



Second online European Forum Meeting

Wednesday, October 23th 2024

Agenda

- 1. Welcome – Carola van Zanen-van Rijn, chair EU Forum Committee 2024-2026**
- 2. Minutes of our September 5th EFC meeting 2024.**
With many thanks to Minute taker Muriel Marsh.
- 3. Conference at the University of Sussex, Brighton.**
- 4. Account EFC and finances, Henna**
- 5. Strategic Plan of the EFC 2024-2026**
- 6. Incoming mail and messages:**
 - DKG Committee Agreement**
 - News from the European Director**
- 7. St Lucia Day, December 12th 2024, Theme, organization and schedule for the meeting.**
- 8. Artist in the Spotlight: Schedule 2024-2025**
- 9. Our face to face meeting in Germany, March 21st 2025**
- 10. Educational Topics**
- 11. Proceed with outcomes of the survey last year.**
 - 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 23rd October 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, , Kadri Mettis, Beverly Hall-Maughan (International President, guest). Anette was not present.

1. Welcome

Carola welcomed everyone to the meeting. Diana took part in the meeting from 19.40, therefore item 3 on the agenda was moved until she was present.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting in September:

The minutes were approved with the comment that Henna's surname was misspelt! The correct spelling is as above.

4. Accounts and finances of the EFC: Marie Antoinette (MA), informed of the last financial report that is available on Base Camp. Henna confirmed that a new account has been established in Finland and that she will therefore ask for monies from HQ to be transferred directly to the EFC account there. Carola will communicate with Henna advising on the transfer process.

MA informed that the account has 627€ in its emergency fund. European members can apply for monies for projects, for example for refugees etc.

5. Strategic plan for the biennium 2024-2026

Carola has published the EF strategic plan 2024-2026 on Basecamp, together with the DKG strategic plan. The plan was approved, and MA reminded us that the long term (10 year) plan for the society is up for renewal shortly. It was agreed that we should include a column for "Goal achievement" in our plan. Wellbeing is the main theme this biennium.

6. Incoming post and messages:

a) DKG committee agreement: The agreement has been sent to all members of the EFC. It is a result of an amendment during Convention regarding the Ethics policy. All members must sign the document electronically and send to Carola by 31st October. The document can be found both on Base Camp and as an email attachment. Beverly answered some questions concerning the background for the need of such a document.

b) Information from the RD, Marie Antoinette (MA)

There are 18 new applications for international speakers. About 30 speakers in total.

The Zoom meeting planned with Poland was not successful. MA will continue taking contact after the new year.

The European Achievement award needs names to be forwarded by member countries! All names to be sent to Carola by the end of 2024. Contributions for the award have been paid up and till 2029. The EFC is the “jury” for the award for 2025, to be decided at the in-person meeting in March.

c) *Visionary network (new)*

The visionary network encourages the EF to consider facilitating (hosting, coordinating etc) a visionary network group that would benefit not only the European members but something that could be professionally or personally beneficial to all members. More information will be available later.

d) *The Leadership Discovery Center (new)*

It is an opportunity of collaborating on virtual events that could benefit all members of the society.

7. Lucia Day, 12th December

The proposed theme for 2024 is Christmas songs/carols/ music. Member states are asked to record one song from their repertoire of Christmas songs that are special for their country. The songs can be sent to Marie Antoinette by the 1st of December. A small introduction can be included or given on the evening. Further details at the next meeting in November. MA will write the invitation and distribute £to EFC members. NB! Remember copyright when choosing a song/carol!

8. “Artist in the spotlight” is the new name for the arts and crafts feature on the European website. Estonia will be the first country to be represented. Artworks will be shown on the European website for 2/3 months. The new list for 2025-2026 will be discussed at the next meeting.

Members were also curious about the artist in focus on the international website. Carola will keep in touch with the Chair of the Arts and humanities Committee.

9. Meeting in person, March 2025 in Oldenburg

Thi informed the EFC of the meeting planned for the 22nd of March 2025 in Oldenburg. She asked members to plan travel and will send details of travel to Oldenburg after this meeting. Use What’s App if possible, for information, as well as email. Members will be housed either with Thi or at a nearby guesthouse. Marika will also help with accommodation. Members may arrive on the 20th or 21st March. Book early for cheaper fares and remember the 300€ limit.

3. Conference in Brighton, 2025

Diana informed that the University of Sussex have been helpful and accommodating with the planning so far.

Diana has noted that members wish for a flag ceremony and has found a reasonable solution with smaller flags, cost at £3,50 a piece. Her choice was approved by the committee.

The GB members have worked with the entertainment needs and have both dancers, musicians and maybe Morris dancers booked. A jazz trio has been invited for the grand dinner.

A piece of Brighton rock will be the gift to those attending. (Traditional at the seaside in England!)

Speakers have been contacted and Diana will be applying for monies from the Holden Fund and possibly the Cornet award. The application dates have been moved forward to November 8th.

There is a need for further sponsorship and Diana asked for some advice and help from the Finnish members at Tampere. Pia will assist.

Kathy Hodgson is the treasurer for the Conference and has worked hard with the budget. She is working on keeping costs to a minimum and has budgeted for a minimum of 140 participants. The total cost for food, entertainment and speakers will be ca £250. (An earlier amount of £200 was adjusted later). Accommodation charges will be separate, but moderate and will include breakfast. All accommodation is in single rooms with bathrooms.

Diana asked for help with making the program book. Henna will check with the Finnish state for help.

EFC members will be asked to be hosts. GB are working on finding suitable “rosettes” to identify members.

Diana will also check necessary insurance issues.

Marie Antoinette will publish the Conference details on the DKG website, both Internationally and European, when everything is clarified.

10. & 11.: These two items on the agenda will be addressed at the next meeting. They concern educational topics and the survey of 2023.

12. Other business/ next meeting:

NB! The DKG website is under alteration. It is hoped to be up and running by November 1st. All applications for funds etc with 1st November deadline have been moved to November 8th.

The next meeting will be held on the **21st of November at 19.00 CET/ 18.00 GMT.**

The meeting was adjourned at 20.40 CET

Muriel Marsh (Norway)

29.10.2024