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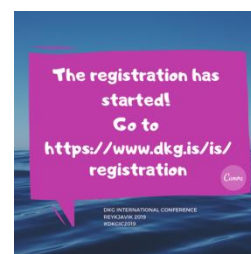
Letter from the Europe Regional Director

Dear DKG colleagues

I hope every member in Europe is aware of the **International Conference** in Reykjavík July 25-27, 2019. More information is gradually appearing on the conference page, <https://dkgerc2019.weebly.com/>, but we are also on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

We are now open for registration and hotel reservation. Remember that the conference is open to everyone!

Here in Iceland there are a lot of sub-committees preparing this event and towards welcoming two hundred DKG members from all over and some guests. We hope you are among them. And not to forget the leadership training from the HQ just before the conference starts.



The program is taking shape and we have a lot of very inspiring lectures about research and practice, new approaches and implementations in the learning environment. We received a lot of proposals for Workshops and Takeaways and we are very excited with all the good ideas flowing our way. The presenters will be contacted soon and we will have information on the web in the beginning of March.

Iceland night will take place on the first evening, right after the opening session and the first general session on the 25th. We will take a bus out of town and in a beautiful setting have a nice time with food, music, and a time to get together with our friends. This will be an opportunity to connect, mingle and enjoy.

The Grand Dinner and the **Birthday lunch** will both be at the hotel. We will celebrate the 20th international conference in Europe and our region, and hopefully as well a lot of new members throughout Europe this year. We need to make our region stronger, since we along with the Latin American countries, Canada and Japan, make DKG international.

Tours. We are offering some short tours for our conference guests, both walking tours in town and two tours visiting two interesting places, one in Reykjanes peninsula and the other to Thingvellir and surroundings. But of course there are many possible exciting tours offered by various tour companies, The Golden Circle, the Blue Lagoon, Whale watching, Lava caves or Glacier tours, etc. Then we have a National museum, many art galleries, Settlement exhibition, Natural history and geology museum, Volcano House, Maritime Museum, Saga Museum, Whales of Iceland, etc i.e. endless possibilities in Reykjavík itself. It is worth while staying a few days before or after the conference and there will be a lot to do for your partners or friends who come along.

Share your stories I did mention this in my last letter and I ask you again and will continue to do so. Share your stories with us on our website or facebook. We need to know what you are doing in your countries.

One story from Iceland. It is a standard practice that chapters invite or visit another chapter once in a while. My chapter, Gamma, has sometimes asked members to invite a friend to a meeting, like we often do at our spring meetings. Last year we all invited some friends from other chapters and that was so successful that we are now doing it more often. This brings a different flavour to our society. Our discussions are broader and we get to know each other better. We also encourage our members to visit other chapters when in the area. We never do enough of that. The chapter is very important but our connection within the society is that as well.

I am looking forward to visiting Estonia, Norway and Sweden this spring and I know many of you are coming to Iceland in July. Welcome!

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Membership is based on involvement, let us connect!