

Spring Conference in Iceland, May 10th 2014.

The spring conference of Delta Kappa Gamma in Iceland was held in Edinborgarhús in Ísafjörður Saturday May 10th. The conference was well attended with more than 60 women from all parts of Iceland. The theme of the conference was „**The School in new times – Democracy, Innovation, Technology.**“ All presentations discussed these subjects in one way or another and all school levels were covered.

State President Guðbjörg Sveinsdóttir welcomed the participants and then, Mikolaj Frach a 14 years old musical student entertained us by playing the piano with very positive response from the audience. When he had finished his playing the European President, Maria Katharina Heimbach, addressed the conference.



Participants from the North of Iceland enjoying a picnic on their way to Ísafjörður. The temperature is about 4°C



Waiting for the presentations to start.

The first presentation was titled „**Information Technology and new media in education**“ . Dr. Svava Pétursdóttir discussed the use of Information Technology in education from various angles. It was interesting to hear how social media can be used in schools and to learn about how media like Facebook can be a forum where teachers support each other in practice. You can see the slides from her presentation at this link:

<http://www.slideshare.net/svavap/ut-sklastarfi>)

Jóna Benediktsdóttir and Guðríður Sigurðardóttir who both work at the Primary school in Ísafjörður told us about The Student Congress, a project which has been ongoing in their school. It was interesting to hear how things were organized, followed by a lot of work for the students and how the students sorted everything out at the end. It will be interesting to follow the development of this project in the future.

Albertína F. Elíasdóttir project manager at **FabLab** in Ísafjörður told us about the many possibilities that FabLabs gives in creating all kind of objects from the very beginning to the end. While telling about it she showed us many objects that have been created at the FabLab in Ísafjörður . It seems that there are practically no limits to what you can create when working at FabLab. If you want to know more about the FabLab idea you can read about it on this page:

<http://www.fabfoundation.org/fab-labs/what-is-a-fab-lab/>

The last presentation of the day was given by Elsa Maria Thompson principal at Laufás , a health oriented preschool in Þingeyri. She told us about the preschool's daily work and its diverse collaborations with other preschools in Ísafjörður as well as the elementary school in Þingeyri.

The last item on the program was music. Sigrún Pálmadóttir, a singer who lives in Ísafjörður , entertained us with her beautiful singing.

After Coffee break we all went on a „history walk“ around the oldest part of the town guided by local citizens. The walk ended at the Culture House in Ísafjörður where Iota members had planned a short reception.



Coffee breaks are always welcomed and enjoyed.



„History walk in Ísafjörður.

The very last item on the agenda was the Conference banquet at Tjöruhúsið where we had a wonderful meal and enjoyed the company of each other as well as some entertainment.

Like all other DKG Conferences I've attended, this one was run expertly and smoothly and the program offered something for everybody. It was a great joy to meet old friends again and build new relations and friendships. Hope to see them all again at the State Conference next year.

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