



EUFORIA

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Dear friends, here is EUFORIA, the Spring edition of 2025. In this Issue, you can read about committee work and various activities of the participating countries. The conference in Brighton at the University of Sussex from 18th to 20th of July 2025 is inspiring with the theme of Education and Wellbeing. I encourage you to give a workshop at the conference. Registration is now open, and I hope to see many of you there. I wish you all a great Easter and a fantastic summer. Thanks to all the members who contributed exciting articles to this issue.

Many thanks to Evelyn Goodsell (GB) for proofreading the articles; she has been a great help.



Greetings from your Regional Director

Winter is ending, and spring is slowly coming. The leaves are showing their first green colours. We had a wonderful St. Lucia meeting with great Christmas songs.

The Administrative Board had a Zoom meeting every second Tuesday of the month and working on our strategy in the future.



When you visit the international website regularly, you find all the changes. On the website, you also find the link to Inside International every first Tuesday of the month (uneven months at 12.30 CT and every even month at 5.30 pm CT). For Europe the uneven months are the best to compare to our time zone (GMT). You will hear the latest news and can ask questions to the Administrative Board and staff.

On the European and International website, you will find all the information about our European Forum Conference in Brighton, at the University of Sussex, from July 18 to 20th. After having many problems with the bank, everything is solved, and you can register. <https://dkg-ef-conference2025.weebly.com/>

We have many fantastic speakers, and if you want to give a workshop, here is the link to the application form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Iht4F4ko2RG0UiWt4qGCaNIN0L3qq9eUSSdfU5kQi5Q/edit>

We encourage you to do so. The deadline is April 15 th, 2025. In my previous article, I spoke about the challenges of this biennium. First was the revision of our Constitution and ISR. The Task Force Revision Committee has put the form on the website to send in applications for the new Bylaws. Second was the Long Term Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan Committee reformulated the objectives to a more modern plan, which will be presented to the Administrative Board in May. After approval, the plan will be presented first at the State Officer Leadership Training in New Orleans before the International Conference. Our third challenge is the European Forum Conference. We are online, and you will find the link in this article. The fourth challenge is an ongoing challenge, Membership. You can combine this challenge now with finding new State Officers for the next biennium. Some European countries are struggling, and I hope that there are members who can take these positions. It is an excellent opportunity to practice your leadership, learn more about the society and attend the training in New Orleans. You have a meeting with other state officers regularly.

To make DKG more visible, you can use #SecondCenturyDKGandBeyond in your posts on social media, and it can increase membership. There is also a template to create a new profile for Facebook online. You can see it in my picture at the top of this article.

Let's move forward like our founder Annie Webb Blanton did in 1929 and increase to 100.000 members in 2029 at our Centennial Celebration.

If you have any questions, please let me know. You can send me an email on mac.dewolf@gmail.com.

Greetings, and I hope to see you all in July 2025 at our European Forum Conference.

Marie-Antoinette Hubers de Wolf

Europe Regional Director 2024-2026

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News from the European Forum Committee



Dear DKG Ladies of Europe,



We hope you are all well and ready for Spring. It is my favourite time of year.

Know that the European Forum committee is there for YOU. So don't hesitate to share your thoughts, ideas, feedback, and good practices. We like to hear from you! Just mail to europeanforumcommitteeDKG@gmail.com or the member of the European Forum Committee of your

country.

Did you know?

1. You can always find the previous agenda and approved minutes from our meetings on the European website. Muriel March from Norway always makes the minutes and does an outstanding job.
2. In December, we had our annual St Lucia Day meeting, and it was wonderful to hear all the songs from the different countries. If you have a great idea for our St Lucia Day meeting in December 2025, please mail me or a member of your country in the European Forum Committee. europeanforumcommitteeDKG@gmail.com
3. We had our first European Topic on the 11th of February, and you can find the recording on the European Website. Jacqueline van Meeteren gave a fascinating and interactive speech on AI. A very hot topic these days.

Staying critical is the key to using AI wisely. Did you miss it? You can watch it in your own time. It is undoubtedly worth your time!

Just click on the link. <http://www.dkgeurope.org/educational-topics.html>

4. Help wanted: Do you remember you filled out the survey for the European Forum Committee last year? There were topics the members wanted to address. Here are the top 4 from the survey. Do you have much knowledge on one of these subjects and would like to give an online speech to our members? Please mail to: europeanforumcommitteeDKG@gmail.com

Themes: **Social media and its impact**
 Bullying and cyberbullying
 Safety from violence
 Language and communication.

5. The European Forum Conference is in Brighton at the University of Sussex in the UK. It is from the 18th of July until July 20th. You can also come a day early. It is an excellent opportunity to meet ladies in education from all over the world, exchange ideas, learn from each other and make friends for life.

Please register as soon as possible. You can stay at the University in a single room or book a hotel. Do you want to sleep together with a group? There is a place where you can state that you wish to do that. We will honour your request if that is possible. The venue for the conference is the University of Sussex.

Here is the link for registration:

<https://dkg-ef-conference2025.weebly.com/registration.html>

We hope to meet you all at the conference. The theme is Education and Wellbeing. Click on the European website link to register for the conference and see the awesome conference website made by Diana Bell and Kathrin Hodgson. Thanks also to all the UK members and the European Forum members who helped to organise the conference. It is a lot of work.

6. You can apply to give a workshop at the conference in the UK on the theme of Education and Well-being. Click on the link to apply.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Iht4F4ko2RG0UiWt4qGCaNIN0L3qq9eUSSdfU5kQi5Q/edit>

Don't hesitate, just be bold and apply! You can do it!

7. New artist in the Spotlight from Sweden.

Her name is Mercedes Murat. Her art is very beautiful. Hopefully, this made you curious, so look at the European website.

[Mercedes Murat - Welcome to DKG European Region website](#)



In April, Jeannine de Jong from the Netherlands will show her breathtaking Stained Glass artwork. So make sure to look at the website regularly.

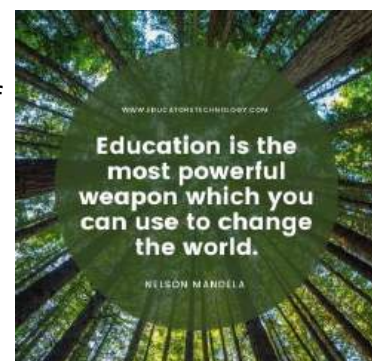
If you are an artist and want to display your art on the European website, mail me or a member of your country in the European Forum Committee.

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8. The European Forum Committee received several nominations for the European Achievement Award from the State Presidents in Europe. We will discuss this in March at our Face to Face meeting in Oldenburg, Germany. At the conference in Brighton at the University of Sussex, we will announce the winner of this special award. So, here is more reason to come to the conference!
9. Once a year, the European Forum Committee has a face-to-face meeting. This is very important because we will do a lot of work at this meeting. We have much more time, and many items are on the agenda. We have to organise and prepare the conference in Brighton, organise and prepare the Forum meeting at the conference, review all the nominations for the European Achievement award, make centrepieces for the conference, discuss issues we all face in the different countries, review plans we already have and much more.
The meeting lasts from morning until evening so we have a lot of time and can do a lot of work together.
10. Eygló Björnsdóttir and Kristín Guðbjörg Snæland are always busy with the DKG European website. A big thank you for them is certainly in place.
11. Unfortunately, there is a lot going on in the world that we all worry about.

So, I close with a quote from Nelson Mandela.

A warm greeting to you from all the members of the European Forum Committee.



Carola van Zanen-van Rijn

Chair of the DKG European Forum Committee

Great Britain



The DKG European Forum Conference 18th – 20th July 2025



This is the first time the European Forum has run a conference, and we are working hard to make it memorable. It's taking place at the University of Sussex, on the outskirts of Brighton, a seaside resort on the south coast of England.

It has taken longer than expected to go 'live', but everything is back on track after a couple of problems with the bank taking your credit and debit cards via Judopay and the university's new accommodation booking system - but all is functioning well now. We have some excellent speakers; the university conference facilities are good – even the 'Weebly' conference website (my first attempt) functions ok. There's a BBQ with dancing and singing, a jazz trio during the Grand Dinner, and a couple of surprises.

Please contact everyone you know and tell them we are having a DKG European Forum Conference: Go to the website, register on the orange globe, and join us.

<https://dkg-ef-conference2025.weebly.com>

Brighton has a lot to offer and is worth a few days visit. Many photos on our website are from 'Visit Brighton', such as the ones of the Palace Pier and the Brighton Pavilion. Their website <https://visitbrighton.com> is well worth a visit.



Transport links are good. Further information is on our website.

I hope to see many of you there.

Diana Bell

SOP Great Britain

Conference co-ordinator.



Sweden



The work of the “ad hoc” group on the future of DKG Sweden

After several years of challenges, including the closure of multiple chapters in succession and a continuous decline in membership, the national board decided in early autumn 2024 to establish an “ad hoc” group to work on the future of DKG Sweden.

Initially, chapter presidents were asked to nominate a member willing to participate in the group. They received the following background information:

Sweden is undergoing a significant transformation within the nonprofit sector, which is evident within DKG Sweden. Despite these challenges, we remain optimistic and firmly believe that professional women's organisations for educators like ours are just as important today as they have always been. To ensure a strong future for DKG Sweden, the national board has decided to immediately establish an ad hoc group tasked with strategically working on the association's development.



Simultaneously, a survey was sent to all current members. The idea was that statistical data and survey responses would be a foundation for the group's work.

More than 60% of members responded to the survey. It was decided from the start that the group would meet only a few times to minimise the burden on volunteer members and that no one from the national board would be involved. The group also received a document previously developed by a similar ad hoc group and a reflection from our former membership officer, who has worked extensively on these issues. They also had the opportunity to analyse the material from the Netherlands (The "Target Audience Analysis").

The group has presented its recommendations and will lead a workshop at the next national meeting. I want to summarise their conclusions here so that they may serve as inspiration. However, as the author of this article, I must emphasise that I do not personally agree with or support all of the recommendations below.

Group Reflections and Recommendations:

The group, consisting of six members, met online during the fall of 2024. Here is a summary of their insights:

Reasons for joining

Many members joined the association after being personally invited by someone in their network. This could be an opportunity to recruit professionals from other fields and expand our membership base—for example, museum educators, art educators, career counsellors, and school social workers.

Purpose and membership benefits

The group reflected on questions like, Why do we exist? And What can we offer new members? A key takeaway is that members primarily seek to be part of a female professional network. This could be a focal point for further development. It is also essential to communicate the benefits of membership.

International connection

The international aspect of the organisation is a unique strength. Still, it is not well integrated among newer members, who may hesitate to apply for scholarships, attend international meetings, or travel abroad. We need to better promote this by encouraging members participating in conventions or international programs to share their experiences.

Recruitment video

The group discussed creating a promotional video (I suppose in Swedish), possibly with a creative or humorous touch, to attract new members.

Membership Directory

The previous membership directory in Sweden was seen as a valuable resource for connecting members. The question remains: how can we reinstate this without violating GDPR regulations?

I sincerely thank the group for their dedication and valuable insights. Their work has provided important reflections and concrete suggestions for the future of DKG Sweden. Our efforts to strengthen and develop our organisation will continue, and we hope our experiences can inspire others across Europe.

Charlotte Lindgren

President of DKG Sweden 2023-2025



The Netherlands



Dear DKG members of Europe

A new year, 2025 and new chances!



We have started the new year with a weekend meeting for two years. Friday is an informal meeting at a nice place and hotel. Saturday we started with a special lecture by Agnes Schilder about happiness and positive health.

Agnes Schilder is a teacher of happiness and more things. And super enthusiastic. She taught us that happiness is something you sometimes have to make an effort for and sometimes not. She also explained positive health care and how the medical world should handle it. She gave us many tools.

Positive health is more than physical and mental; it also means quality of life, participation, and daily functioning. By asking questions, you can get a spin on which aspects require more or less attention. It is highly recommended to look at health in this way!

We recovered from all the information with a delicious lunch and a meeting of ten introducees.

After lunch, we toasted the new year and continued with this topic. We were given the assignment to go outside in pairs and take with us what makes you happy. A nice assignment that makes you aware of how simple happiness and

beauty can be. To conclude, everyone was given a four-leaf clover and some tips that promote happiness or positive health.

A nice start to the DKG year, and we wish everyone a wonderful and hopeful 2025!

A nice initiative is recording a podcast about female leadership in education and what DKG does with it.

Marie Antoinette Hubers and Marike Venema discussed this with Tjip de Jong, who makes weekly educational podcasts. Jeannine de Jong was an audience member.



It was a very pleasant and educational experience.

Also, it is a tip for other countries to increase their awareness of DKG.

On May 17th, we have our conference on DEIA Diversity, Equality, Inclusion and Accessibility. Lucinda Hart will speak about this, and together with two other speakers, we will continue talking about these topics, especially practically. Great prospects!

We invite you to come to the Netherlands and hear all about this.

Warmly

From The Netherlands

Jeannine de Jong

President of DKG Netherland

Germany



News from Germany



After months only with Zoom meetings, we met twice in the present. Coming together at Thi Finkemeyer's home late in autumn is a good tradition. Before business starts, an Asian dinner is prepared. As usual, it was delicious. Thi is an excellent cook. Our business agenda was finding a traditional German Christmas song for Lucia Day. We looked for a song that is not too globalised but well known. At last, we rehearsed the song and recorded a video. It was a lot of fun.

First information about the European Conference at the University of Sussex was given, and we started planning our state meeting. The agenda for this meeting was the main point at our January meeting in Delmenhorst, invited by Claudia Quensel. We decided on the key speaker and her theme. Another important topic was changes in our constitution. Educational topics and interesting books were discussed. Our next meeting will be our state meeting in Erfurt, Thuringia, April 25-27. Invitations are already mailed to all European SOPs.

Guests are warmly welcome.

Gitta Franke-Zöllmer

-state president-



Norway



As we prepare for our state meeting this spring, we reflect on the lecture from two years ago. At Norway's biennium in 2023, the theme chosen was "Inclusion", and the speaker had three perspectives she spoke from: that of a school principal, as a teacher and not least as a parent. Her perspective in the article below is as a parent.

Anne Torbjørg presently works as a school and career advisor for her local authority of Drammen in south-east Norway. She also has lectured at the University of South-East Norway and taught and mentored at the high school level. She is the daughter of a member of the Zeta Chapter in Hadeland, Norway.

Inclusion – to belong

We see that the test is positive. Your daughter has Downs syndrome. These brutal words from the friendly chief physician in the neonatal unit on that cold February day in 2014 have forever burned into my memory. The world as we knew it shattered there in the sterile doctor's office, and within a few minutes, my husband and I experienced a vacuum of a state we had never known before or since. Our daughter, who was delivered by cesarean section a month earlier, weighed 675 grams when she was gently lifted out of my womb.



A thousand questions arose for us parents when the life compass pointed in a completely different direction than we had first navigated. How would this life be? How would she fare? How would we fare? How would her big brother's life

be? And we didn't just let the questions be about the postpartum period and early childhood years. Our thoughts took us far ahead to teenage years, adulthood, and what recurred was: Will she be one of the group? Will she be accepted? Will she be laughed at? Mocked? Bullied? Will she ever be included?

As a teacher and school leader, I have professional and well-articulated thoughts and reflections on the fact that every child should have a place in school and society. The humanistic view of humanity that Norwegian schools are based on permeates both legislation, curricula and every school's local regulations. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child stands strong in Norwegian schools, and it is evident in its message that every child is born free and equally valuable, every child has the right to go to school, and all children have the same rights.

Why is my belief in society's values, respect for human dignity, and place in the group challenged when I myself hold the role of mother to a child who challenges the norm? Because I know that human dignity is constantly being challenged. In a society where everything has to go fast, efficiently, and seamlessly, our daughter represents the exact opposite. It's like driving on the highway; when other families put their 11-year-olds in the car and accelerate from 0 to 100 in the left lane, we get into our car and settle well into the right lane. We know we will never reach more than a walking pace in the slow lane. Then it's about accepting that we are in that lane, about seeing the glimpses of light on the road, because at that speed, we notice many of them. In that lane, we appreciate those who stop us and ask how things are going, those who offer to take the wheel for a while, and those who want to ride in the car with us.

How are things going, as we have spent 11 years in the right lane? Looking back, few worries have materialized, while other concerns have emerged. She's not being bullied or made fun of. She meets the world with an open mind and a smile and encounters so much love and warmth. We find that the local school wants to accommodate her, but they are not quite succeeding. And that there are special education units where she is included through an education tailored to her on her terms. That is inclusion on our daughter's terms. And that is what inclusion is about. To belong to society, in a group, with the others, on one's own terms.

Anne Torbjørg Raastad-Hoel

Estonia



Empowering Educators: DKG's Commitment to Excellence and Innovation

The Education Excellence Committee (EEC) plays a vital role in promoting professional growth and impactful educational initiatives within DKG. As an organization committed to fostering excellence in education, we continuously support our members through diverse programs and projects. The committee's initiatives aim to empower our members, enhance leadership skills, and promote global awareness, ensuring that teachers receive the support they need at all stages of their careers.



The key goals of the Educational Excellence Committee include: (1) supporting Early Career Educators (SEE) by providing strategies and resources that aid in professional development at local, state, and international levels; (2) building leadership skills through workshops, advocacy programs, and networking opportunities; (3) communicating important DKG initiatives effectively through various platforms to ensure widespread participation and engagement.

The EEC focuses on developing and promoting programs that contribute to excellence in education. The committee identifies short-term and long-term projects aligned with DKG's mission, ensuring members engage in meaningful professional development opportunities.

One of EEC's flagship projects is the **Project Spotlight**, which showcases successful chapter programs to inspire other members. By sharing innovative ideas and best practices, EEC encourages a culture of continuous learning and improvement among educators worldwide.



EEC 2024-2026. From the left: Katrin Saks (Europe), Daphne Cagle, Chair (California), Kimberly Beckerdite (Virginia), Sy Franco Stern (Liaison), Linda Adcock (Illinois), Eileen Venezia (New York), Beverly Hall-Maughan (Intern. President), on the screen: Brenda Jensen (Oregon), Wendy Pray (Texas)

The GIRLS Initiative: Advancing Education for Girls in Africa

Partnered with UNICEF USA since 1997 - DKG is currently supporting educational access for girls in Africa through UNICEF's "Girls Initiative to Revitalize Learning and Success" (GIRLS) Fund. This program replaces the previous Schools for Africa project, which enhanced education for girls in 21 countries over 12 years.

The GIRLS Fund focuses on addressing key barriers to education for girls in Africa by understanding the obstacles that prevent girls from accessing quality education, challenging harmful social norms that hinder their academic progress,

leveraging technology to accelerate educational outcomes, advocating for global policy changes to support gender equality in Education, and establishing a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) to provide expertise on women's empowerment. DKG chapters and individual members can contribute to the GIRLS Fund by making donations that directly impact the lives of young girls, helping them overcome educational challenges and access better opportunities for the future.

Enhancing Support for Early Career Educators (SEE)

Early career educators often face unique challenges as they navigate the complexities of teaching. DKG's SEE program focuses on providing structured mentorship, networking events, and professional development opportunities to support these educators.

Structured mentorship programs can pair experienced educators with newcomers, offering guidance, emotional support, and practical classroom strategies. Networking events create spaces where early career teachers can share experiences, discuss challenges, and build meaningful connections within the profession. DKG encourages chapters to organize panel discussions on classroom management and instructional techniques, guest speaker events featuring educational experts, and informal gatherings where new teachers can connect with seasoned professionals.

DKG believes in the power of community service and philanthropy to strengthen educational systems. Members are encouraged to participate in initiatives such as classroom supply drives, tutoring and reading programs, and partnerships with after-school programs. These initiatives not only support students and teachers but also foster a sense of collaboration and civic engagement within the DKG community.

Leadership development remains a core pillar of DKGs mission. The Education Excellence Committee actively promotes programs that enhance leadership skills, preparing educators to take on key roles in advocacy, administration, and policy-making.

The DKG chapters are encouraged to embrace innovation and expand their impact by launching educational projects tailored to community needs, strengthening mentorship programs for early career educators, and developing new strategies to support educators on a global scale. There are plenty of valuable opportunities to implement fresh ideas, enhance professional development, and foster meaningful connections that contribute to educators' and students' growth and success.

DKG members play a vital role in advancing the organisation's mission by actively engaging in key initiatives. They can contribute by submitting successful projects to the EEC Project and Program Submission Form, enabling other chapters to replicate impactful programs, and by donating to the GIRLS Fund, which supports girls' education in Africa. Through mentorship, professional development, philanthropy, and advocacy, DKG remains dedicated to enhancing the quality of education worldwide. By strengthening the Education Excellence Committee's programs and projects, members have the power to drive meaningful change in the teaching profession and empower future generations of educators.

Katrin Saks

Member of EEC 2024-2026

Estonia, Beta



Finland



Winter greetings from Finland. Here are some glimpses of the activities we have had or will have in different chapters during the first part of 2025. We have had a very strange winter since we have not had much snow. However, in March, we suddenly had a lot of snow in some parts of Finland, like in Joensuu in Eastern Finland, where the **Epsilon** chapter is.

The annual meeting was at the city library in February, and there was a presentation on singing and wellbeing in that connection. Epsilon members were so inspired by the Artificial Intelligence lecture by Jacqueline Van Meeteren that they decided to ask an expert to talk about it in Finnish. So, in March, there will be a talk and evening on AI by a local expert teacher. So we are very much looking forward to that.



Other plans include a literary evening, "A literary meal". We shall meet, and each one will bring a book and tell about a meal or a food description in the book or inspired by the book. We shall have a gardening afternoon in early June to

exchange seedlings like tomatoes, paprikas, courgettes, or flowers. We have had this activity several times earlier, and of course, there will be coffee and cakes.

On November 15, we celebrated Alpha Chapter's 50th anniversary. We had a long table with **Alpha** members and guests from Gamma and Epsilon Chapters and enjoyed a delicious dinner. The guest speaker was Prof. Liisa Keltikangas-Järvinen (in the middle picture), who talked about present-day psychological problems and challenges with the title Our Lonely 'Individuals'. She has studied these topics for decades and continued her research after retiring. Prof. Keltikangas-Järvinen was a very inspiring speaker.

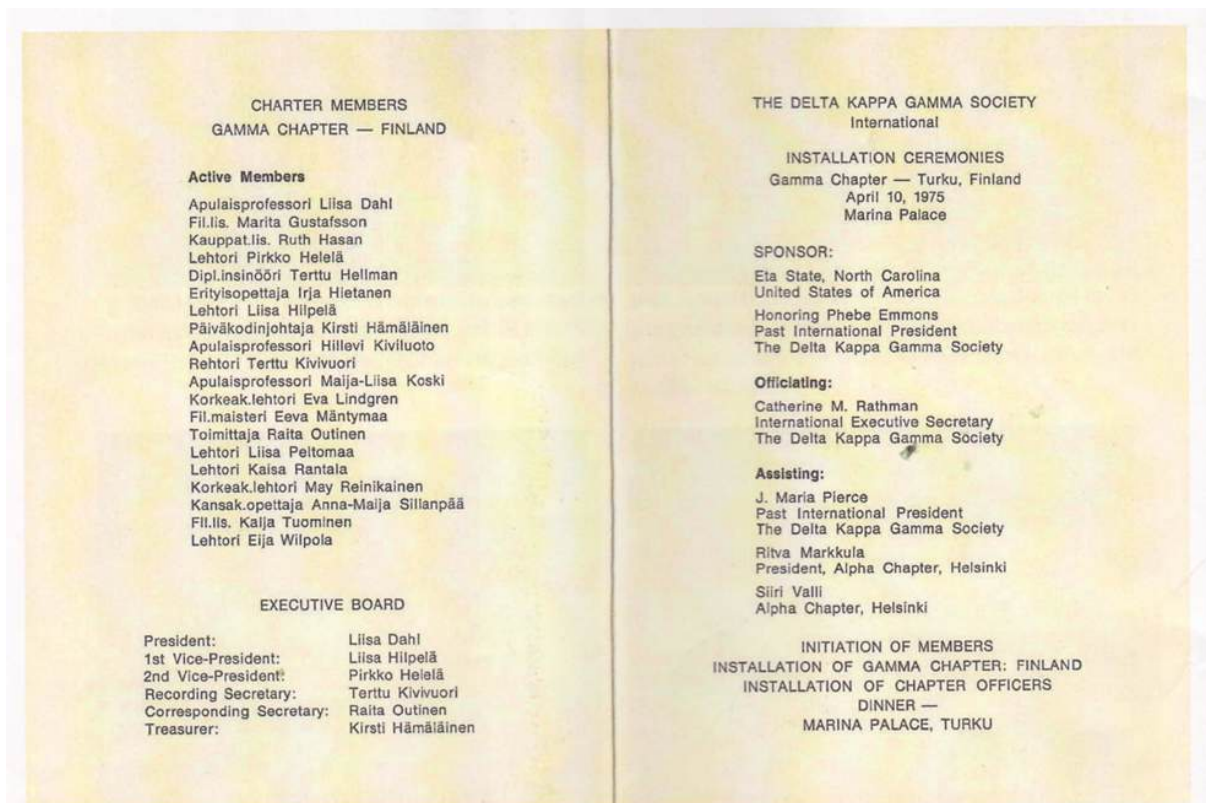


Alpha Chapter President Jenni Korte (in the picture on the right) admirably hosted the dinner. Long-time members told about the history and life of Alpha. Ms Tuula Penttilä vividly talked about the past year's events and the members' interesting meetings, visits, get-togethers and cooperation with other societies, such as the Women's Bank. We all enjoyed the evening, chatted a lot, and have fond memories of meeting our friends.

This year, Alpha Chapter's main focus has been coping with the challenges the educational work confronts in this changing world. We have met students at their work at schools. In our monthly meetings, one of our members told us about her school work experience in Vietnam. We also had a forest expert tell us about climate change and its challenges to biodiversity loss. This year, we gave our scholarship to benefit the students of Etu-Töölön Lukio, TYLY, Etu-Töölö Upper Secondary School. One of our members collected the scholarship money by selling theatre tickets.

Alpha will have its annual meeting at the end of March, and a Japanese guest speaker will talk about student exchange between the two countries, Finland and Japan. In April, Turku is calling to the Finland state annual meeting and Gamma celebrations, and a spring picnic is arranged later when it gets a bit warmer. The theatre season is still going on in April. The ticket sales have been an excellent way to collect funds for scholarships. And finally, we are all looking forward to the European Forum Conference in Brighton in July!

DKG Finland's annual meeting will be in Turku on April 12. Ms Carol Herzog, 2nd Vice-President, will be our guest speaker online as the society representative. In the afternoon, we shall celebrate **Gamma** Chapter 50 years. 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of Gamma Chapter, Finland. Our chapter and the newly elected executive board were installed on the 10th of April 1975 in Turku, with 20 charter members present in the official ceremonies, as shown by the official document below.



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was represented by Mrs. Maria Pierce, Mrs. Phebe Emmons, and the then International Executive Secretary

Catherine Rathman. Eta State, North Carolina, sponsored the new Gamma Chapter – Finland. Their gift to us comprised the red DKG scarf, three tall candlesticks, small candle holders for initiates, and a gold-plated bowl. Over the past fifty years, Gamma Chapter Finland has had 20-40 active members. The present number of members is 25. One of the Charter Members of 1975, Liisa Peltomaa, is still listed on our roster. She received the European Achievement Award at the Tallinn Conference in 2017.



Liisa Peltomaa in the picture
(Photo Leena Salmela)

Zeta Chapter in Tampere has started its activities, and one of them was a special meeting at Pia Nyman's house and an evening with Dr Tia Neal and April Airhart Dunnehoo, Louisiana "girls", who were visiting Tampere to get acquainted with the Finnish educational system. Tia and April also talked about their culture and Mardi Gras – that special time is just on - and, of course, about education. The European Regional Director Marie-Antoinette Hubers de Wolf and Finland President Eija Liisa Sokka-Meaney participated online, as well as the International President Beverly Hall-Maugham and the Louisiana State President, Mitzi Quinn, who sent her greetings online to the meeting. Zeta members thought it was great to have Tia and April as their guests, and they are sure to keep in contact. Great international activities!



Two pictures of the Zeta evening at Pia's place in Tampere.
(Photos by Sirpa Ruhanen, Pia Nyman).

In April and May, Zeta will have its annual meeting and an interesting Kangoo Jump Exercise Session. We could see this activity at the Tampere International Conference in the Park event, which was fun to watch. This event is to close off the spring term. It will be very nice to see members from all chapters in Turku at our annual meeting in the same hotel, Radisson Blu Marina Palace, where the Gamma Chapter was founded, on April 12, 2025.

Spring is coming, and days are getting longer, which gives the promise of the coming summer. We look forward to seeing many of you in Brighton at the EF conference in July.

Eija Liisa Sokka-Meaney

DKG Finland President

Iceland



50 Years Anniversary in Iceland



In 1975, the first chapter in Iceland, Alfa, was established, and this year, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Delta Kappa Gamma in the country. Over the years, the number of chapters grew rapidly, and by 2017, thirteen chapters were spread throughout the country. The chapters consist of

women in education in various fields—teachers and administrators at all school levels, other professionals in the education system, psychologists, priests, and advisors in educational matters. The honorary member of the organisation is Mrs. Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, former President of Iceland. Through education, support, friendship, and helpfulness within the chapters, at the national level, in committees, and at conferences both domestically and internationally, members have grown stronger and developed their professional interests, leading to various improvements in the Icelandic education system. Over fifty years, the number of women in multiple roles in the Icelandic education sector has grown significantly and contributed to shaping and managing school policies. They have held positions in Delta Kappa Gamma boards and committees, learning and growing while gaining greater self-confidence. Iceland now has one of the largest national organisations in Europe. It has, therefore, in recent years, played a key role in the international decision-making of the association with its votes. In celebration of the 50th anniversary, a conference will be held on May 10, focusing on the development and well-being of the DKG woman and her influence in society. Our international president, Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan will honour us with her presence. Additionally, a booklet will be published both in print and online detailing the history of Delta Kappa Gamma in Iceland and how we have hopefully managed to sow seeds that have become all kinds of flowers that have developed education in the country and strengthened the professional interest and status of women in educational work.

Árný Elíasdóttir

State President Iceland