



## Special Session for First Timers in New York City Tuesday, July 23 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Get tips for participating in convention activities. Meet new friends from 17 countries. Learn to navigate the Sheraton Convention Center and the Program.

## Approaching Deadlines

**June 24:** Last day to Register for New York Convention without late fee.

**July 6:** Last day to sign up for Convention Tours in NYC. Form available on line. Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and type in **Tours NY** to find the interactive registration form.



## Iceland Conference Puts the “P” in Professionalism



Kristin Ingolfssdottir, conference registrar and moderator

Iceland, the fastest growing state organization in DKG, held its annual conference in the Culture House in the country’s capital, Reykjavik. Seventy-five of 325 members were in attendance, 23% of the membership. Included in this number was the first woman president of Iceland, Vigdis Fimrbogadottir, honorary member who commented on the very intellectual and professional tenor of the meeting.

DKG’s three symbolic candles were lit at the beginning of the morning and blown out at the end of the day. Most

European state organizations use this symbolism as an important part of reminding attendees of Society ideals.

The day’s agenda included two non-member speakers who spoke on the necessity of ethics and values and on positive self-image. Student soloists provided musical breaks throughout the day.

Member of Parliament and the Minister of Finance and Industry, Oddny Hardardottir, spoke on the value of DKG’s Purposes, comparing their importance to similar purposes that society in general should have.

The afternoon group sessions involved members in discussions about the importance of leadership in one’s life, the



Dr. Thuridur Kristjansdottir, Iceland State Founder and First State Organization President who celebrated her 85th birthday on conference day

relationship among DKG members, the relationship between members and non-members in the world, and ways members can be encouraged to be more active in the Society.

International President Jensi Souders, in attendance at the conference, noted that “Icelandic members exhibit such pride and enthusiasm in their membership.” The entire conference revolved around professionalism and fellowship. I was welcomed instantly and engulfed in this wonderful, energetic atmosphere. Iceland members can teach us much about our own Society.



DKG and Parliament Member Oddny Hardardottir