Dear State Presidents

The planning of the DKG European Regional Conference in Borås 2015 are running smoothly and the Chapters in Sweden are very eager to contribute to the programme with the perspective to give the DKG members a great conference with professional keynote speakers, interesting tours and enjoyable events. We, in the Steering Committee, have decided to have *Education – a Lifelong Dedication* as our motto for the conference, which will fit very well into the theme of our International President, 85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life.

As ERC15 is an international conference, primarily directed to the European members. We now ask each of the European States to contribute to the programme so we can share topics that are of the greatest interest for us all. Concerning the professional programme, we follow the newly decided international guidelines for the keynote speakers and the breakout sessions/workshops. The keynote speakers and the workshops ought to empower us, create an international understanding and increase the networking in our society. The sub-themes suggested so far cover fields like literacy, game and IT design, gender science, how to increase the students' skills in natural science and mathematics, global environmental problems as well as comparison between the different European educational systems

As we know that each State has many skilled teachers and researches we ask you to suggest topics and persons for keynote speakers. The *deadline for suggesting speakers is Nov 15 2014*. Later in November, the conference themes will be published on the web and we hope that you then will inspire your members to give workshops and participate in panel discussions. *Deadline for workshops proposal is Jan 10, 2015*. You will find the breakout session/workshop proposal form online: https://www.dkg.org/content/2015-breakout-session-proposal-form

If you have questions or want to discuss ERC15 do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to meet you in Borås

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