



Eight European Forum Meeting

Thursday, June 5th 2025

Time 19:00 hours-20:30 hours (Amsterdam time).

Agenda

- 1. Welcome – Carola van Zanen-van Rijn, chair EU Forum Committee 2024-2026**
- 2. Minutes of our April 24th meeting 2025. Minute taker Muriel Marsh, Norway.(Thank you)(Tasks)**
- 3. Conference at the university in Sussex, Brighton. Update, to do list, website, important dates.(booklet), workshops.**
- 4. Forum meeting at the conference. Agenda. Program.**
- 5. Incoming mail and messages.**
 - News from the European Director**
- 6. Artist in the Spotlight**
- 7. Educational Topics**
- 8. Other business**
- 9. News from the different countries**



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

European Forum Committee meeting 5th June 2025, 19.00-21.00 CET

Present at the Zoom meeting were Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan (International President), Carola van Zanen van Rijn, Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf, Muriel Marsh, Viborg Ása Bjarnadóttir, Kadri Mettis. Kathrin Hodgson as treasurer of the Conference from GB took part at agenda point 3. Eija-Liisa Sokka Meany replaced Henna from Finland.

Diana Bell, Thi Finkemayer, Anette Nyberg, Henna Perätalo were unable to take part.

1. Welcome: Carola welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting in April: The minutes were approved.

3. Update of the Conference in Brighton: The numbers are still very low, as of 4th June 85 had registered. Kathy gave us the budget situation with losses as the Conference numbers do not meet the numbers of 140 paying participants. She is very worried about this and the consequences for the Conference. Much of the discussion at this meeting concerned this issue and of the reasons for low numbers, costs etc. As we had our International President present at the meeting, she could tell us that DKG International will not leave the EF in the lurch, but we must find ways to reduce the losses. European DKG states do not have large funds.

Marie Antoinette will take the situation up with the Administrative Board (AB), and that we need to plan for the new reality and for future Forum Conferences. Eija Liisa reminded us that the world is a very different place in 2025 than it was in 2023 in Tampere, when there were 180 members and another 20 accompanying participants, with many from the USA. She asked for stronger support from HQ. The Forum Conference is not marketed as an International Conference and therefore has not been visible other than the marketing the EF has done on its own. MA had taken part in Inside International on the 3rd June and “sold in” the Conference in Brighton. She has also done this at all State meetings she has taken part in this spring. Beverly clarified the issue of “International”, and the way the Conferences are organised. For many members of DKG in Europe it is important to emphasise the international nature of the Society. We had an extended discussion concerning this issue.

MA and the team in GB must renegotiate with the University about numbers. The University has had updated numbers weekly from DKG GB.

Eija Liisa spoke of the experiences from Tampere about publicity strategies. These must be in place at least half a year prior to the event. She also emphasised the importance of personal contacts, as did many others.

The poster is very positive and has been placed on all websites and social media that states use. Personal contacts are maybe the most important. There are many reasons for low numbers and the fact that the conference dates all are in July and that the Conference in New Orleans also includes the SOP training. Diana is still working on sponsor issue, and we all need to think of sponsorship and other ways of making money! Best way of course is to have more attendees at the Conference!

MA reminded us to inform members coming to have a small gift for the raffle at the dinner on Saturday. Homemade small items like scarves/ socks etc are a good idea.

4. Agenda for the Forum meeting at the Conference:

Carola has sent a suggestion for the agenda for the EF meeting in Brighton on Sunday 20th July 2025. The deadline for the content was 9th June. The agenda will therefore be published in the Conference booklet. Members are asked to look over the agenda. Carola's report as Chair will be presented as well as the financial report. Carola will also use the opportunity at the Forum meeting to encourage applicants to International Committees as well as the position of RD as and from 2026. In addition to the business side of the meeting there will be energisers, music, Thai Chi and a menti-meter session. Carola as Chair of the EF reminded us that we are all members of the forum and can come with further suggestions. As many members were absent from this meeting, it was decided to hold a new meeting later in June. See details later.

5. Incoming mail and messages:

Marie Antoinette has been in touch with a speaker from Romania, Dorina Girbovan. Her topic is "The ethics of AI". A date will have to be fixed after the 6th October 2025.

Marie Antoinette reminded all that names of deceased members from the different countries must be sent to her by the 27th June, so that all will be remembered in the Celebration of Life on Sunday at the Conference.

Due to extended discussions concerning the Conference, other issues on our agenda will be taken up at the extra meeting on the 25th June, 19.00 CET. Carola has made a PP for the Forum meeting, and this has been sent together with the agenda for it.

8. Next meeting: 25th June 2025 (Wednesday) at 19.00 CET.

The meeting was adjourned at 21.00CET

Muriel Marsh (Norway)

14.06. 2025

