



First online European Forum Meeting

Thursday, September 5 2024

Agenda

- 1. Welcome – Carola van Zanen-van Rijn, chair EU Forum Committee 2024-2026**
- 2. Minute taker Muriel Marsh, Norway.(Thank you)**
- 3. Getting to know all the members of the European Forum Committee.(short introduction per member)**
- 4. Messages:**
 - Incoming mail-messages**
 - Artist in the Spotlight. Schedule 2024-2025**
 - A small introduction for Euforia about the new members**
 - Minutes of the last European Forum meeting in Maryland, July 12 2024, acceptance at the European Forum Conference Brighton**
- 5. Treasurer and finances; Henna Perätalo, treasurer, opening new bank account**
- 6. Conference in Brighton.**
 - Update**
 - To do list and important dates**
- 7. Other business**
- 8. Set dates for the next EF meetings**
- 9. Closing**



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

European Forum Committee meeting 5th September 2024, 7pm (CET)

Present at this Zoom meeting: Carola van Zanen van Rijn, Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf, Muriel Marsh, Henna Perätalo, Viborg Asa Bjarnadottir, Diana Bell, Thi Finkelmayer, Anette Nyberg, Kadri Mettis, Beverly Hall-Maughan (International President, guest)

1. Welcome

Carola, the new Chair of the EFC, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Diana was not able to take part in the latter part of the meeting and item 6 on the agenda was moved forward as the first point.

2. Minute taker:

Muriel was appointed as secretary to the new EFC and will therefore be the minute taker at meetings.

3. Getting to know the EFC: Carola asked all members to send her a little information about themselves as well as a photo. This will be published in the first edition of Euforia this autumn. Please send directly to Carola asap.

4. Messages from the EFC Chair, Carola van Zanen:

All members of the EFC have been given access to the App Basecamp. For all who are new to this App there will be a digital training session on the 25th of September at 19.30 CET (18.30 GMT).

Members of the European Forum have also been invited to a Digital Leadership training from the California state organization. Details have been sent to all SOP's. There is a 40\$ fee if registering by the 1st October. The training takes place on October 25th - 26th. There have been some difficulties with money transfers

5. Finances:

Henna was welcomed as the new Treasurer of the EFC. The account will be transferred from Marie Antoinette asap. MA recommended using Wise.com as an efficient help with transferring monies. Henna was positive and will ask Anna Kaisa from her State org. for help. Carola informed that the EFC treasurer will not have responsibility for the Conference monies in 2025.

6. Conference in Brighton: update

Diana informed of the work in progress with the Conference in Brighton in July 2025. The contract will be signed on September 20th when Marie Antoinette and Diana are present.

Diana will speak with the caterers and with a contact in "Visit Brighton" for good ideas in finding people for entertainment etc. The GB state will have a meeting shortly after signing the contract. The

Conference will be announced on the DKG.org website and on the European website. All other States can announce on their own websites.

The Conference will last 2,5 days from Friday 18th July at 10.00am to Sunday 20th July lunch time.

The Conference theme is “Education and wellbeing”. Keynote speaker fees can also apply for a \$1000 from the Holden Fund in DKG. The University has been asked to recommend speakers.

The Conference will take place at the University of Sussex campus, a short drive from Brighton. Favourable B&B rates in the dormitories at £60 /night. All single rooms with bathroom. A simple breakfast is included. Diana also hoped that participants will just have one amount for both the accommodation and the Conference fee.

Kathrin Hodgson will be the Conference treasurer and a bank account for this period will be established. The deposit will be paid shortly after the signing of the contract.

Diana asked for some help with the draft program and will get assistance from Finland after the Conference in Tampere.

Forum members are asked to consider holding workshops in line with the Conference theme. Members are not reimbursed for their help; all work is voluntary! (The theme includes both educators and students/pupils’ wellbeing). Names and ideas can be sent to Diana.

7. Other business:

- The “Artist in the spotlight” is the new name for the arts and crafts feature on the European website. The member will have works and pictures displayed for 3 months. Estonia will begin with a member in October. All countries are encouraged to look for new members for later publication.
- *Euforia: Kristin Snæland from Iceland is the new editor. Members are encouraged to send news articles for publication of our digital magazine twice a year. Keep an eye out for the autumn deadline!*

8. Dates for the next meetings:

We agreed to having most meetings on Thursday evenings. The time frame from 19.00 - 20.30 CET

October 23rd, (Wednesday), November 21st, January 9th 2025, February 13th 2025, March 22nd 2025 (Saturday), April 24th 2025. The date in March is proposed as meeting in person to Thi in Germany. Members are welcome to come from Friday, 21st. More information later.

Further meetings up to the Conference will be decided later.

Lucia Day will be held on the 12th of December. This will be in the tradition of earlier years.

9.Closing:

Carola thanked all present for their work for the new EFC. Beverly, the new International President was specially thanked for taking part in the meeting.

NB! For our next meeting all are asked to have a good look at the Strategic plan for the new Biennium. The plan for the EF will need to be adjusted. The plan can be found on the DKG website under the tab publications/resources/strategic plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 20.45 CET

Muriel Marsh (Norway)

09.09.2024

The European Forum Committee 2024-2026:

Chair: Carola van Zanen van Rijn (NL)

Treasurer: Henna Perätalo (FIN)

Secretary: Muriel Marsh (NO)

Anette Nyberg (SWE)

Diana Bell (GB)

Kadri Mettis (EST)

Thi Finkemeyer (GER)

Vilborg Àsa Bjarnadóttir (ICE)

-Future projects, recommendations:

- The EF will continue with educational presentations, using their own members and speakers from outside the Society. A comparative look at the respective school systems in the eight member countries is encouraged. Finland had a successful presentation with Manitoba in the spring of 2024.

- continue the Lucia celebration virtually on December 13th

- continue presenting artists' work under the new headline "Artist in the Spotlight"

- follow up the members survey from 2023.

- work closely with the RD Marie Antoinette in preparing for the Conference in Brighton in July 2025

- ensure a good flow of information between the EFC members and the different countries executive boards. Ideally EFC members should be members of their boards.