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If you have not sent your application forms yet: Registration is open and online at www.dkg.org.

Click “Europe Regional Conference”, then open the registration form. Members in Europe are requested to use SEPA for payment. Before clicking the “submit” button, copy the bank information and have the amount transferred to the conference account by your own bank.

When filling out the form, please note that the special seminar on Wednesday afternoon “It doesn’t Take Barbells to Strengthen a Chapter”, is only for members who received an invitation. Each state president has been asked to name two members who will attend the seminar.

The March/April issue of the DKG News provides the same information that is on line. I hope you have received your copy by snail mail and enjoyed reading it.

Our website expert Eygló Björnsdottir has put the forms for the hotel and the tours on the **Europe** website, too. Visit the **Dutch** website for even more information. Both websites have been updated as organizing the conference is in process.

Register for the conference now, a good programme to enhance your professional and personal growth awaits you. Topics of the general meetings are citizenship, women’s rights, language acquisition, technology in the classroom, and Schools for Africa projects. A variety of workshops is offered and at the infofair you will learn more about the society and have fun. Book into our conference hotel, The Holiday Inn Express Sloterdijk, and win one of the “meeting the block prizes”.

If you want to be part of the market place, you still have the chance to apply.

With the Dutch state meetings in Denmark and in The Netherlands the state meetings in Europe concluded last weekend.

I had the honour and pleasure to attend the spring meetings in Estonia, Great Britain, Norway, Germany and The Netherlands. Each of the meetings were unique in the way they were organized and carried out. There were excellent speakers at all of them. To experience the genuine fellowship among the members and the feeling of having been warmly welcomed and accepted in the different countries has meant very much to me. I thank you all for your generosity and your friendship.

From the programmes and reports of the state meetings of the other four member countries in Europe I know that the members and the society representatives were able to experience and enjoy the same.

Certainly the guests at your state meetings realized what our society has to offer and their interest will eventually lead to their membership. Please go on inviting women working within the educational field to your excellent meetings, at the chapter and at the state level. Our member countries have such amazing programmes, all of you should be very proud of. So please do not hesitate and reach out, and please do not forget to share by networking, using the tools which are at hand, e.g. our websites.

This biennium's motto is **"Sharing our Vision - Strengthening our Society"**. Each of you through your leadership has helped to strengthen our Society. As our biennium completes the first year, support your incoming president and officers and continue to serve our Society at the chapter, state, and international level.

Each Regional Conference seeks donations to support **The DKG International Emergency Fund**. This fund helps ease the loss and hurt of our members in times of a natural disaster.

In Europe we have not faced such disastrous catastrophes like Katrina, Sandy or the terrible tornado in Oklahoma, but nevertheless we are obliged to support this fund by our donations. As regional director may I ask our membership to collect donations at the state level and bring to the regional conference in Amsterdam. A natural disaster could easily happen to us, too, and then we will be grateful for any support.

I send my best wishes to you all. Have a good start in the summer.

I look forward to seeing you in Amsterdam!

Liebe Gruesse and: Tot ziens,

Marika

From the European Forum Chair

**Education for everyone is the theme
of the European Forum Pre Conference
in Amsterdam on the 6th of August 2013**



The European Conference in Amsterdam starts on the Wednesday the 7th of August, but if you arrive one day early you can join in our Pre Conference day from 9:00 in the morning to 16:00 in the afternoon. You will not regret that.

You can register for the European Forum Pre Conference, Tuesday August, 6th, by sending an e-mail to ij@host.is. Topic: registration for EF pre conference.

The costs of the day is 20 euro, please pay at the entrance with cash. That covers the room, lunch, coffee, tea and hand outs. You will find the location on the schedule at the entrance hall.

Europe is a multilingual continent, where the diversity of languages, cultures and traditions is highly valued, diversity in education systems, culture, assessment methods and values.

In our Forum Pre Conference we will discuss some aspects the countries in Europe are dealing with when making sure education is for everyone. What do the countries have in common? What are they doing differently? How do we, Europeans accommodate the diversity of life in Schools or school systems, multicultural education and teaching?

There will be inputs from number of countries and good discussions amongs the participants. Join us and hear what Europe has to say to this topic and tell us your view. We are looking forward to seeing you in Amsterdam.

Proposals for the Forum meeting on Saturday the 10th of August 2013.

We have our annual Forum meeting on the Saturday 10th of August. That is divided into a business meeting and discussions about Our Future in Europe and Communication. How can Forum support our growth and how can we communicate, inspire and help each other?

If you want to submit any proposals, either to the change of the European Forum Guidelines or if there are some other matters you want us to discuss at this Forum meeting in Amsterdam, please send them to your Forum representative or to Ingibjörg Jónasdóttir, European Forum Chair, ij@host, before 30th of June. The Guidelines are on the website: <http://dkgeurope.org/static/files/forum-operational-rules-2013.pdf>

Ingibjörg Jónasdóttir
European Forum Chair 2012-2014

20th of May 2013

ICELAND

The Delta Kappa Gamma Star Model



Last year the State Administrative Board of Iceland State decided to offer leadership workshops to the 12 chapters in Iceland State. The intention was to help strengthen the inner activity of the chapters and give the members opportunity to systematically discuss society matters as well as examining tools for individual leadership skills. Sigrún Jóhannesdóttir took on the task to design a draft proposal of a leadership model that could serve the purpose. The model consists of five different modules/workshops which we call the Delta Kappa Gamma Star Model.

Each workshop takes 1-2 hours and covers more or less one point of the five point star.

The content of the five workshops is

1. Who are we – strengths and weaknesses – tools
2. Ethics - members
3. Vision – our mission and purposes – programs
4. Reality – finance, rules

5. Courage –change management

The chapters can ask for one or more workshop at a time or arrange more in co-operation with other chapters. The whole program is intended to be very flexible and adapted to chapters' needs.

The first workshop has already taken place in Lambda chapter and several other workshops are scheduled next autumn.

GREAT BRITAIN

I hope that by the time EuForia is distributed that the dreary rainy, cold weather will be finished and we are all basking in Spring sunshine. The day of our Great Britain State Conference, 23rd March, was typical of the unseasonal weather we have all been experiencing- cold and snowy. Did someone call it Global warming? Or maybe it is Global cooling?

Our conference, despite the weather, was a wonderful success with excellent speakers. Dr Adriana Fishta-Bejko, our International speaker from Canada, was our first speaker and set the high standard of the day in her lively and entertaining way. Our other two speakers, both from London, were inspiring and so knowledgeable. In the afternoon they were joined by our very own European Regional Director, Marika, to form a lively panel to answer questions from the floor. This was chaired by Kate. As well as GB members and several guests –who may become members very soon,- we were so delighted to welcome several of our friends from Netherlands and Germany. Brigitte, Giselle, Trijny, Yvonne and of course Marika made great additions to our company. We all finished off the day by enjoying a celebratory meal together at a local pub –good food, wine and friendship. What more can anyone ask? Now GB members are in the process of booking for the Regional Conference in Amsterdam in August. We are all looking forward to meeting up and renewing friendships with our fellow DKG members, -and enjoying hearing Dr Adriana Fishta-Bejko once more! .

I am delighted to announce that the GB State President for 2013-15 is Diana Bell whom many of you know as being GB President in 2007 and also a past Chair of the European Forum. The State Vice-President will be Kathy Hodgson. I know they will both provide great leadership for Britain and that they look forward to working with their counterparts in our European Region.

Best wishes

Sheila Roberts (Outgoing GB State President)

ESTONIA

The project “Compilation of Didactic and Methodical Materials for Russian schools teaching art history in the Estonian Language” is completed.

Estonian State Organisation of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International hosted participants of the trans-national meeting in the frame of the Grundtvig II “Learning Partnership” Project titled ‘Migrant Women: Integration through Creativity’ on April 5-6, 2013 in Tallinn, Estonia.

There were 17 participants from Europe and 11 DKG Estonia participants of the project team **“Compilation of Didactic and Methodical Materials for Russian Teachers in Estonia Schools”**.



The meeting started with Estonian songs performed by senior and younger students of Secondary School No.21.

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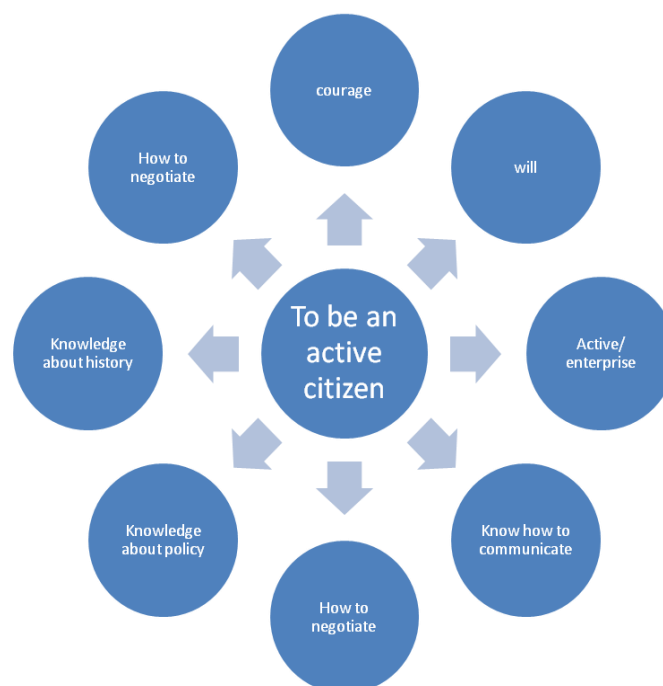
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Margarita Hanschmidt, DKG Estonia State President said the opening address on behalf of DKG Estonia and gave a warm welcome to honoured guests. Every participant got ‘an Estonian passport’ which contained basic information about Estonian Republic, its history and culture.

The invited guests Ms Helina Maasing and Eva-Maria Asari, project managers from Estonian Academy of Security Sciences, Centre for Migration Studies, spoke about Migration trends and integration in Estonia which aroused great interest among guests and provoked lively discussion. Their PowerPoint presentation is available here:

http://www.sisekaitse.ee/public/ERV/Migraton_trends_and_integration_Uhilduvusreziim.pdf

Piret Tamme, DKG Estonia Alpha member, made a presentation on ‘Social and Civic skills’ and it aroused a lively discussion among participants, especially the part which dealt with what an active citizen is like.



Margarita Hanschmidt, DKG Estonia State president and the project leader, gave an overview of the project funded by DKG Educational Foundation. The whole project dealt with the process of integrating II generation Russian women through creativity and the compilation of the workbook for teaching "Art History in the Estonian Language in Russian schools".



The following stages of the 2-year project were introduced at the international seminar:

- A visit to A.H. Tammsaare museum where a great Estonian writer was introduced

to Russian teachers



- Group discussions in the Estonian language. Russian teachers helped to sew red roses for DKG Estonia organisation gifts



- Russian teachers' invitation to their students' art exhibition and pottery classes

- Spring party where the first draft of art history workbook was

introduced



- Russian teachers evaluated the workbook



- Workbooks were handed over to the Russian teachers of the target group

On June 7, 2013 DKG Estonia representatives will introduce the whole project and the workbook at Narva College of Tartu University. The future aim is to expand this program further and target representatives of other nationalities as well who are involved with integration and educational excellence. It will be beneficial not only for program applicants but also for program trainers and other people who will carry it out because it helps to identify and accommodate the needs of these who are not natives but who should equally have a chance to feel



welcomed and wanted.

Project team thanks DKG Educational Foundation for funding the project.

Evaluations of the project:

Huge work has been done to adapt the texts for Russian speaking learners. The texts have become easier to use in the process of studies. The additional materials (the translation of the most important terms and questions for revision) are of great value as they also support the teachers when preparing and organising the lessons.

We would like to thank the DKG Estonia team for help in this difficult process of implementing the new National Curriculum.

Yours faithfully

Oksana Lissovoi and Tamara Baciu Russian teachers

II According to national regulations in the field of Estonian general comprehensive education, all gymnasia with instruction in the Russian language must provide teaching in the Estonian language in the amount of 60% of the national curriculum. It means that a particular number of subjects must be taught in Estonian.

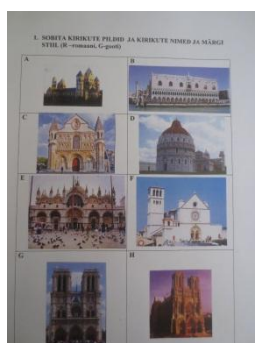
The schools are facing grave problems as there are very few or no study aids in Estonian at the B1-B2 level they could use as their skills in the state language are expected to be B1 by the end of grade 9 and B2 by graduation from gymnasium. It means there is a great demand for adequate study aids.

Estonia State Organisation of the DKG International Society has offered a meaningful support and organised work aimed at providing accessible support for schools with instruction in Russian study aids for learning history of arts. The author of the corresponding textbook for art education Mr Jaak Kangilaski has kindly agreed to use the work with his authorship for adaptation. The materials compiled enable students to learn about the most important classical styles and also acquire the terminology they need for understanding the subject and for participation in discussions. Hopefully, this material will help the teachers as well in their everyday school practice.

Faithfully,

Urve Läänemets, PhD

III DKG Estonia team has produced an adapted art history workbook for non-Estonian learners of upper secondary school. The demanding Art History textbook by has set a goal to adapt the high level understanding by the Russian following steps were taken in the workbook:



workbook corresponds to a professor Jaak Kangilaski. The team source-material for better learners. To reach that goal the development process of the

- the basic text of the chapters in the Art History book has been simplified and shortened
- a vocabulary of terminology was compiled and added to the workbook
- methodical apparatus containing follow-up questions, schemes, illustrations, recommendations for activities like group-work was developed



In the Teacher's Manual there are provided the expected answers to the follow-up questions, advice for arranging activities and other methodical aid materials.

In conclusion, the adapted art history work-book developed by the DKG Estonia team presents a valuable resource for the non-Estonian learners that creates a basis not only for better understanding about art history but elaborates also their language understanding and social skills.

Sulev Valdmaa Head of the UNESCO Chair at Jaan Tõnisson Institute

Margarita Hanschmidt DKG Estonia president 2011-2013 Project leader

Estonia's new Executive Board



(From the left)

Urve Läänemets (Vice President), Anu Ariste (President), Anu Joon(Executive Secretary), Margit Timakov (Treasurer)

Urve (Vice President) is a highly professional specialist in everything that concerns education. Throughout the years she has made good standards of education her priority. Her speeches are profound, her ideas are an inspiration to all.

Anu (President) Anu is a new "ball of energy" to the organisation. She has served as a member of the European Forum for 3 years. Her sense of duty and responsibility is outstanding. She is always positive, outgoing and she inspires the members with her cheerful attitude.

Anu (Executive Secretary) is the past president of DKG Estonia 2008-2011. Her long leadership experience is awesome and she can contribute to the enhancement of the organisation.

Margit (Treasurer) continues her work as the state treasurer next biennium. It is amazing that as a teacher of the English language she has also become a skilful financier. Thanks to Margit there has been founded a balanced budget and finance reports are submitted in time.

FINLAND

Just when we thought the long and snowy winter would never end, summer is finally here! Now we can enjoy the vibrant green of the fresh leaves on the birch trees and the intense

smells of the moist soil in the garden. It's time for us teachers to relax and recharge the batteries for the next semester and Delta Kappa Gamma work.

This spring we held our State Convention on April 20th in Turku with a seminar. Our chapters presented their special projects of mentoring early career educators, Women's Bank and gathering money for Schools for Africa project. Member of our Gamma- chapter, Professor, Dr. Marjaana Soininen from University of Turku, Department of Teacher Training, presented us with her ideas under : "*Some insights to the future of Finnish school education*". Our guest speaker from Estonia, DKG Estonia's Alpha-chapter member , MA Anu Sepp compared music teachers' pedagogical thinking in Estonia and Finland and finally, Society Representative Dr .Jensi Souders gave us insights on how to strengthen chapters. We had a great and very rewarding seminar!

On behalf of Finland, Taina Hokkanen, State President, See you all in Amsterdam!

iPads as a Tool to Excite a Desire to Learn

I received funding for a project, iPads as a Tool to Excite a Desire to Learn, from The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. This funding will enable me together with fellow grade 1-2 team teachers to buy iPads for International School of Vantaa and use them with 1st and 2nd grade students in English, Finnish and math lessons. In addition to learning languages and mathematics, students will learn to use modern technology equipment and programs for various purposes that have relevance in their everyday life.

The project involves co-operation with several parties amongst ISV: iPads will be used by the grade 1-2 team teachers, a special education teacher while providing HW club, the Parents' association Vakka while providing Afternoon Club. Other co-operation parties external to the school will be a peer-mentoring group for early-career educators and the teacher-training school in the University of Eastern Finland in which they are currently developing strategies to use iPads with grade K-2 students.

The Educational Foundation supports and encourages intercultural understanding and educational excellence. Dr. Elsie Gross, The Educational Foundation Board of Trustees Chair, announced that the Educational Foundation awarded more than 120 000 dollars to fund 35 educational projects in communities around the world.

Iida Hyvönen, Alpha, Finland State Organization

NORWAY

State Convention 20-21 April 2013 in Kristiansand.

A brief account

Epsilon members had done a phenomenal job in advance, to ensure that this should be the best state convention ever!

A total of 52 members were registered for the convention and 20 of these were staying at Hotel Norge in the heart of South Norway's capital.



On Friday 19 April we were invited to the city's pride and joy, their new performing arts centre, Kilden. We were so fortunate to be present for the premiere of the well-known musical 'Evita'. What a joy to experience this musical in such fantastic surroundings!

Naturally, Saturday's programme opened with music, candles and roses. Vice Rector Marit Aamot Nilsen of the University of Agder welcomed DKG Norway to the university and we then heard an inspiring and thought-provoking lecture from Dr. Ingrid Lund. Her theme was: The placid behaviour problem. 'She just sits there.' There were many who would have loved a chance to return to the everyday world of the classroom with the practical knowledge we received from Dr. Lund in her talk.

We were proud and happy that several guests were able to join our state convention: European Regional Director Marika Heimbach, Chair of the European Forum Ingibjörg Jonasdóttir, speaker Meeri Sild from Estonia and Janny Kistemann from the Netherlands.



A brief tour of the new university campus and a chance to enjoy the fantastic view over the city made sure we had an appetite for the delicious lunch served in the staff canteen with tables suitably decorated in spring colours by Epsilon.

Following lunch we worked our way through the first two business sessions led by Oddny Damsgaard and Barbara Carlsen. All documents had been circulated electronically in advance of the meeting, so the delegates were able to be well-prepared for the matters on the agenda. We were so efficient that the business meeting closed in good time for everyone to enjoy some late afternoon sunshine before dressing for the evening's convention dinner.



The dinner was held at Tangen Upper Secondary School with students both cooking and waiting at table. We enjoyed a fabulous three course dinner that really impressed everyone!

The programme included a rousing and thought-provoking prologue from Kirsten Sødal and communal singing with piano accompaniment from Ellen Breen. We also had the pleasure of piano and violin duets from two talented music students.

Lise Lotte Masvie Jacobsen was recognized for her efforts in establishing Epsilon Chapter. She responded with an impromptu speech, very impressive from a lady of 90+ years! Oddny Damsgaard was presented with a beautiful piece of jewellery in recognition of her two years as State President.



The celebration dinner was concluded with a tour of the unique school building. From the roof terrace we could see the moon shining over the city and the sea and, in consequence of a challenge

earlier in the evening, we were treated to a yodel from our guide, senior administrator Astrid Bekkenes. We owe a huge vote of thanks to Tangen Upper Secondary School, Epsilon chapter and our toastmaster Kjellbjørg Auestad for a wonderful, memorable evening.

For Sunday's programme we were located in Hotel Norge. This time the meeting opened with beautiful, calming piano music from Ellen Breen.

Following this, Meeri Sild transported us into the digital world and we learnt of the pitfalls and possibilities of the technology we meet and use every day.



The final business session, which included the election of officers for the next biennium, was led by Bjørg Nakling. The Nominations Committee had done an excellent job and unanimity was the theme for the elections.

Our new State President is Ingrid Christiansen, with her she has Eva Grue Ljosland as Executive Secretary and Anne Britt Bulie as Treasurer. All are members of Epsilon Chapter.

As I pass on the baton to the next woman, I would like to thank everyone for two fantastic years as State President of DKG Norway.

Thanks to my supportive colleagues Barbara Carlsen and Elna Oppdal Olsen this has been an enriching and fun journey! Chapter Presidents Turid Bergene Dahlman/Anne Frodahl, Asbjørg Lyngstad/Barbro Sommerset og Agnes Haugen Espeland have added spice to life and ever reliable Mette Heiberg has guaranteed quality! Encouraging words from Marjorie Lorvik and Anna Handeland were so important during the work on the statutes and constitution. Last but not least, my heartfelt thanks to all our members, you have given me so much positive energy!!

Many, many thanks! **Oddny Damsgaard.**



GERMANY

Our annual **State Meeting** took place on the **10th and 11th of May in Braunschweig** this year, very carefully and well organized(perfectly?) by our Delta Chapter from Northern Germany.

As usual, Friday was the sightseeing day so we had a guided tour through historic Braunschweig. During World War II, about 90% of the centre of Braunschweig was destroyed. After the war, architects decided to collect all the remaining historical buildings which had “survived” and placed them on different so-called “tradition islands”. Thus on the Burgplatz, Romanesque, medieval and neo - classical buildings form quite an unusual ensemble.



Burgplatz: Dome and Statue of Henry the Lion, said to be the first free-standing large sculpture north of the Alps

For lunch break we visited Magni Quarter which still shows the typical frame work houses dating back to the 16th century.



In the afternoon we had a guided tour around Riddagshausen, a Cistercian monastery and its surrounding park.

On Saturday we held our usual general assembly. One of the main topics was the election of the new executive board. To prepare it, we had taken over the British nomination procedure which we thought would be more democratic and transparent. Two months before the assembly, nomination forms were sent to all the members on which they could propose a candidate for each office. Her nomination should be supported by two members and each candidate had to be asked before if she would accept the office if being voted for. The form was sent to the “nomination officer” who read out the list of candidates at the assembly. We even had two candidates for the vice president so we really had a true election!

Another important discussion arose regarding the aims and contents of our work on the national and European level, which are really relevant to the society and to the work of teachers at present.

Gitta Franke-Zoellmer pointed out that the EU commission is intensively dealing with programmes on gender equality, rethinking education, healthy and safe workplaces etc. She is willing to report to the European Forum in Amsterdam about these topics, Marika will ask the president of the European Forum to put this on the agenda.

I pointed out that migration already is and will be having a large impact on our societies and schools of almost all our European member countries. So this should also be dealt with at our conferences perhaps by presenting projects which are already working.

On Saturday afternoon there were two presentation speeches. The first one was by Katrin Ullman who is doing a PhD at the University of Düsseldorf. She talked about the topic: Family – War - Angst leaning on the interview she had with several young adults in the Balkan states about the impact of the Balkan War.

Ulrike Gottlieb then presented a report about her work for SOLWODIGI – SOLidarity with WOMen and Girls In Distress. She had travelled recently to Kenia to visit facilities that are helping women and girls to get out of prostitution and to earn their living by other means. Ulrike is also volunteering in

Berlin supporting women from Eastern Europe to get out of prostitution and received financial support from DKG last year and is getting a second grant this year for her outstanding work.

I am very much looking forward to meeting many of you again in Amsterdam!

Monika Huber, State President, Germany

EUROPEAN STATE PRESIDENTS 2013-2015

GERMANY

Monika Huber, State President Elect 2013-2015



I was initiated as a member of DKG in 2005. I helped to organize the Regional Conference for Europe in Baden Baden in 2011. I have also been Chapter President of Gamma chapter (Southern Germany) for three years.

NORWAY

Ingrid Christiansen, State President Elect 2013-2015



As a student of education, she specialised in English and Norwegian and has had various positions as a teacher and a school administrator. The combination of teaching schoolchildren and being a leader within adult education has always appealed to her and she is still working with adults and schoolchildren with special needs.

GREAT BRITAIN

Diana Bell, State President Elect 2013-2015



I spent my teaching career in London, including eleven years as a deputy head teacher and twenty years as a head teacher, the last thirteen in an 'outstanding' school. I retired in 2006. Currently I am chairman of the oldest teachers' charity and have served on its board for 40 years. Professionally I also worked with many different organisations, from the local Education-Business Alliance to an Asset Management group and I chaired the Southwark Head teachers' Council. My DKG roles include: Chapter Treasurer, Chapter President, State Vice-President, State Editor, Regional Conference Treasurer and GB State President 2007-2009. I chaired the European Forum from 2008-2010 and have attended a number of DKG European and International Conferences.

FINLAND



DKG Finland, State President 2013-2015

MEd, Anna-Kaisa Räsänen

A DKG- member of our Epsilon –chapter since 1997 Anna-Kaisa has served on chapter level as secretary and chapter president as well as vice president. She is currently employed by North Karelian Vocational Institute, running one of their teaching programmes in textiles.

Gudbjorg M Sveindottir, State President Elect 2013-2015



My name is Gudbjorg M. Sveinsdottir. I'm a vice principal in elementary school in Grindavík, Iceland. I have been a member of DKG, Theta Chapter in Iceland since 26th. November 1998. I was a Chapter president 2010 – 2012 and a Chapter treasurer for 8 years. I have also been a State treasurer since 2005 and in July I'm going to be the next president for DKG Iceland. At the moment I'm the European representative in the World Fellowship Committee.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Great Britain

International Nominations Committee Kate York



I have taught at every level from nursery to adult education, my specialism being the 7-11 age range. For the last 16 years of my teaching career I was head of an independent (private) school and towards the end of that time I became a school inspector. I have done consultancy and advisory work and currently serve on the governing boards of 2 schools, one in the state sector and one independent. I also chair the Schools Working Party for the local Diocesan Board of Education. I joined DKG in 1988. I was State President of Great Britain 2005-2007 and European Regional Director 2010-2012. I have also been a member of the International Membership Committee.

Iceland

Communication and Publicity Committee Eygló Björnsdóttir



I am an Associated Professor (Senior Lecturer) at the Faculty of Education in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at The University of Akureyri, Iceland. I was initiated into Beta Chapter in Icelandic State 29th November 2004 and was Chapter president from 2008-2010. I have been webmaster for Beta Chapter and the Icelandic State since 2006 and I have also been webmaster for the European Forum web since 2009. At the moment I am the European representative in the Communication and Publicity Committee. I have attended all Regional Conferences since Great Britain 2007.

Finland

Riitta-Liisa Arpiainen Scholarship Committee

(Zeta-chapter in Tampere) M.Sc, doctoral student in Entrepreneurship, Economics and Business Administration, Senior Lecturer, Business Programme at Tampere University of Applied Sciences. Riitta-Liisa is the Chapter President of Zeta –chapter in Tampere.



Tuula Penttilä Educational Excellence Committee

(Alpha-chapter in Helsinki), a retired language teacher and vice principal of a Junior High and a long term DKG- member, Tuula has served as Finland State President in 2005-2007 and as Chapter President of Alpha-chapter in Helsinki.



Dr. Elli Heikkilä Educator's Award Committee

Research Director at Institute of Migration and Adjunct Professor at the Universities of Oulu and Turku.



Elli serves as the First Vice President of Gamma-chapter in Turku.

This has been an exceptionally large edition of Euforia to produce because it includes so much important and interesting information about society events and activities in Europe also because at Regional Director Marika's request I have included details of as many State Presidents and members serving on International committees as have sent me details of their official roles. Her view is that it will be helpful to everyone attending the Regional conference, as well as those unable to be in Amsterdam this year, to be able to familiarise themselves with these sisters and how they are serving our Society. I hope you find EuForia a good read and one that keeps you in touch with what is happening in DKG Europe. The next edition is our Autumn one and all articles etc., need to be sent to me by 25th September. With best wishes for a great conference and an enjoyable summer,

Joan Carroll Editor