EUROPEAN FORUM

REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

SATURDAY 27TH JULY 2019

08.10 – 09.10

MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN FORUM
Saturday 27th July 2019
AGENDA

08:10 – 09:10 European Forum Business meeting

08.10 Welcome and introductions: Elisabeth Stärner

European Forum Committee 2018-2020

Estonia: Terrtu-Triin**
Germany: Daniela von Essen **
Iceland: Helga M. Steinsson
Sweden: Elisabeth Stärner (chair)
Finland: Lida Hyvönen **
Great Britain: Kathrin Hodgson **
Norway: Barbara Carlsen
The Netherlands: Ria Logtenberg (Treasurer) **

** Second biennium

European Regional Director (ex officio) Ingibjörg Jónasdóttir

Minutes: Barbara Carlsen

Timekeepers: Daniela von Essen

Attendance sheets: Ria Logtenberg

Words of inspiration – Elisabeth Stärner Chair

O8.15 Business meeting.

1.	**Minutes of Austin 2018: pages 3-4**	**5 min ES**
2.	**Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda**	**5 min ES**
3.	**Financial Review page 5**	**5 min RL**
4.	**Strategic Action Plan, update: page 6**	
	-Exchange programme	**5 min DvE**
5.	**European Website: suggestions for development of EW**	**10 min EB**
6.	**Euforia: Result of survey, future?**	**10 min ES**
7.	**Any other business.**	**10 min All**

Minutes of the Europe Forum Meeting
Friday 20th July 2018
Austin, Texas

Welcome

The meeting opened later than planned, at 15:35, due to the extension of the fifth general meeting, in order to deal with the proposed amendments to the International Standing Rules and Constitution. It was agreed that, due to the commitments of many European members that evening, we would just hold the business meeting. The two speakers – Ewa Johansson and Jóna Benediktsdóttir – were prepared to save their talks for the International Conference in Iceland in 2019.

Kathrin Hodgson (Forum Chair) thanked the members of the Forum Committee for 2016-2018 for their hard work over the biennium.

Opening Words

Iida Hyvönen asked the members to consider what they liked about travelling. After several suggestions, the conclusion reached was that, wherever one travelled, and whatever our experiences were, when we return, we realise how wonderful home is.

Minutes from Tallinn, 2017

The minutes were agreed as a correct record of the meeting. Kathrin asked the members to give their thoughts to Barbara Carlsen, whose husband is seriously ill, and asked Anne Marie Solstad to give her our very best wishes.

Financial Accounts 2017-2018

The accounts were printed in the Forum programme. No questions were raised. Kathrin thanked the two joint treasurers, Anne Marie Solstad and Ria Logtenberg, for their work in looking after our money. €465 would be carried forward to the next financial year.

Bjørg Nakling and Ingibörg Jónasdóttir (European Regional Directors)

Bjørg spoke first and asked who present had been a member of the European Forum Committee – there were five. She insisted that we need to get the members more informed about the purpose and work of the Forum, and to get more people involved. Her idea to achieve this was to have one member in each chapter who would find out about what the Forum is doing, from their Forum representative, and to inform their own chapter.
She suggested that chapters have 'sister chapters' – organised by one person within each chapter. Ideas could be shared via the European website.
Ingibjörg asked how we can move forward in Europe. Perhaps we need a joint project – the possibility of networking was right here. But how should we go about it? We have to keep up with changes in education via leadership and management courses, and seminars, and help one another with sources of these. We could ask for a grant from the Eunah Temple Holden Fund. The important thing is for us to connect together, working towards a common goal.
She then told us about the story from Gung Ho - the geese that fly in a V formation – how they work together, the one at the front being in control for a while, and doing much of the hard work. Then the formation is changed, and someone comes to help and lead from the front to allow the previous leader to take time to recuperate. She used this analogy to compare the role of the European

Regional Director - Bjørg - and herself; there is always someone to take over the reins. Shared leadership and the support of all is important.

EuForia

Ria Bleeker spoke on behalf of Riet Smits; it was agreed that EuForia is still an important tool in uniting the eight European countries. Riet sent her thanks to all of the European presidents for their contributions throughout the past year. She would also welcome reports from other European members about any matters of interest or projects in which they are involved. Riet was thanked for her hard work since she took over as editor of EuForia.

Website

Last year the website was moved to another provider – Weebly - but it retains the same name. Eygló Björnsdóttir asked for many contributions – perhaps chapter programmes, books read, or other items of interest could be sent. Most internet sites have a translator available, so that articles can be written in the native language and then transcribed into English. Eygló was thanked for her continued service on behalf of the European region.

Membership - Younger Members

It had been mentioned several times during the week that Europe is the only Region that has increased its membership during the past biennium. This could have influenced the decisions taken during the discussion of the proposed amendments – this was affirmed by a member from Wisconsin, who attended this meeting. Many of these new members are younger members.

In October, Great Britain will take part in the Revitalisation programme through a visit from Carolyn Pittman. It was agreed that GB would share their experiences of the Revitalisation plan via the website. Other states may also choose to take part – each country has to find its own way to expand/revitalise.

Iceland has been very successful – Ingibjörg Einarsdóttir was described as a 'master of expansion'. It was suggested that they hold a workshop in Iceland on their experiences in recruiting new, younger members, and how it might work in other European countries. Iceland also has good representation on International Committees.

Members Present

Estonia 1, Finland 1, Germany 2, Great Britain 1, Iceland 8, Netherlands 6, Norway 4, Sweden 4, plus one visitor from Wisconsin.

Closing Words

Daniela's words linked with Iida's opening words about travelling. She said that, through DKG, she had been given a great opportunity to travel, and listened to many interesting speakers, but somehow the educational part was missing – visiting schools and learning about them. As a result, she has arranged her own exchanges with members from Finland and Estonia.

Her suggestion is that she starts up a programme for younger members who would like to participate in an informal teacher exchange. There might be funding available from the EU. It might be that DKG already has a fund to finance such a project – this needs investigating. Daniela gave her email address; she will be the 'caretaker' of this programme and all those present were asked to inform their chapters of this new enterprise.

The meeting closed at 16:20

European Forum: **Financial Estimate/proposed budget** ***1st July 2018- 30th June 2019***

PROFIT and LOSS-ACCOUNT 1-7-2018 t/m 30-6-2019

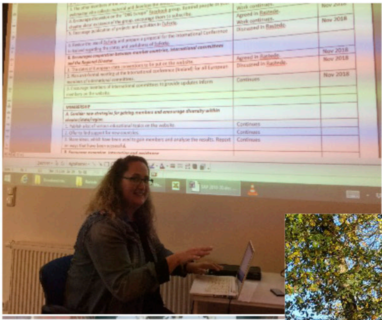
Profits	**€**	**Costs**	**€**
income from HQ	2650,00	Banking Costs	12,00
Regional director travelincome	929,00	hosting Rastede (hotel)	1150,00
income European Award	200,00	hosting Rastede (meals)	350,00
		copy- and meeting costs	100,00
		travel costs to come to Rastede	1150,00
		RD travelbudget	929,00
		Iceland Conference	80,00
		Website	100,00
		Achievement Award (estimate)	250,00
Result 2018-2019	342,00		
TOTAL INCOME	4121,00	**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**	4121,00

Ria Logtenberg, The Netherlands treasurer Europa Forum 2018-2020

Elisabeth Starner, chair Europa Forum 2018-2020

European Forum: Strategic Action Plan 2018 - 2020

SERVICE	**Comments**	**Dates**
A. The EF committee plans and organises the activities for the biennium.		
1. Meets annually for planning and discussion.	Continues	
2. Decides the venue of the meetings.		Nov 2019
3. Stays in contact via e-mail, Skype- and face-to-face meetings	Continues	
4. Chooses, from names submitted, who receives the European Achievement Award.	Completed for this biennium	Nov 2018
B. Plans the European Forum Session at the International Conference and Convention (incl. Pre-Conference Sessions, if decided)	Rastede (Germany) Tallinn (Estonia)	Nov 2018 Nov 2019
COMMUNICATION		
A. Strengthen the member countries by using social media and website.		
1. Encourage members to send material to the website.	Continues	
2. The committee will use the DKG Europe website to inform members of its projects and activities.	Agreed again in Rastede Work continues	Nov 2018
3. The other members of the web committee (see guidelines) support the EF webmaster who collects material and develops the website.	Agreed again in Rastede Work continues	Nov 2018
4. Encourage discussion on the “DKG Europe” Facebook group. Remind people of your chapter about existence of the group, encourage them to subscribe.	Agreed again in Rastede Work continues	Nov 2018
5. Encourage publication of projects and activities in EuForia.	Agreed in Rastede Work continues	Nov 2018
6. Review the use of EuForia and prepare a proposal for the International Conference in Iceland regarding the status and usefulness of EuForia.	Discussed in Rastede	Nov 2018
B*. Encourages cooperation between member countries, international committees and the Regional Director.*		
1. The dates of European state conventions to be put on the website.	Agreed in Rastede	Nov 2018
2. Plan an informal meeting at the international conference (Iceland) for all European members of international committees.	Discussed in Rastede.	Nov 2018
3. Encourage members of international committees to provide updates on the work of their committees on the European website.	Continues	
4. Encourage members to apply to serve on international committees.	Agreed in Rastede	Nov 2018
5. Initiate an exchange programme between DKG members in Europe.	Agreed in Rastede	Nov 2018
MEMBERSHIP		
1. Consider new strategies for gaining members and encourage diversity within chapter/state/region.	Continues	
2. Publish links on the European website to educational topics and presentations held 2019 in Iceland.	Agreed in Rastede	Nov 2018
3. Share ideas, which have been used to gain members and analyse the results. Report on ways that have been successful.	Continues	
4. Encourage expansion, interaction and assistance.	Continues	
FINANCE		
1. Budget and report presented to the EF committee members by the treasurer.	Budget presented & agreed	Nov 2018
2. Collection of 25 Euros in even numbered years for the European Achievement Award.	Completed	Nov 2018
3. Collection of 1 Euro per member for the Regional Director every year.	Completed	Nov 2018
4. Treasurer to send a Finance Report to HQ before September 15th of each year.	Completed	Sept 2018
5. Present a Finance Report at the European Forum meetings.		2019/2020
CELEBRATIONS		
A list of the European Achievement Award winners to be kept updated on the website.	Agreed again in Rastede Continues	2018



The Forum Committee at work and at play in Rastede, November, 2018