David Hannay**  **Rosemary McCreery** | **Former UK Representative to UN**  **ASG for Human Resources and Senior Adviser UNICEF and UNHCHR** | **The UN’s Role in Global Security**  **Some Personal Reflections on the UN and Human Rights** | **Cyril Groom**  **Bill Jackson** |
| **2011** | **Cobham**  **SRY** | **Alan Blythe**  **Lady Alison Jolly** | **Chief UNJSPF Geneva**  **Environment, Development and Fuzzy Lemurs** | **UNJSPF – latest developments**  **Development, Environment and Fuzzy Lemurs** | **Patricia Brown** |
| **2010** | **Exeter**  **SWT** | **Prof Paul Hardaker**  **Sir Richard Jolly** | **CEO Royal Meteorological Society**  **BAFUNCS President** | **Our changing climate and challenges for policy makers**  **UN ideas that changed the world** | **David Knott** |
| **2009** | **Chilworth**  **SCL** | **Mrs Juliet Coleman**  **“Any Questions”-type Panel** | **Former President, UK National Committee, United Nations Development Fund for Women and Chair, National Alliance of Women’s Organisations**  **Anstee, Guillebaud, England and Davies** | **How Universal are Women’s Rights?** | **June Hargreaves-Beer**  **Fred Beer** |
| **2008** | **Kendal**  **NOR** | **The Rt Hon. Lord Mark Malloch Brown**  **Dr Erik Jensen** | **Minister of State for Africa, Asia and the United Nations**  **Formerly United Nations Under Secretary-General** | **The UN and Britain: The Opportunities and Challenges Ahead**  **From Jungle to Desert with Steps Between: a UN Life** | **Doreen Sayers** |
| **2007** | **Eastbourne**  **KSX** | **Mr Simon Maxwell, CBE**  **Mr Edward Mortimer** | **Director, Overseas Development Institute**  **Senior Vice-President, The Salzburg Seminar (formerly Director of Communications, United Nations, New York)** | **United Nations Reform; What Next?**  **Kofi Annan’s Legacy** | **Sheila Cooper** |
| **2006** | **Oxford**  **OXF** | **Sir Jeremy Greenstock**  **GCMG**  **Dr Randolph Kent** | **Director, the Ditchley Foundation**  **Director, Humanitarian Futures Programme, King’s College, London** | **Iraq and its Wider Implications**  **A Dangerous and Uncertain Road: The United Nations and Humanitarian Action** | **Bill Jackson** |
| **2005** | **Cardiff**  **WMW** | **Professor Sir Adam Roberts**  **KCMG, FBA**  **Mr Bill Davies**  **OBE** | **Fellow of Balliol College and Montague Burton Professor of International Relations at Oxford University**  **Founder and First Director of the Welsh Centre for International Affairs (The Temple of Peace)** | **United Nations, Divided World: An Update**  **Welshmen in the United Nations** | **Duncan Morris** |
| **2004** | **Cobham**  **SRY** | **The Rt Hon. The Lord (Ivor) Richard**  **PC, QC**  **Mr Gilbert Ferrari** | **(Former United Kingdom Representative at the United Nations. Leader of the House of Lords)**  **Chief, Geneva Office of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund** | **The United Nations: The View from Westminster** | **Patricia Brown**  **Bernadette Rivett** |
| **2003** | **Torquay**  **SWT** | **General Sir Michael Rose**  **KCB, CBE, DSO, QGM**  **Sir Cyril Townsend** | **Inspector General of the Territorial Army. (Leader of the United Nations Protection Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina**  **Director, Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding** | **Peacekeeping**  **The Middle East and the United Nations** | **Michael Askwith**  **Charles Manton** |
| **2002** | **Poole**  **SCL** | **Sir Crispin Tickell**  **KCVO**  **Dr John Rodda** | **(Former United Kingdom Representative at the United Nations)**  **(Former President, International Association of Hydrological Sciences; Director, Hydrology and Water Resources Department, WMO)** | **Climate Change and Global**  **Governance**  **A Global Water Agenda** | **June Hargreaves- Beer**  **Fred Beer** |
| **2001** | **Peterborough**  **CAM** | **Professor Paul Ignatieff**  **Professor Norman Scott** | **(Formerly UNICEF)**  **(Formerly Senior Director, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe)** | **Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things**  **The UN and the Evolution of Multilateral Diplomacy** | **Ron Chamberlin** |
| **2000** | **Scarborough**  **NOR** | **Lady Emma Nicholson**  **Professor Guy Goodwin-Gill** | **Member of the European Parliament**  **Professor of International Refugee Law and Rubin Director of Research, Institute of European Studies, University of Oxford** | **The European Union: The Enlargement Process**  **The UN and Refugees: The End of an Era** | **Kenneth Smart** |
| **1999** | **Brighton**  **KSX** | **Professor Sir Richard Jolly**  **Lady Sally**  **Greengross, OBE** | **Special Adviser to the Administrator of UNDP; (Formerly Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF**  **Director General, Age Concern** | **UN Landmarks in Economic and Social Development**  **The Future of Ageing in a Global Perspective** | **Brian Dando** |
| **1998** | **Steeple Aston**  **OXF** | **Sir Marrack Goulding**  **KCMG**  **Dr David Carson** | **(Former United Nations Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs)**  **Director, Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction Research** | **Prospects for United Nations Reform? Creeping Irrelevance? Or Both?**  **Global Warming: The Basis for Concern** | **Neil Malcolm** |
| **1997** | **Brockworth**  **WMW** | **Sir David Hannay**  **Dr Alexander**  **Borg Olivier** | **Former United Kingdom Representative at the United Nations**  **Director, United Nations Information Centre, London** | **The UN: The Challenges of the Next Century**  **Reform of the UN: Adapting to New Challenges** | **David Howson** |
| **1996** | **Croydon**  **SRY** | **Professor Richard Hoggart**  **Mr Gilbert Ferrari** | **(formerly UNESCO). Life Vice President, BAFUNCS**  **Chief, Geneva Office of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund** | **The Way We Live Now**  **Your Pensions To-day and in 30 Years** | **Alfred Saleeb** |
| **1995** | **Newquay**  **SWT** | **Professor Sir Hans Singer**  **Miss Helen Langley** | **(formerly UNIDO); University of Sussex**  **Department of Western Manuscripts, Bodleian Library, Oxford** | **The UN Fifty Years On: A Forward Look**  **Recollections from the UN Career Records Project** | **John Phillips** |
| **1994** | **Great Yarmouth**  **CAM** | **Dame Margaret Anstee**  **Dr Raymond Adie** | **(Former United Nations Under Secretary-General)**  **(Former Deputy Head of the British Antarctic Survey)** | **The United Nations and International Security**  **International Science and the Antarctic** | **Ron Chamberlin?** |
| **1993** | **Edinburgh**  **NOR** | **Mr David Millar**  **Mr Iain McLaren** | **Hon. Fellow of the Europa Institute, Edinburgh University**  **(Former Consultant Surgeon to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary)** | **A European Community Foreign and Security Policy**  **Scotland and Medicine** | **Tom Allen** |
| **1992** | **Newbury**  **SCL** | **Mr W A McNeil**  **Sir Andrew Stark** | **Director-General, IMO**  **President, BAFUNCS** | **The Future and the IMO**  **Future Prospects for the United Nations** | **Barry John** |
| **1991** | **Grange-over-Sands**  **NOR** | **Professor Henry Charnock**  **Sir Anthony Parsons** | **Professor emeritus of Oceanography, University of Southampton**  **(Former United Kingdom Representative at the United Nations)** | **An Evaluation of the Environmental Issue**  **Lessons for the UN from the Gulf War** | **Irene Chamberlain** |
| **1990** | **Bournemouth SCL** | **Mr Aamir Ali**  **Sir Andrew Stark** | **President, FAFICS**  **President, BAFUNCS** | **The Role of the FAFICS: Its Present Position and Future Prospects**  **Events of the Past** | **Irene Chamberlain** |
| **1989** | **Blackpool**  **NOR** | **Mr Gilbert Ferri**  **Mr Malcolm Harper** | **Chief, Geneva Office of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund**  **Director, United Nations Association** | **The Current Situation of UN Pensions**  **A Born Again United Nations** | **Irene Chamberlain** |
| **1988** | **Stratford-upon-Avon**  **WMW** | **Dr R L Smallwood** | **Fellow of the Shakespeare Institute, University of Birmingham** | **?** | **Irene Chamberlain** |
| **1987** | **Eastbourne**  **KSX** | **Sir Jack Stewart- Clark**  **Mr Murray Lunan** | **Member of the Royal Company of Archers and the Queen's Body Guard for Scotland**  **President, BAFUNCS** | **?**  **The First Decade of BAFUNCS** | **Irene Chamberlain** |
| **1986** | **Harrogate**  **NOR** | **Sir Ivor Richard QC** | **Member of the European Commission of Communities and UK Rep to the UN** | **?** | **Honor Tetley**  **Irene Chamberlain** |
| **1985** | **Torquay**  **SWT** | **No invited speaker** | **-** | **-** | **Irene Chamberlain** |
| **1984** | **Oxford**  **OXF** | **Dr Robert Mabro (at dinner)** | **Oxford academic, specialist in oil and energy issues** | **Energy application in the third world** | **Elizabeth Barton** |
| **1983** | **Richmond**  **LON** | **Baroness Phillips**  **(guest speaker at dinner)** | **British politician (House of Lords)** | **Welfare for the less privileged** | **Peggy McAfee**  **Kenneth Josey** |
| **1982** | **Cambridge**  **CAM** | **Robert Rhodes James** | **MP for Cambridge, former Senior Adviser to the SG** | **Britain as an International Nation** | **Alena Elliott** |
| **1981** | **Edinburgh**  **NOR** | **Lord Ritchie-Calder** | **Professor of International Relations, Univ. of Edinburgh** | **Memories of UN assignments** | **Murray Lunan** |
| **1980** | **Bath**  **SWT** | **Lord Caradon** | **UL Representative to the United Nations** | **International Agreement on independent Cyprus** | **Elizabeth Barton**  **George Fisher** |
| **1979** | **Worthing**  **KSX** | **Richard Hoggart Rees** | **Lecturer and author of: An idea and its servants – UNESCO from within** | **The roll of retired int. civil servants in making the aims, achievements and problems of the UN and its specialized agencies understood** | **Gordon Unsworth** |
| **1978** | **Bournemouth** | **-** | **-** | **AGM only, launching the Association** | **John Alexander Sinclair** |