



The 50th Anniversary of the AEJ-UK



Lunch time meeting with Sir Paul Lever, former UK ambassador to Germany June 2018. Credit: Doros Partasides



Sergel Guriev, Chief Economist at the EBRD, January 2018

"The British section was formed in Bristol in 1968. According to the late Don Hatwell, a former secretary, he was recruited by the first secretary, Alastair Stuart of Thomson Regional, who 'fixed our lunches at the Caledonian Club and introduced me to the malt which changed my life: The Macallan'. He complained in his memoirs that, with notable exceptions, the AEJ always had too few women, that he could never understand how the Italians never had fewer than three sections, and how impressed he was at one congress when the Portuguese were represented by one Jose Manuel Barroso, who later became president of the Commission."

(Kevin D'Arcy, former AEJ UK secretary)

"When I joined the infant UK section in the late Sixties, the media distinguished parochially between an alien "Europe" and the UK's green and pleasant land. Us and them -- as though the British were somehow not Europeans.

The British and Irish are indeed Europeans. 50 years ago this was recognised by the AEJ which blessed the creation of a UK section even before the country joined the EEC."

(David Hawort, former President of the UK Section)

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The Dublin Congress, 2008

"The AEJ is at the forefront of efforts to expose threats to journalism across Europe. Our survey of media freedom in Europe shone a light on some of the worst cases of intimidation of journalists. Working closely with other journalists' organisations, NGOs and notably the Council of Europe, the AEJ campaigns to protect the freedom of expression that is essential in any genuine democracy. The British section is a leader in this field."
(Rick Thompson, former Chairman)



Meeting with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, Thorbjorn Jagland, Strasbourg, 2016



EP President A Tajani at AEJ Press Seminar, Brussels 2018

The AEJ-UK offers journalists the chance to be part of a network of media professionals and experts on European issues; providing valuable mutual support for individual members.



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Vilnius, 2017



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"The annual International Congress is an opportunity for members to share experiences with journalists in other countries, and is a high-profile forum for key speakers and discussion about topical European issues." (Rick Thompson)



Vilnius, 2017



Serving officers William Horsley (Chairman), Margaret Hughes (Secretary) and Michael Springate (Treasurer)



Baroness Dianne Hayter, May 2018

We remember



Celia Hampton

1944-2016

Celia Hampton, who served as an international AEJ Vice President from 2004-08, and as Secretary for the UK Section, died May 2016.



Roger Broad

1931-2017

Roger Broad, a founder member and the first treasurer of the British section, died August 2017.



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