DKG

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

9th Europe Region Conference

Borås, August 6, 2015

Celebrating Europe Luncheon

Recognition of Efforts and Talents of European Members.

Velkommen! NO

Välkommen! SE

Tervetuloa! FI

Velkomin! IS

Welkom! NL

Welcome! GB

Willkommen! DE

Tere tulemast! EE

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A DKG Song	*by Kirsten Sodal, Anikken Soyland,NO*
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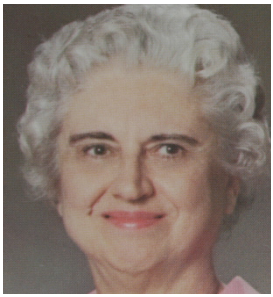
Hello from Europe.	*by Jess Curtis, GB*
My Hopes for Europe	*Dorothy Haley, GB*
Music:	Eva Lindblad, SE

When did we start?

Year and installation by international Presidents

1970 Norway	***Dr. Mary Frances White****
1972 Sweden	***Phebe H. Emmons****
1974 *Finland*	***Esther H. Strickland****
1975 Iceland	***Nadine M. Ewing****
1976 The Netherlands	***Nadine M. Ewing****
1977 Great Britain	***Nadine M. Ewing****
1992 Germany	***Dr. Janet Shelvers***
2008 Estonia	**Dr Barbara Day**

Dr White



Phebe Emmonds

Ester Strickland

Nadine Ewing

Janet Shelver

Barbara Day

Area representatives

1982-84 Anne-Charlotte Melin, Sweden

1984-86 Pamela Irons, Great Britain

1986-88 Anneke A. Bolle-Wulff, Netherlands

1988-90 Ingeborg Hjorth-Åkerman, Sweden*

1990-92 Dr. Sigidur Valgeirsdottir, Iceland

1992-94 Eeva Tirinen, Finland

1994-96 Dorothy Haley, Great Britain

1996-98 Dr. Ewa Abeman Bredal, Norway

1996-98 Ad-Hoc Committee

Carol N. Mueller, first vice president, chairman, Nevada
Dr. Delores Akins, Texas
Barbara J. Schweppe, Oregon
Drs. Trijny E. Schmitz de Moulin-Dijkema, The Netherlands
Lisbeth Wieslander, Sweden
Barbara Schweppe, Oregon
Dr. Barbara A. Baker, past international president, Virginia/Arizona
Dr. Paula A. Dent, international president, ex officio, Michigan

The Road to our Europe Region

1972 Expansion Committee

1976 Committee to study the Regional Structure – four regions

1978 How can the Society become truly international?

1980-82 Pilot project -area reps. at the Adm. Board. All four regions had reps.in Society Committees.

1996 Executive Board voted for a fifth Region and an Ad Hoc Committee was approved.
Recommendations: That advisory services be provided to the Europe Region.

1998 Europe became the fifth region by a vote of the Convention participants in Dallas in 1998. Representatives from each region in Committees.

With the establishment of the Eu rope Region, the three area repre sentatives were changed to two area representatives - Canada and Latin America.

Highlights in the Europe Region

Dr. Christina Lindqvist, Sweden

1st Europe Regional Director 1998-2000
Regional Conference Breu kelen, NL, 1999

"The Delta Kappa Gamma Society holdIs nternational Conventions in every two years. European members agreed that if we could hold regional conferences in Europe on alternate years the whole society would become aware of trends and thoughts in education beyond the borders of America. Great Britain took the initiative in 1989 to invite all European and American members to meet in Canterbury for a sample 'European Meeting'.

With 175 Europeans and 125 Americans and Canadians, it was obvious that such meetings were vital to European members. Four years later we decided to put before the whole society the idea of organizing a European region. In 1996 this was voted on and approved by the State Presidents within DKG under the leadership of International President Paula Dent.

European conferences are now held biennually in one of our European countries where we can discuss our various educational program."

Ann Cattoor, Great Britain

2nd Europe Regional Director 2000-2002
Reginal Conference, Malmö, SE, 2001

”Europe – our own Region at last! How to make it grow in numbers and in stature was a big ask of us all. Do you recall Malmö? What an event. Our theme was ‘Partnerships’ and we began many new ones that week, especially with the International Admin Board and Officers. Do you remember the very first Info Fair and how this became acceptene across all the Regions?

We in Europe had so much to learn. However, we also had much to contribute – establishing OUR VOICE as equals. I remember well the early meetings in Austin when finding my way was first priority and understanding the differences in ‘American English’ and ‘The Queen’s English’ was second, butI was very well looked after by my fellow board members.

Finally I remember all the friends I made, the places I visited and the fun we all had alongside the hard work. The European Region had arrived and was here to stay. I wish I could be with you today and send all my love to you all.”

Sigrun Klara Hannisdottir, Iceland

3rd Europe Regional Director 2002-2004
Regional Conference, Reykjavik, IS, 2003

“My two years as Regional Director for Europe were an exciting, busy and rewarding period. The highlight was the European Regional Conference which was held in Iceland in 2003. It was my luck that the conference was in Iceland because many things were also happening in my professional life. (...)

This appointment meant a very demanding professional job which started with my moving back home to Iceland from Finland where I had been worked for four years. My goal for the biennium was: More, active European women, encouraging more action in Europe. It meant expansion of DKG in each European member country, increased contributions of members within the educational system in each country as well as an encouragement of European women to make DKG more visible in each country..”

Marja-Leena third from the left)

Marja-Leena Läskinen, Finland

4th Europe Regional Director 2004-2006

Regional Conference, Turku, FI, 2005

"The Regional Conference in Turku in 2005 is, of course, the biggest highlight from my period. As you know, arranging a conference means a lot of work but also a lot of fun.

Another thing I often recollect when thinking of those years is the possibility to visit different states as the "ambassador" of the International President. I specially remember my state visit to Manitoba.

And, of course, the global perspective to the DKG organization which you got by attending the administrative board and other meetings at the Headquarters."

Trijny Schmidt du Moulin Dijkemaa, NL

5th Europe Regional Director 2006-2008

Regional Conference, London, GB, 2007

"7 European States at the beginning of my Biennium as Europe Regional Director in 2006. 9 European States at the end in 2008 This really is a highlight !

The 5th Europe Regional Conference in London in 2007, in the year that our 5th Region - Europe – celebrated its 10th Anniversary.with 231 members and 28 guests from 10 different countries.

And the awarding of the first European Achievement Award at this Conference, which I had the great pleasure to present to Dorothy Haley , who played such a distinguished and determinant role in the creation of Europe as the 5th Region ."

Birgit Svensson, Sweden

6th Europe Regional Director 2008-2010
Regional Conference, Oslo, Norway; 2009

"- Estonia got a new chapter in Pärnu.

- During the Regional Directors´ planning and training meeting in Traverse City 2008, the new vision of DKG "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide" was created."

Kate York , Great Britain

7th Europe Regional Director 2010-2012
Regional Conference, Baden-Baden, DE 2011

"1. Realising the sheer amount of work involved in organising a Regional Conference.

2. The amazing friendship and encouragement of other members.

3. The value of the friendships in all European countries – including Denmark, which is sadly no longer a member country."

Maria Katharina Heimbach, DE

Europe Regional Director 2012-2014
Regional Conference, Amsterdam, NL , 2013

"- Supported GB´s iniative to start a context - firstly in Europe - for a new comtemporary DKG Song.
- Encouraged younger members to use benefits that the Society offers. and apply for for positions on the state and international level.
- Tried to stay in contact with every European state to encourage networking.
- It was great that I had the opportunity to meet memers in all European member countries. The real expereicne of "friendship across borders" is unforgettable and I am grateful for the support during the two years of "my" biennium.

I met outstanding and inspiring women throughout the two years and I look forward to continuing thess DKG freindships in the future."

DKG Song.

By Rosalind Price, GB

Discovery, development,
distinction
All begin with a 'D'
Kindness and Knowledge work
together
K's importance is easy to see.
Guidance, a gift for generations
Completes our name with a 'g'
We're all about empowering
women
Our initials spell out DKG
Delta Kappa Gamma

Dee Kay Gee
Delta Kappa Gamma
It's all Greek to me!
Women educators
With an international reach
Leading educational thinking
Best practice for those who teach

Delta Kappa Gamma
Dee Kay Gee
Delta Kappa Gamma
That's where I will be
Conference resolutions
Discussion, work and play
Sharing thoughts and passions
To light the way
To light the way