

### Goals of Europe Forum

- To unite the European members and celebrate their diversity.
- To give opportunities to discuss, in an open situation, issues of educational importance.

### The Europe Forum Committee 2012-2014 aims to find ways to accomplish these goals and turn them into actions.

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### Areas of focus

#### A. Service

##### 1. The European Forum Committee plans and organises the activities for the bienneum.

- Meets annually for planning and discussion.
- Decides the venue of the meetings. (*Netherlands 2012, Denmark 2013*)
- Plans online sessions for committee discussions. (*Jan, Apr, July both years*)
- Chooses, in Nov 2012, from submitted names, a woman who receives the European Achievement Award.

##### 2. Plan Regional and International European Forum sessions both years. (*Netherlands 2013, Indianapolis 2014*) Plan pre-conference seminars or workshops the first year. (*Netherlands 2013*)

- Ask members in each country for ideas.
- Encourage members to attend state, regional and international conferences.
- Introduce European Forum in each country.

#### Results

Continue

½ Accomplished

Accomplished

Continuously

#### Dates

Nov 2012, 2013

Jan, Apr, July

Aug 2013, July 2014

August 2013

Dec 2012, 2013

Spring each year

#### B. Communication

##### 1. Strengthen the member countries by using social media.

- Encourage members to send material to the website. (*Starting with material from Baden Baden*)
- Encourage the Web Committee to organise online meetings. (*Dec 2012, Feb, March 2013*)
- Publish projects for DKG members on the website. (*Research by Elin Ólafsdóttir*)
- Establish discussion groups on the website, with focus on relevant subjects. (Start with literacy to give continuity in the work of the Forum, from the Baden Baden Pre-Conference).

##### 2. Encourage cooperation between member countries, international Committees and Regional Director.

- Start a Web page for each International Committee for communication.
- Plan a meeting at the Regional Conference for all European members of International Committees.

Continue

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From Autumn 2012

From Dec 2012

From Nov 2012

From Autumn 2012

From Autumn 2012

From Autumn 2012

6th August 2013

### C. Membership

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| 1. <b>Consider new strategies for gaining members and encourage diversity within chapter/state/region.</b> | Continue |                  |
| i. Publish a list of various educational fields on the website.  |          | From Nov 2012    |
| ii. Offer to find support for other countries. (Iceland and Sweden could be mentors).                      |          | From Autumn 2012 |
| 2. <b>Encourage expansion, interaction and assistance.</b>   | Continue |                  |
| i. Support chapter expansion in other countries, by publishing good practice on the web.                   |          | From Nov 2012    |
| ii. Suggest expansion into other countries to the International Expansion Committee.                       |          | Continuously     |
| iii. Encourage all Committees (present and past) to use the website.                                       |          | Continuously     |

### D. Finance

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| 1. <b>Present Report at the European Forum in July with a copy sent to Headquarters by November 15th.</b>   | Continue     |                      |
| i. Budget and report agreed by the Committee Members.   |              | June/July            |
| ii. Collection of 25 Euros in odd number of years for Educational Achievement Award and 1 Euro per member for Regional Director every year. ( <i>Nov 2012</i> ) | Accomplished | Nov 2011<br>Nov 2013 |

The Forum is the key to the professionalism of the organisation. We need competent programs and a competent website.

These goals and strategies will be discussed and decided on in November 2012 and reviewed in August 2013 and November 2013.

The status of the major areas of focus, objectives and activities are to be reviewed yearly at a meeting of the European Forum Committee. All areas will be reviewed and the activities will be determined to be Accomplished/Established Practice, New, Continue, In Progress, Renewed, and/or Revised. Once an activity is determined to be accomplished or has become an established practice, it is moved to the appendix section of the Strategic Action Plan. When an objective or activity is first added, it is indicated as **New**. Activities that have been implemented and are continuing are indicated as **Continue**. Those that have been initiated but are not fully implemented are indicated **In Progress**. Activities that may not have been addressed recently and/or require more emphasis are listed as **Renewed** and those that are continuing but have been changed in any way, are indicated as **Revised**.

#### PURPOSES of DKG

1. To **unite** women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To **honor** women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To **advance** the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To **initiate**, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To **endow** scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.
6. To **stimulate** the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To **inform** the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.