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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** | **BournemouthSCL** | **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** |