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Annual Report 2004-2005

SCOTLAND RUSSIA FORUM

Aims and Objectives

The Forum was founded in February 2003, as a successor to the Scottish branch of the Britain-Russia Centre (previously GB-USSR Association).

We aim to promote a clear understanding in Scotland and in Russia, together with the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States, of the respective ways of life and the cultural and commercial activities, and voluntary services, of the other countries and to create contacts of all kinds between the peoples of these countries.

Activities include:

- talks in the fields of the arts, politics, commerce etc
- social events
- business events
- films
- quarterly newsletter with news, reports, reviews
- website

notification of Forum events and other Russia-related events all over Scotland via the newsletter, website and email news bulletins

Officers and Committee, 2004 - 2005

Hon. President Tam Dalyell MP

Hon. Vice-President Lt Commander Dairmid Gunn OBE, Royal Navy
(Retd).

Hon. Vice-President The Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill

Hon. Treasurer Ian McGowan

Hon. Secretary Jenny Carr

Committee:

Chairman Meg Luckins

Newsletter editor Helen Williams

Committee members Peter Harvey

Tania Konn-Roberts

Lara Ryazanova-Clarke

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES March 2004-February 2005

TALKS etc

	In Edinburgh:
March 2004	Struan Stevenson MEP - 'Crying forever'. The Soviet Nuclear Test Legacy in Kazakhstan Prof
April 2004	Peter France - A Republic by the Volga: the Chuvash people and their culture
May 2004	Martin Dewhurst - Putin, the Media and the Future
September 2004	Meg Luckins - Kyrgyzstan: 'Land of the Celestial Mountains'
October 2004	Dr Tamara Dragadze - Understanding Beslan: the Caucasus Region Past and Present
October 2004	Andrei Nekrasov - showing of film <i>Disbelief</i> followed by question and answer
October 2004	Terry Wade - Using Russian Synonyms
November 2004	Professor Simon Franklin - Russia, Russians, Russianness and the Enigmas of National Identity (joint meeting with Edinburgh University Russian Dept)
January 2005	Peter Dean - The FSU goes to market: impressions of an observer in the 1990s
February 2005	AGM and Rufus Reade - Georgia
	In Inverness:
March 2004	Prof Ludmilla Selezneva - Russia post-Gorbachev: Life under Putin
	In Glasgow:
May 2004	Meeting for teachers of Russian (joint meeting with SALT)
September 2004	'Slavonic Event' for school pupils (joint event with Glasgow, St. Andrews and Edinburgh Universities)

SOCIALS, ENTERTAINMENTS

June 2004 White Nights party
August 2004 Festival party
December 2004 Chekhov in Russian (Freestage Theatre)
January 2005 Old New Year at Cossachok (Glasgow)

KRUZHOK

An informal discussion group.

May 2004 Traditional Russian arts and crafts, Zoya Beaton,
 Edinburgh Russian Shop
Disbanded September 2004

FILMS

Films shown monthly January-April 2004 (coordinator Natasha Black),
From September 2004 films were shown weekly at Edinburgh
University and Forum members were invited to attend. Coordinator
Vadim Golubev.

BUSINESS EVENTS

March 2004 Yukos
March 2004 All-day business seminar
November 2004 Peter Langham (British Consulate-General, St
 Petersburg) - Business in Russia

COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter: Quarterly, sent free to all members. £1 to non-members.

Website: www.scotlandrussiaforum.org

Emails: regular bulletins containing events and notices of Scottish/FSU
interest; sent to 300+ members and non-members

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

GB-Russia Society
Russo-British Chamber of Commerce

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

1 March 2004-28 February

		2004-2005	2003-2004
INCOME			
	Subscriptions	2120.00 ¹	1895.00
	Donations	130.00	22.70
	Events	3112.30	1389.35
	Sundries	132.82	19.14
	Total	5495.12	3326.19
EXPENDITURE			
	Printing	358.67	143.23
	Postage, etc	792.92	391.31
	Room rental	365.00	225.00
	Catering	1324.86	392.54
	Events	1052.06	693.00
	Total	3893.51	1845.08
SURPLUS		1601.61	1481.11

Total surplus, as at 28 February 2005; £3082.72

NOTES

1 Total members at 28 February 2005: 152. (Individual - 66; Joint - 54; Concessions - 21; Corporate - 1; Complimentary - 10).

These accounts have been prepared from the financial records of the Scotland-Russia Forum, and in my opinion they give a true and fair view of the state of the Forum's funds at 28 February 2005 and of the income and expenditure in the year to that date.

Signed: P. R. Clarke, Hon Auditor

Date: 3 June 2005

JOINT EVENTS

Joint events have been held with:

- The University of Edinburgh
- The University of Glasgow
- The University of St Andrews
- SALT (Scottish Assn. for Language Teaching)

AFFILIATED ACTIVITIES

Clubs / schools for Russian speaking children in Edinburgh and Glasgow, run by 'Russian Edinburgh' and the Russian Orthodox Community in Glasgow, respectively,

VENUES

In Edinburgh:

- Edinburgh University Management School, and Edinburgh University Students Union (Teviot House)
- English Speaking Union
- Filmhouse, Lothian Road
- Germán church, Marchmont
- Pickerings Bookshop, Buccleuch Place
- Roxy Art House
- 'The Nomad's Tent'

Elsewhere:

- Glasgow University
- Strathclyde University
- Beaufort Hotel, Inverness