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

Year	Location & Organising Region	Speakers	Positions held	Subject	Principal Organisers
2024	Bath AR Committee	Lord (Peter) Ricketts Prof. Barry Gilbertson Lt Col Matthew Whitchurch	Former UK National Security Advisor and former UK Ambassador to France Former Chair, Bath World Heritage Site Advisory Board Retired Colonel, Institute of Royal Engineers	In Conversation with the President (Sir Mark Lowcock) on “The State of the World” The Importance of World Heritage to Bath and its Economy “The case for the UN – a view from the trenches”	AR Committee: Coby Sikkens Richard Saynor Heather Johnson Nikki Feirn Andy Flatt
2023	London LON	Sir Roderick Lyne Gideon Rachman	Former UK Ambassador to Moscow and former UK Permanent Representative in Geneva Chief foreign affairs columnist, the Financial Times	In Conversation with the President (Sir Kieran Prendergast), prior to the Gala Dinner “Is the World Sliding into Conflict?” (ODI Edward Mortimer Memorial Lecture)	Frederick Lyons Maggie Heraty

2022	York NOR	Sir Mark Lowcock Mr Stephen Lusty	Former UN Under Secretary for Humanitarian affairs and emergency relief Coordinator Chair, Board of Directors, York Civic Trust	In Conversation with the President (Sir Kieran Prendergast) York: Past, Present and Future	Nikki Feirn Andy Flatt Sarah Mehta
2021	AR Cancelled because of Coronavirus Pandemic			BAFUNCS Photo competition organized to keep members engaged in the association	Coby Sikkens Colin Davis
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	Richard Sydenham Sheila Cooper

2019	Stratford-upon-Avon WMW	<p>Matthew Rycroft</p> <p>Panel: David McFadyen, Michael Davies, Marilyn Carr, John Burley</p> <p>Professor Sir Adam Roberts</p>	<p>Permanent Secretary, Department for International development</p> <p>BAFUNCS Members and Authors of the Book</p> <p>Emeritus Professor of International Relations, Oxford University</p>	<p>Interview by Sir Kieran Prendergast on the guest speakers' career with eh Foreign Office</p> <p>Eric Drummond and his Legacies</p> <p>Panel discussion with the authors</p>	Michael Davies
2018	Geneva OVS	<p>Mr Kofi Annan</p> <p>David Harland</p>	<p>Former Secretary-General of the United Nations</p> <p>Executive Director of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue</p>	<p>In conversation with Sir Kieran Prendergast</p> <p>So-called weak mediation: The increasing Role of the NGO's</p>	Coby Sikkens
2017	King's Lynn, Norfolk CAM	<p>Baroness Valerie Amos</p> <p>Dr Paul Richards</p>	<p>Under Secretary for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator</p> <p>Historian</p>	<p>Challenges to Global Humanitarian Action Today</p> <p>King's Lynn: A Port for a Thousand Years</p>	John Stares

2016	Bournemouth, Hants SCN	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, Scotland 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	The Belfry Hotel 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 Manor Hotel SCN	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	<p>Professor Sir Adam Roberts KCMG, FBA</p> <p>Mr Bill Davies OBE</p>	<p>Fellow of Balliol College and Montague Burton Professor of International Relations at Oxford University</p> <p>Founder and First Director of the Welsh Centre for International Affairs (The Temple of Peace)</p>	<p>United Nations, Divided World: An Update</p> <p>Welshmen in the United Nations</p>	Duncan Morris
2004	Hilton Hotel, Cobham SRY	<p>The Rt Hon. The Lord (Ivor) Richard PC, QC</p> <p>Mr Gilbert Ferrari</p>	<p>(Former United Kingdom Representative at the United Nations. Leader of the House of Lords)</p> <p>Chief, Geneva Office of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund</p>	The United Nations: The View from Westminster	Patrica Brown Bernadette Rivett
2003	Torquay SWT	<p>General Sir Michael Rose KCB, CBE, DSO, QGM</p> <p>Sir Cyril Townsend</p>	<p>Inspector General of the Territorial Army. (Leader of the United Nations Protection Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina)</p> <p>Director, Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding</p>	<p>Peacekeeping</p> <p>The Middle East and the United Nations</p>	Michael Askwith Charles Manton

2002	Poole SCN	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 Greater London LON	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 South West Region	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 Norfolk 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 Scotland 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 Berkshire	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 Sussex	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 West Midland Region	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 South West	No invited speaker	-	-	Irene Chamberlain
1984	Oxford	Dr Robert Mabro (at dinner)	Oxford academic, specialist in oil and energy issues	Energy application in the third world	Elizabeth Barton
1983	Richmond Greater London	Baroness Phillips (guest speaker at dinner)	British politician (House of Lords)	Welfare for the less privileged	Peggy McAfee Kenneth Josey
1982	Cambridge	Robert Rhodes James	MP for Cambridge, former Senior Adviser to the SG	Britain as an International Nation	Alena Elliott
1981	Edinburgh Scotland	Lord Ritchie-Calder	Professor of International Relations, Univ. of Edinburgh	Memories of UN assignments	Murray Lunan
1980	Bath Avon	Lord Caradon	UL Representative to the United Nations	International Agreement on independent Cyprus	Elizabeth Barton George Fisher
1979	Worthing, SUSSEX	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