



Ninth European Forum Meeting

Wednesday, June 25th 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 June 5th meeting 2025. Minute taker Muriel Marsh, Norway.(Thank you)**
- 3. Conference at the university in Sussex, Brighton. Update, to do list, website, important dates , 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 25th June 2025, 19.00-20.30 CET

Present at the Zoom meeting were Carola van Zanen van Rijn, Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf, Muriel Marsh, Viborg Ása Bjarnadottir, Kadri Mettis, Diana Bell, Thi Finkemayer, Anette Nyberg, Henna Perätaalo. Ann Katrin Swärd from Sweden takes over Anette's role as and from this meeting.

1.Welcome: Carola welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the 5th June: The minutes were approved.

Anette wished to address the committee as she is leaving her position as Sweden's representative. She has a demanding work situation and wishes to step down now. Ann Katrin will take over her position and was present for the rest of the meeting. Anette was thanked by all, and we hope she will be back as an active DKG participant again.

3. Update of the Conference in Brighton

Information from Diana: The numbers are now 97 as of 25th June.

- Diana has secured three sponsors who now are credited on the Conference website. She thanked MA and Finland for helping her. The sponsors are: TT Gaskets, ICYCO, Eunah Temple Holden Fund.
- MA has spoken with Beverly after concerns were raised about DKG HQ covering possible losses. She has confirmed that losses will be covered.
- Participants are asked to have cash with them for buying raffle tickets and handbag purchases. Approx. 30 euros or pounds should do. There is an ATM at Bramber House. Cash in euros or pounds are a good idea. The bar will be cashless.
- A used handbag sale will be ongoing to gain monies! Take a bag with you to the conference and encourage other members coming to do the same.
- Songs are now in a booklet.
- MA wishes to have all names of deceased members so that a small booklet can be prepared. She wishes the names and how long they have been members of DKG.
- The conference booklet is ready for proof reading. Kathy Hodgson is a proof-reader.
- GB members will wear a ribbon and not a rosette.
- Jazz trio OK and arrive 16.30 to set up for dinner. Will play from 18.30-20.30.
- Gordon's quiz at dinner with two teams with four participants from each table. Quiz is sent by Zoom.
- Morris- dancers OK for barbeque evening.
- All EFC members taking part should wear their scarves and roses from Carola.
- A good number of hands needed to set up things on the Thursday afternoon/evening. MA and Åsa, amongst others, will arrive early.
- Tablecloths and battery-driven candles: Muriel will take candles and white tablecloths. Diana will inform if they need a DKG runner.
- Barbeque people will organise themselves on Friday night. NB! All must wear lanyards* and nametags!
- Send an e-mail to Diana if there is anything missing or one has a question about the conference
- Raffle items and handbags- remind members to bring with them. MA will repeat this at the next SOP meeting on July 1st.
- Stay positive!!

* Lanyards are the straps keeping your identity tags in place!

4. Forum meeting at the Conference: Carola informed

- Carola has prepared the agenda and made a PP that members have received. She went through the agenda and confirmed that it is included in the conference booklet.
- During the meeting members will be asked about the dates and time of year for the conference in 2027 in Norway. It is important that the question is put to all members again.
- The publicity and advertising of the EF Conference must be included in the Bulletin and DKG News.
- MA will provide music for an energiser from her Spotify account.
- Henna has prepared her financial report, and this is included in the PP.
- Thai Chi organised by Barbara is OK

5. Artist in the spotlight: the following order has been agreed upon:

September- Norway (knitting traditions)

December- Germany (quilting)

March – GB

April/May -Iceland

6. Educational topics: MA has secured Dorina from Romania who will lecture on the ethics of AI. She was asking members if there were specific questions to her. The lecture will be held on 14th October. Kadri suggested that we ask our members about this and that also feedback from conference participants on the matter will be relevant. MA will be in touch with Dorina in August and report on questions asked.

7. News: MA reported from the work being done with the new Strategic plan for DKG for the period 2025-2029. The plan has had positive feedback as a workable and easier plan to implement. The plan will be published in Base Camp.

Carola informed of letters sent to all members concerning the conference and extension of early-bird rates. She also informed of a letter sent all members of Sweden to encourage new officers to take challenges. Ann Katrin informed that there will be a new meeting in August for the Swedish board, and it is hoped that more members will be positive to the vacant positions.

Henna had a question about the DKG European flag. This flag has not been found since Tampere. Diana assured that she has flags for all the countries and that it is hoped that individuals take their own flags back home with them after the conference ends.

8. Next meetings: Carola wished to have dates for the coming year. There is a possibility that some of the dates agreed upon may be changed. 19.00 CET will be the time, if nothing else agreed upon.

September 3rd

October 1st

October 14th -Educational topic

November 12th

December 3th -Preparation meeting St Lucia Day.

December 11th – Lucia Day celebration. Theme to be decided upon! Ask at Conference- focus on creativity.

2026:

January 7th ?

February 11th

March 11th

April 15th

May – meeting in person in Norway, new forum and new Forum Chair. Muriel has been in touch with a member of her Chapter discussing the use of her house. Will confirm in the course of the summer.

June 10th Last meeting of the European Forum Committee 2024-2026.

June 30th – Convention in Colorado, Forum meeting.

9. Reports from member countries: All looking forward to the Conference. It is hoped that numbers will be over 100!

The meeting was adjourned at 20.25 CET

Muriel Marsh (Norway)

29.06. 2025