



Fifth online European Forum Meeting

Thursday, February 13th 2025

Agenda

- 1. Welcome – Carola van Zanen-van Rijn, chair EU Forum Committee 2024-2026**
- 2. Minutes of our January 15th EFC meeting 2025. Minute taker Muriel Marsh, Norway.(Thank you)**
- 3. Conference at the university in Sussex, Brighton. Update, to do list, website, important dates.**
- 4. Incoming mail and messages.**
 - News from the European Director**
- 5. Review Educational Topic, AI from February 11th.**
- 6. Deadlines Euforia, 1st of March. Who is sending in a contribution?**
- 7. Deadlines International positions?**
- 8. Artist in the Spotlight: Schedule 2024-2025. Sweden end of February 2025.**
- 9. Our face to face meeting in Germany March 21st 2025.**
- 10. Every member reports about their own country and issues they want to address.**
- 11. Educational Topics.**
 - Who has a suggestion for a good speaker on one of the topics for the next Educational topic?**
 - Themes:**
 - Social media and its impact**
 - Bullying and cyberbullying**
 - Safety from violence**
 - Language and communication.**
- 12. Other business**



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

European Forum Committee meeting 13th February 2025, 19.00 (CET)

Present at this Zoom meeting: Carola van Zanen van Rijn, Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf, Muriel Marsh, Henna Perätalo, Viborg Ása Bjarnadottir, Diana Bell, Kadri Mettis, Ann Kathrin Swärd (for Anette Nyberg), Thi Finkelmayer. Kathrin Hodgson, as treasurer of the Conference from GB took part when item three was presented.

1. Welcome: Carola welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

3. Conference in Brighton 2025:

Kathrin informed of the problems with Barclaycard and payment procedures for the Conference via the website. The website is all ready to go and Kathrin assured us of a job well done by Diana. The EFC members are looking forward to accessing the site, which also will encourage members to take part actively, also offer to hold workshops!

Booking of rooms at the campus at University of Sussex will also be available shortly. Members/ countries who wish to have adjacent rooms must specify this when booking.

Diana informed that the Celebration of Life ceremony has now been placed on the agenda for Sunday, as requested at the last EFC meeting.

Members wishing to stay Sunday night can do so at the same rate as the Conference dates, but must checkout by 09.30 on Monday, 21st July.

The website includes **links to hotels and B+B's in the Brighton area**, for those wishing to extend their stay.

Members are encouraged to find ideas for **table decorations at the Grand dinner on Saturday**. Tables will take eight people, and it is hoped that numbers will be more than 140. Ideas can be sent to Diana. She reminded everyone that it is the EFC who host the event! Maybe small flags, etc?

Songs for the barbecue on Saturday. Diana encourages member countries to send in a song they wish sung at the sing-along! Send texts to her so that she can make these available on the night.

Workshop holders: MA has sent the link with the Google form to all SOPs. This should be distributed amongst the members planning on attending the Conference. Workshops should be in alignment with the theme of the Conference. A deadline for workshop applications will be 15th April, although this is not stated on the form. **Kadri offered to hold a workshop and was applauded for this.** The conference has 6 applicants and needs up to 25. MA hopes that workshops will keep to the conference theme of education and wellbeing. Committee members will also have workshops concerning their committees.

4. Incoming messages + News from RD:

The Educational topic on AI that was presented on the 11th of February is now available on the European website. It has also been sent to the Discovery centre at HQ.

Marie Antoinette informed that there will only be Forum Conferences in odd-numbered years. This means that there no longer will be conferences in the USA. These will be replaced by lower scale seminars. These changes will also mean changes to DKGs byelaws.

5. Educational topic response: The response was mainly positive and ca.30 members took part. The use of interactive feedback was very well received.

6. Deadline for Euforia: Kristin Snæland, editor of Euforia, has sent members a deadline of 1st March for contributions to the spring edition of Euforia. Carola will write a piece about the Conference and encourages members to promote both educational topics and work from the different chapters in Europe.

7. Schedule for “Artist in the spotlight”: Sweden’s artist is not a member, but she has illustrated a book by a member. Ann Kathrin asked the Forum to recognise that her artwork could be published, and members affirmed the decision. The artwork is now published on the European website. All member countries are asked to find suitable representatives amongst their creative members to be published during the biennium!

8. Deadlines for International positions: This was not discussed. SOPs have received information of upcoming zoom meetings concerning the application process.

9. Meeting in person, March 2025 in Oldenburg: Henna (treasurer to the EFC), has been asked to have monies for the EFC transferred from HQ to the Forum account before the meeting in Germany. Members are reminded that costs up to €300 will be reimbursed with receipts. Thi confirmed sleeping arrangements and suggested activities prior to the meeting start official on Saturday. She also wishes to have details of arrival times in Oldenburg, to ensure pick-up! Marika will house Muriel and Carola.

10. Round-up from member countries: Member countries are asked to give some feedback on their own states and how things are. Thi gave us insights to the sad situation of the border conflicts of Myanmar, related to the news she is receiving from family and friends. Ann Kathrin reminded us of our duty to include members of other ethnic backgrounds in our membership. We all need to be alert at an unrestful period in world history. This puts pressure on our “non-political” standing in our guidelines.

11. Other business: State treasurers must send €1 per member /country to the EFC treasurer. Henna will send them a following letter. MA will instruct Henna on this issue. These monies cover travel costs for MA. MA will inform at the next meeting with SOPs on the 25th of February.

The old and new financial reports can be found on Basecamp, under” DKG Inside”. The budget for 2025-2026 will also be presented here, as well as at the meeting in Oldenburg.

10. Next meeting: March 22nd at Thi’s home in Oldenburg.

Carola will send out meeting agenda and other documents in good time.

The meeting was adjourned at 20.35 CET

Muriel Marsh (Norway)

19.02.2025