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NEWS FROM SWEDEN

Umeå in northern Sweden was the place for the Swedish Convention 17-18 of March, 2007. March is supposed to show Umeå at its best with blue sky, white snow and glorious sunshine. Not so this year. Rainy, wet and muddy outdoors, the indoor climate was preferable. The host chapter Gamma had organised the meeting to its very best. Many excellent speakers from Umeå University performed and, added to that, food and entertainment were of high quality.

The convention was happy to be assisted by our European Director Trijny Schmitz du Moulin, Ulrike Gottlob, German State President and two teachers from Estonia, invited as observers.

See special article.

At the Convention the Pedagogical Award of Sweden State was handed over to Inga Lundvall, Eta chapter.

Inga has developed the subject of textiles to become an aesthetical activity of excellence integrated into the cultural life of society. The work of her students is represented in theatre and opera performances, in the historical plays of the church and in exhibitions. She is strongly involved in the development of her students. Her work accords well with the criteria of the Prize and she is a worthy representative of her profession.

Sweden is happy to announce that quite a few chapters have managed to install 4 members or even more during 2006-2007. Of course we are very proud of this and congratulate these chapters.

When it comes to administration Sweden now has a good working home page www.deltakappagamma.se and an electronic newsletter. Chapter presidents also had a monthly letter from the State President. The next step for increased efficiency is that the Directory also will be sent out more frequently via the computer. The reason is of course to be more cost effective but above all to allow all members to have access to an updated version of the Directory. Finally Sweden congratulates Fanny Jonsdottir, Delta, and Anna-Carin Svärd, Phi to their scholarships for Ph D –studies.

Join us in Estonia!

Last fall Sweden State was granted funding from the Swedish Delegation for Support of Society work of females and Equal Opportunities. The funding was granted for pedagogical exchange between Estonia and Sweden but also for introducing The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. A special condition was also to invite some observers to our Convention in Umeå. The picture and the report of the two observers/guests are to be found on www.deltakappagamma.se.

The next step is to carry out a seminar in Tallinn, Estonia, inviting as many Estonian teachers as possible, but also inviting teachers from Sweden, naturally, and from all other member countries. So please feel welcome to join in! Please let us know as soon as possible if you are joining in!

Here is the draft programme:

Exchange of experience between educators from Estonia, Sweden and other European countries

Topic 1: Exchange of experiences in the field of language immersion

Topic 2: Equal opportunities and democracy in education.

Topic 3: Introduction of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Place: School in Tallinn

Time: Friday 31st August 2007 starting 3 p.m. – Saturday 1st September 2007 ending 4 p.m.

Participants: All women educators in Estonia that take an interest in the topics mentioned above. From Sweden 7-10 participants. (From Finland, Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway or Iceland?)

How to get there?

For Swedes: Departure Stockholm: Thursday 30th of August at 6 p.m. Arriving Tallinn next morning at 10 a.m.

Departure Tallinn: Saturday 1st of September at 6 p.m. Arriving Stockholm next morning at 10 a.m.

Draft programme:

Friday 31 August

Morning: Check in at hotel

Guided walk through the Old City with lunch

Afternoon: 15 00 - 20 00 Meeting with Estonian educators

❖ Coffee

❖ Introduction

❖ **Introduction to equal opportunities**

(Key note speakers from Estonia and/or Sweden)

Discussions in smaller groups

- Obstacles and possibilities

- How can we support each other in the future to reach equality and increased democracy in our professions and at school?

❖ **Introduction of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

Discussions: How can Delta Kappa Gamma Society support teachers in general and in Estonia in particular?

8 p.m. Dinner

Saturday 1. September

8.30 a. m. – 4 p.m.

➤ **Summary of discussions from earlier**

➤ **Current school situation in Estonia and Sweden**

➤ **Language teaching in Estonia and Sweden**

(Key note speakers)

- Exchange of experiences in smaller groups

1 - 2 p.m. Lunch (light lunch)

2 - 4 p.m. How can we collaborate in the future?

- Discussions/Ideas /Summary

18.00 Departure: From Tallinn to Stockholm

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