



Third online European Forum Meeting

Thursday, November 21nd 2024

Agenda

- 1. Welcome – Carola van Zanen-van Rijn, chair EU Forum Committee 2024-2026**
- 2. Minutes of our October 23th EFC meeting 2024. Minute taker Muriel Marsh, Norway.(Thank you)**
- 3. Conference at the university in Sussex, Brighton. Update, to do list, important dates.**
- 4. Account EFC and finances, Henna.**
- 5. Incoming mail and messages.**
 - News from the European Director**
- 6. St Lucia day, December 12th 2024, Theme a: A christmas-song of every country.**
Organization and schedule of the meeting.
- 7. Artist in the Spotlight: Schedule 2024-2025(Estonia)**
- 8. Our face to face meeting in Germany March 21st 2025.**
- 9. Educational Topics.**
- 10. Proceed with outcomes of the survey last year.**
 - Themes: Social media and its impact**
 - Bullying and cyberbullying**
 - Safety from violence**
 - Language and communication.**
- 11. Other business**



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

European Forum Committee meeting 21st November 2024, 7pm (CET)

Present at this Zoom meeting: Carola van Zanen van Rijn, Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf, Muriel Marsh, Henna Perätalo, Viborg Ása Bjarnadóttir, Diana Bell, Kadri Mettis, Anette was represented by Ann Kathrin from Sweden. Thi Finkelmayer was unable to take part. Kathrin Hodgson from GB took part on item three as the treasurer of the Conference in 2025.

1. Welcome

Carola welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kathrin took part in the meeting from 19.15, therefore item 3 on the agenda was moved until she was present.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting in October:

The minutes were approved with thanks to Muriel.

4. Accounts and finances of the EFC: Carola informed that monies from HQ have been transferred to the new account in Finland.

5. a) Incoming messages b) News from RD:

a) Carola informed that there were two DKG members who took part in the digital leadership training that California had invited to, herself and a member from Germany.

Carola reminded members that the European Achievement award forms have been sent to all State Presidents, and that the application date is 15th December. Completed forms to be sent to Carola.

b) Marie Antoinette informed of the help that headquarters, with membership director Sy have given the Netherlands, with the overview of steps to take for people interested in DKG. The material from Sy has been made available to all member countries in Europe.

The NL state has a new member on the island of Saba in the Caribbean, an English-speaking island owned by the Netherlands! The member is Dutch speaking and teaches Dutch. She hopes to create a virtual Chapter together with the Netherlands.

6. Lucia Day, 12th December, theme and schedule:

Songs with a small introduction must be sent MA by the 1st December. Sweden will send on the 2nd! Most countries have plans for songs and sending videos! MA will place all contributions into a PP and be in charge on the 12th December. She will send an invitation to all.

7. Artist in the spotlight:

Estonia wishes to invite a potential new member as their artist. The EFC gave them permission to do this and looked upon it as a great introduction to DKG. The time will therefore be extended a good while into

the new year. Finland and then Sweden are next up, in that order. All countries are encouraged to find participants for the future in 2025 and 2026.

8. Meeting in person, March 2025 in Oldenburg:

Members are encouraged to book as soon as possible to save costs. Thi will put information out on BaseCamp. Both Marika and Thi will provide accommodation. Bremen nearest airport, but good connections with train from both Hamburg and Bremen.

3. Conference in Brighton, 2025- latest update:

Diana and Kathrin informed the committee of the economy and progress so far.

Deposit: Kathrin as Conference treasurer has paid the 25% deposit from a combination of HQ funding to the EF, GB funds and sponsor monies. The total was £6400, more than the monies transferred from HQ. The 5000\$ after transfer became £3816, a huge difference, especially as the deposit had to be made for the full amount. The deposit covers room hire, meals and refreshments.

Registration: GB wants registration forms to be interactive, as was the case in Finland in 2023. The company who helped then, do not operate in the UK. Diana and Kathrin were encouraged to check out Google forms and a link was sent to them during the meeting. DKG International uses the system, and it is both user friendly and safe.

Conference website: Diana is making a Conference website using Weebly. Ann Kathrin informed that Anette Nyberg (from Sweden) had experience with this and that she would get in touch with her.

Speakers: Diana has Sharlene (Canada) and Jenni (Finland) as keynote speakers. She has also been in touch with the University of Brighton as well as the University of Sussex asking for students to speak of student welfare. MA will contact Kathrin Saks from Estonia who wishes to make a survey concerning the welfare of educators in Europe. It would be interesting if results of the survey would be presented at the conference.

Conference costs: **Kathrin** has worked hard with the budget. Keynote speakers who are members of DKG will not be compensated. The committee suggests a gesture, ca £25 for these if the budget will allow this. Maybe if we have some money left we also can give something to the members holding workshops. Diana will be applying for funds through the Holden fund.

The total registration fee which includes meals and entertainment will be £260, so that a buffer is included. Lodgings around £66-70/night including breakfast. This payment will be made directly to the university. The conference is for two and a half days.

A separate cost for partners wishing to take part at mealtimes will be made. Therefore, an offer of two packages will be made available when registration opens: one for the full conference and another for partner meals.

A cost increase will be enforced 30 days prior to first day of conference, 18th June. After this date there will be an increase of 50%. This must be stressed in the registration form when available.

There is a supermarket on site (Coop) that participants can use. Wine is also sold here, and all lodgings have a kitchen attached to every 6th room.

Activities prior to conference: nothing organised, but members can register after 15.00 on the Thursday. The EFC will have a meeting on the Thursday evening.

Trips into Brighton can be taken in free time. Travel details with public transport and taxi will be placed on the website.

Diana will also check necessary insurance issues, for cancellation etc. This should be done sooner than later.

Marie Antoinette will publish the Conference details on the DKG website, both Internationally and European, when everything is clarified. Members are asked to spread the word.

9.Educational topics:

A follow up from the survey of 2023 is suggested as being a basis of topics to be chosen. Amongst issues are bullying/ provocative language use and wellbeing of educators/students. The Conference will cover wellbeing.

Ann Kathrin made it clear that to gain a better participation at the Zoom meetings, abstracts prior to these should be made available from chosen speakers. Also, the use of posters placed on social media forums could be made and posted on the DKG network. The subject of AI is also suggested.

The Netherlands have an interesting speaker in the field of AI who maybe could have a short presentation and a discussion at the beginning of February. The 11th of February is a suggested date, as the EFC meets on the 13th. Later dates suggested are April/ May.

10.Follow up/ themes/ survey:

See item 9. The meeting did not discuss further dates or issues, other than those mentioned. All members are asked to think of possible contributions and speakers for the rest of the biennium.

11. Other business/ next meeting:

Remind all members of the Lucia Day Zoom on the 12th December, 19.00 CET/ 18.00 GMT

The next meeting will be held on the **7th January at 19.00 CET/ 18.00 GMT**. NB! This is a Tuesday!

The meeting was adjourned at 20.30 CET

Muriel Marsh (Norway)

26.11.2024