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What is the WSA ?

"The WSA is the umbrella organization for the world wide Subud community, which includes 54 member countries. The WSA exists to support the practice and use of the latihan and the human activities that arise from it." So responsibilities of the WSA chair is to ensure that the aims and mission of the WSA and congress resolutions are carried out. He or she also represents Subud in the world and is aware of membership concerns. The deputy supports the overall mission. The executive team maintains the day-to-day work of the WSA and helps to organize the congress. The WSA is assisted by an administrative team.

What is the World Subud Council ?

The World Subud Council is made up of: WSA chair, chair of the executive team, the zone representatives, the international helpers and the chairs/coordinators of our foundation, affiliates and wings.

Every Subud member is represented on the World Subud Council by their national committee through their zone representatives.

WSC works in coordination with the zone representatives and working groups, where they exist. Discussions on issues of worldwide concern are presented as resolutions and voted on at World Subud Council meetings.

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EDITORIAL

by Elias Dumit

My dear Subud sisters and brothers,



↗ Elias Dumit : **WSA Chair**

My dear Subud sisters and brothers,

Welcome to the first issue of Connect - the World Subud Association e-magazine. As our official vehicle, its aim is to present what Subud is about, what we support and encourage.

Indeed, the latihan kejiwaan came to the world as a gift to humankind through Bapak. We have been fortunate enough to receive this legacy which is the latihan, accompanied by Bapak's words, his example and all the evidence of his life here amongst us.

We aim to gradually appreciate the meaning of this legacy and, with honor, accept the duty of gratitude to convey it to the future generations. That is why we have an organization in this world around a spiritual experience.

Besides, Subud is also about expressing the latihan into the world, from the human qualities that grow in ourselves to the talents and good deeds that we nurture. We hope to publish short inspiring stories about experiences in that sense.

Then we have Subud life that happens in the centers, also during the gatherings that we hold, when we find wonderful evidence that, despite the fact that we are each so unique and different, there is something so thin, yet powerful, that unites us all, leading us to acknowledge the reality that we are all siblings.

Life in the Subud centers, by the way, is one of the intended sections of this magazine. We would like to share positive examples from around the world that can be inspiring. There are simple but beautiful stories out there that illustrate how much we care for the latihan, how much we care for each other.

For instance, the story about the Subud center in Santiago de Chile is a very interesting one. The group accepted with confidence the big challenge to completely renew and embellish their Subud house in order to host the World Subud Council meeting in September 2015. The results were remarkable in terms of quality of space as well as atmosphere in the group. I am also delighted to see other examples of groups really caring for their latihan premises. Sao Paulo, Brazil, just went through a



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big remodelling as well and the house looks and feels really nice. Another example is Subud Christchurch, New Zealand, showing us an example of diligence and perseverance by dedicating a lot of work fixing and improving their beautiful Subud house which suffered damage from the earthquake. The Cali group, in Colombia, has plans for renewing and enlarging the Subud house producing two large latihan spaces. Subud Orgiva is in process of completing two latihan rooms. This is all wonderful news.

As I said this is the first new edition and we hope that it will grow and evolve with your participation and your stories. I do hope we can inspire each other as a way of supporting each other as we care for the life of the inner self in those times the world so much needs it.

With much love and respect,
Elias

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Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwojoyo (1901-1987) was born in Kedung Jati, a small village in Central Java, Indonesia. By the age of 32, Bapak, as he is affectionately known, had received from God the latihan kejiwaan - a training of the soul. In 1957, he was invited to Coombe Springs in England, where hundreds of people joined Subud. Over the next thirty years Bapak would travel the globe visiting Subud groups and giving talks and explanations about this spiritual path. Bapak also worked to develop the Subud organization including the founding of the International Subud Committee - the forerunner to the WSA Executive

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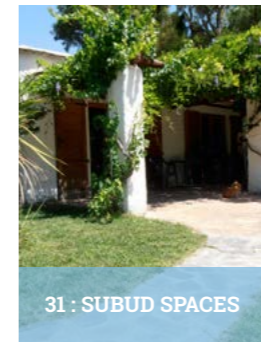
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From Puebla to Freiburg Subud Germany's Journey to the Next World Congress

Salamah D. LeClaire, WSA Secretary, spoke
with Anwar Ziesel, WSA Vice Chair, about
his experience developing the proposal for
the World Congress in 2018.

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From Puebla to Freiburg



> Anwar Ziesel and Salamah
Photo: Ismanah Schulze-Vorberg

Q:

Anwar how did the whole idea for the World Congress in Germany start for you and the team ?

Really the whole thing started when I was Committee Councilor for Germany at the time of the previous national team. I worked with Lucia Boehm who was then the Kejiwaan Councilor for the women, Hilma Wolf-Doettinchem (Committee Councilor) and Ismanah Schulze-Vorberg who was the National Chairperson for Germany.

In May of 2014, during the German National Congress, I was standing with a friend on the last night before going home and we were just chatting about which countries would be presenting proposals to host the next world congress and of course, at that time United Kingdom and Indonesia were the two places proposing. Suddenly, I started having a vibration and inner experience so much so that I excused myself and returned to my room where I told Rusydah, my wife, that I had the feeling Subud Germany should offer to host the World Congress in 2018. This very powerful experience continued for some time. It seemed I was being shown what needed to happen.

The next day I shared my experience with Lucia, Hilma and Ismanah who partly seemed to have similar indications. Lucia said that she had this feeling also and Ismanah said she had had the same feeling a couple of weeks before (About 6 months before Lucia had started the process of her official nomination for the position of Chair for World Subud Association (WSA) which would be tested at the World congress in Puebla.)

Q:

What happened next ?

Immediately, we started working on a proposal. We only had a few weeks before Puebla. First, we had to let the membership know about this idea as people had dispersed at the end of the national congress before anything could be said to them. We, Ismanah, Hilma, Lucia and the entire National Helper team and I, contacted the groups and even asked them to test: "How would having the world congress be for Germany", or something to that effect. This proved to be a good exercise and most people responded favorably even mentioning they would want to help with such a project.

It took all of our combined efforts to develop an adequate proposal. Romina, her husband Rolf and Manfred from the Bonn group were very active and played an essential role in getting the proposal ready.

When we first arrived in Puebla we continued to complete the details of the proposal. This proposal, as you can imagine, was not slick and complete and what could have been expected of a German presentation. As a matter of fact the proposals from the United Kingdom and Indonesia were so complete and well done that we began to feel that we did not really stand a chance. But still we felt that we should continue and that the testing would show if it was right or not for Germany to host the next world congress in 2018. This feeling was shared by all of us. We felt just to go forward, show what we had, and see what would be the will of God through testing.

Q:

What other questions came to your mind at the time?

Well, we knew that if the congress was to be in Germany then our wish would be that the WSA Executive team would also be there. This, as a matter of fact, was already one of our proposals as delegates to the Congress. The question in our minds at the time was also who would be the person to present him/herself to be the next Executive Chairperson. Lucia and I both immediately felt that Ismanah should be the one to test for this position.

Q:

How did you decide on the city for the Congress ?

Identifying where came next – testing about as well as investigating which cities might be good showed that Bonn and Freiburg would be good places. And in testing about the cities of Bonn and Freiburg we felt that these cities would be able to host such an event.



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Because Bonn was more accessible and with more members near it, our proposal to Congress in Puebla, focussed on the city of Bonn with Freiburg as a backup. Due to the constraints of time despite our hard work, the final details of the proposal were completed after we arrived in Puebla.

Q:
Once testing showed that Germany was the site for 2018 what was your reaction ?

We were all quite overwhelmed and knew just how much work lay ahead of us. This was a big job and would need a lot of cooperation from our members and the German national team and we would have to develop a really strong congress organizing team.

Q:
How did you go about finding the right city?

For me, it seemed that either Bonn or Freiburg would be good. Having worked with the Congress team in Innsbruck and understanding what



you need from a city to host our Subud members, that is, flexibility and openness, I felt that Freiburg would be a place that would be able to give this same kind of atmosphere. Bonn would be a good and strong place with a great venue next to the Rhine river, hosting many NGOs and the UN to support our outer worldly initiatives.

In the end, after a meeting in Königswinter in November 2015, comparing the costs and all the statistics of each city and then testing by all who were present, (WSA chairs, executive team, national, international helpers and the national committee chair and members) it became clear that Freiburg would be the right place. After the decision was clear we, Elias, Ismanah, Hilaria, Helen Han (Subud Germany National Chair) and Eliah (National Helper in Subud Germany) went to Freiburg for a visit, a look around and a meeting with the team from the venue and our brothers and sisters of the Subud group there.

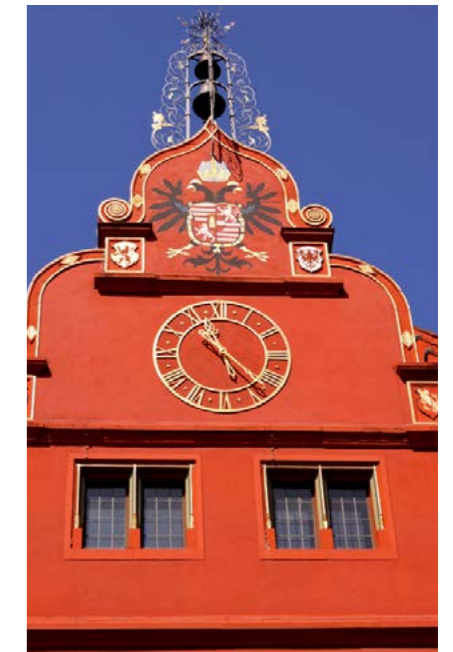
Q:
How do you feel when you work with the city committee in Freiburg ?

In working with the team in Freiburg there is a strong feeling of flexibility, openness and creativity to serve the World Congress and to find solutions for our questions and needs. For example, when I mentioned that we needed cheap accommodations for the young people, they suggested putting up huge tents in front of the building – this was a proposed solution. This may be the solution but we will have to see. Further, Freiburg is at the center of the ecological movement with a lot of attention to environmental and green solutions.

Freiburg borders Switzerland and France, and the Black Forest is only half an hour away. You could spend a long time in and around Freiburg to explore all its treasures; hiking, biking, canoeing in beautiful nature, going on the Rhine



> Clemens Schüssler, Fotolia



> WSA Team and members in Freiburg: from left to right: Mrs. Sohn (Congress Service), Daniel Hille (Congress manager), Helen Han (National chair of Subud Germany), Daniel Strowitzki (CEO Congress Freiburg), Elias, Anwar, Ismanah.

river, visiting castles, museums of all kinds, Germany's biggest theme park Europapark Rust, and so on

Q:
What are the next steps for the Executive committee in this process ?

Right now the important step in the process is to set up the Congress Organizing Team which is already starting to happen. We recently had a meeting in Wolfsburg to start the

process to select and test the various members of the organizing team. And we found the coordinators, Romina and Hilma, for the congress committee, Rita for the registration, and many more in various roles. I will be the liaison for the WSA executive team. We will have a next meeting on our national congress in May.

At the same time we are now finalizing the contract for the venue with the city of Freiburg, which will be signed within the next weeks _



Freiburg im Breisgau, a vibrant university city in southwest Germany's Black Forest, is known for its temperate climate and reconstructed medieval old town, crisscrossed with picturesque little brooks (bächle). In the surrounding highlands, hiking destination Schlossberg hill is linked to Freiburg by a funicular. Featuring a dramatic 116m spire, the Gothic cathedral Freiburg Minster towers over the central square Münsterplatz.

Finding the "Gold" for Subud

Hilaria Dette,
WSA Treasurer

A few weeks ago I had to do a wonderful exercise called "Buscamos el tesoro de Bogotá" (Looking for the treasure of Bogotá). In my Spanish book I had to describe how to get from a certain point to a golden treasure in the Museo del Oro of Bogotá.

While doing this exercise, I found myself thinking of my role as treasurer of the World Subud Association. I thought, if I could manage to paint a treasure map like the one in the book, would the funds find their way more easily to Subud?

If the membership would know more precisely what our needs are, would they be even more motivated to support Subud work on the international level? Relating the project to Subud: Our treasure is the latihan.

We aim at the development and growth of Subud by preserving and carrying on Bapak's mission. Our task is to save this immeasurable gift. To provide the vessel for the latihan we are working on different fields:

Strengthening the Kejiwaan side:

How much is needed for the international helpers to fulfil their tasks?

Preserving Bapak's and Ibu's talks and make them available for the members:

What is needed in the field which deals with Bapak's and Ibu's talks (translations, publications, archives)?

Strengthening the cohesion within the membership through human activities:

What is needed for Care Support, for Youth or the zones? Working together

with Susila Dharma International Association and Subud International Cultural Association is essential to make us visible in the world outside of Subud.

Serving the membership:

What do we need between the World congresses to serve the membership when meeting as World Subud Council and through the work of the chairs and executive team members?

Let me share with you how I draft the annual budget for the World Subud Association: After defining the needs for the four fields above I examine the income side and ask: "What can we afford?" There, we have money coming in from the member countries, grants (especially from the Muhammad Subuh Foundation) and from enterprises and individual members. To close the gap between the income side and the needs mentioned above we have to work on fundraising strategies.

After the World Subud Council meeting in Chile in September, we have been increasing our efforts. We started a dialogue with the membership. I trust that all of you will continue or even start to support the work of World Subud Association as we manage to communicate more clearly that your donations are used for the purposes which carry on Bapak's mission.

For the development of Subud it is not enough to do latihan individually at home or in a local group. Subud lives from the cooperation between the local, national, zonal and international level. In this sense, I understood Ibu expressing in Cilandak last November, that there are Subud needs and contributions of members are necessary to fulfil them _



Found in Translation

Elisa Sanchez,
Coordinator for Translations

Members around the world are often asking how Bapak's and Ibu's talks are translated. Elisa Sanchez, Translations Coordinator, explains the detailed process and the do's and don'ts of posting excerpts on social media.

When is a talk a final version?

Bapak's and Ibu's talks are in final version after the talk has been transcribed, translated and proofread. Any other translation is to be considered provisional.

Subtitled Video talks always use final versions. There is a Volume called Bapak Video Talks.

Please note that the online Subud Library (www.subudlibrary.net) has final talks as well as provisional talks, all provisional talks are gradually being replaced as and when final talks become available.

Why translators always use final written version of the talks and not the interpreter's words?

The English final translation is always prepared from the Indonesian transcription of the talk to make sure nothing has been left out, added, or is out of sequence. It is not possible for the interpreter to give a completely accurate translation since both Bapak and Ibu often speak for long periods of time before a segment is interpreted. A podium translation or provisional translation is actually an interpretation of what was said and not a word-for-word translation.

Can I share a talk with my friends in social media?

The copyright of Bapak's and Ibu's talks in any language belongs to the World Subud Association (WSA). To distribute or use any quote of any talk you need written permission from the WSA.

Talks can be found on the internet as there are members that share them on facebook and of course talks can easily be hacked, why then does WSA insist in not making them freely available online?

Talks were given to Subud members, people who have been opened and experienced the latihan. When someone posts the talk to non Subud members, they are not taking responsibility for explaining the deeper meaning of the talk. The contents of a talk can easily be misunderstood and misused. In some countries, it could even endanger Subud members. Before someone is opened, they simply are not able to understand the latihan or talks about the latihan. The difference is the intention. Talks are meant for Subud members.



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Can we speed up translation?

Each talk is transcribed from a tape. This process takes time and we have to remember that Bapak used to speak not only in Indonesian - an Indonesian that is not spoken today as it was 50 years ago - but Bapak also used some words in Dutch, Arabic, Javanese, High Javanese and sometimes Bapak used Arabic words that have been "Indonesianised". So not many people have the ability to identify so many words by just hearing them.

Translating Bapak's and Ibu's talks is quite unlike translating normal material. The translator has to be able to "feel" the talk and to have a long experience in the latihan. Translators who just use the mind tend to end up with a headache or simply fall asleep! That is why we cannot use outside professional translators or things like Google to translate talks.

In fact, translators, in all languages, are always ahead of what has been published and distributed - because each talk is checked and proofread - so translators can be two or more Volumes ahead.

Why are some words such as jiwa, latihan and nafsu not translated?

It depends on each language, and it is up to the translators. Some languages prefer to have all words translated and other languages prefer to use the Indonesian original word as we already "learned" its meaning.

Other words are not easy to translate in the way that Bapak used them. Bapak gave them a definition that is not in the dictionary. Actually, even Indonesians, unless they are in Subud, do not understand Bapak's use of these terms. For example, we all understand what we mean by *latihan*. But if you ask an Indonesian, who is not a Subud member, what latihan means, they just think it is some kind of exercise or training. If you ask them what nafsu means, they think it means lust. So if even Indonesians do not know what Bapak meant by these terms, it means that it is not really possible to translate them into other languages.

In the Volumes there is a section called Bapak's terminology that intends to clarify the meaning of some of these words —



Note: Ibu Rahayu checks the transcriptions of her talks; sometimes she makes changes that are introduced in the final English translation.

ZONING IN

Zone 9 Americas

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Uraidah Arratia -
Zone 9 Representative



In October, Zone 9 enjoyed a really great annual meeting. It was intense as there were only a few days in which to cover many topics. We shared latihan in the mornings and testing in the evenings. What we discussed and tested about on the kejiwaan side were such issues as the role each one has during the meeting, the content of our meeting and tolerance we have for Subud members or people who are different from us or whom we do not get along with. These last tests were probably the most effective as they are the type of guidance that we carry with us in our daily lives even after the meetings are over and we are doing our normal 'living'.

On the committee side we were successful as each country was able to present its own issues and shared their experiences to address issues that were not yet resolved. We worked with these and some of the issues were indeed resolved. We felt that being together and sharing 'budhi to budhi' our experiences, we could work things out. We closed our meeting with much gratitude to God for the latihan and for allowing so many of us to gather and share our experiences and our support for each other. We hope to continue this closeness by communicating regularly across our zone —



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> Uraidah Arratia

FEATURE

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Subud Santiago/Providencia Hosts the WSC

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Clemente Tello
Chair Subud Providencia, Chile.

The World Subud Council (WSC) has been established to carry out the resolutions of one congress until the next, and includes representatives of the zones, wings and affiliates, the IH's and the WSA team.

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Last year, on a typical Saturday, we were sitting in the garden of our Subud house in Providencia, (Santiago) Chile. We didn't have much on our minds, when Zone 9 Representative Mauricio Castillo told us about the possibility of hosting the next World Subud Council (WSC) meeting. The first and only question that came up was from one of our brothers was: "Where?" Mauricio replied: "Well, right here."

Initially there was some skepticism. Do we have the capacity? How could we accommodate the WSC in our old Subud house? Would renovations disrupt our latihans?

A few weeks later, news from the WSA team arrived confirming the site. "The test has been done and Providencia will be the host," Mauricio said.

Of course, you cannot force anyone to help, so we had an open invitation to those who felt they could give their time or donate to the project. Renato Sotelo, then group chair, saw that only a few members were interested. But Eduardo Dauvin, one of our senior brothers, showed a lot of enthusiasm for the project. So we formed working groups to renovate the house and clear the back garden so that a tent could be installed to accommodate the council.

From time to time, there were of course some members who were not always happy with how we were working, but we found that with time, patience and understanding we eventually found harmony.

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> Some of the WSC members relaxing on their day off. Others enjoyed other activities with some of the Chile members.

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An Amazing Discovery

Our funds were earmarked for major renovations but we still needed new floor tiles a computer and printer for the WSA executive office, microphones etc.

One day we went into the cellar to clean up. To our surprise we found a large number of brand new tiles, a computer, two printers and microphones! We wondered how these things got there. Our brother, Peter Delano told us that people often donated things, but they were rarely used so they stored them in the cellar. We also found a bag full of old magnetic tapes and a German "Sabofon" recorder with which it was recorded Bapak's talks in his visits to Chile.

A few days before the Council meeting started, members of the Avenida-Becker and Martinez Becker families arrived to help. They are a group of young and united brothers, sisters and cousins, all the grandchildren of Rachmat Becker, a senior member and Subud pioneer. Thanks to them, we could finish the final clean up.

And so it begins...

Then the day came when council members began to arrive. Subud brothers and sisters from many groups also came.



> Rida Liobo Loote, zone 6 representative Hakeem Naibi, Zone 5 representative



> Under the tent in the garden of the Subud Santiago de Chile house

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> A meeting time together with the Subud Santiago group at the end of the meeting

All in all, we hosted some 80 people. As this was the first council meeting of the new team, there were a lot new faces and time for people to get to know each other during the meetings and at our cultural event which included Konrad Muñoz and his "Poems for Peace".

The Earth moved

On September 17th a magnitude 8.4 earthquake shook the region and was followed by hundreds of aftershocks. However, we noticed the calm and quietness that most of our sisters and brothers showed. The quake came right in between the meetings and our latihan. Actually, we were quite reassured when we heard our brothers and sisters joke about the "strong latihan" they felt.

Lasting changes

It was inevitable that it all had to end. We were exhausted but happy. But it was strange to look at the house and see that it was not surrounded by people anymore.

After the meeting ended our group underwent several and interesting changes. We could say that Subud in Chile began to move in a totally new direction. The first and perhaps the most important change was that many of the differences between older and younger members seemed to disappear. Today young people are grateful for the work of the pioneers who formed Subud Chile. We learned that our character as Subud Chile originates in our history and that we have common values that we must respect. After this meeting the group feels more united, the feeling is completely different, we have "strengthened" ourselves; there is more confidence.

Young people are now taking a more active role in Subud sharing, talking and debating. Our young people are also showing interest in holding positions on Subud committees and wings. We were also surprised that some of the people we employed to prepare meals for us became interested in Subud and are now opened. This experience has been so rewarding for all of us and we thank Almighty God for the gift of hosting and welcoming the WSC.



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Selamat datang international helpers .
What is it like to be an IH?

Bienvenido international helpers!

Suzanne Renna

COLOMBIA

The Area 3 International Helpers arrived in Bogotá in mid February to start a 17 day visit to groups in Colombia. Their tour included Bogotá Teusaquillo, North Bogotá/Facatativa/Tunja, Bucaramanga, Cúcuta, Medellín, Amanecer, Armenia, Cali and Popayán.

We received a very warm welcome during our visit to this amazing country. The National Helpers traveled with us shepherding us from place to place, introducing us to local helpers and members, and sharing tirelessly in the work.

The majority of the groups we visited own Subud houses. And it is clear that these spaces bring groups together in positive ways. To have spaces dedicated to the latihan, with kitchen facilities and dining areas makes it possible to meet easily and to enjoy one another's company. It adds to the sense of belonging to a Subud family, and a multigenerational family at that. Some houses rent out their spaces to help support the group. And, in larger groups it is possible to have latihan and kejiwan activities 6 or 7 days a week.

The Chairperson of the National Assembly of Colombia has recently done a lot of work in developing a national system whereby groups contribute regularly to support Subud Colombia in a fair and equitable way. Groups pledge to contribute to the national association by calculating the number of their members who regularly attend latihan. The National Congress is composed of 2 delegates from each of the 10 recognized local groups. Groups that are not up to date on their pledged contributions are entitled to speak at congress but their vote is curtailed in a Congressional assembly. This policy was voted on during an Extraordinary Congress held in 2014 and recently reaffirmed.



> Subud house in Bogota. Photo by Suzanne Renna

IH NEWS

Bienvenido international helpers!



> Mahmud Nestman, Suzanne Renna Myriam Ramsey, Sarita Rodriguez and Hoan Toan Phan, international helpers, with Judith Cortez and Iskandar - checking into hotel in Bucaramanga



> Second row from right to left: Iskandar (KC), Oliverio(helper), Hoan Toan(IH) and Mahmud(IH)with Amanecer helpers on helper support session at Amanecer center



Amanecer, in particular, continues to be in the process of working out how to support basic upkeep and to finance renovation of the beautiful facilities that were built for a World Congress but which have deteriorated over the years. This center is located in a tourism zone and it would appear that there are possibilities for developing commercial uses. But it is a challenge to set up an agreeable form of well managed funding and implementation.

Bapak's advice to us to form enterprises to support our activities and charitable works is something that clearly we, as a brotherhood, still need to address in order to successfully actualize Bapak's vision for the growth of Subud. In terms of owning Subud houses, our Colombian brothers and sisters have done very well indeed.

Our meetings with helpers and general latihan were well attended. We offered general testing after each latihan. The kinds of kejiwaan concerns we encountered were things that are common around the world including the issue of harmony. We focused on the challenges of letting go of old hurts, the wish for better communication between the men and women helpers in a dewan and frustrations young members have in listening to old squabbles, also we focussed how to address their desire to move on as sometimes people want to form new groups for the sake of convenience as well as yearning for fresh energy. The youth had questions about their talents and choosing work that suits them. We addressed concerns around the growth of Subud including the significance of our Subud association in relation to Bapak's mission, and the significance of serving Subud in the role of a committee member, helper, or member.

At the end of our visit we felt so much closer to Subud members and we have heard that a number of young people have felt inspired to take on responsibilities and roles within Subud. The next generation is following in the steps of Subud pioneers, helping to ensure the future of Subud in Colombia.

Selamat datang international helpers!

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Area 1 IHs

Our recent visit to Indonesia allowed us to participate in several different meetings of importance for Zone 1&2 and Subud Indonesia.



We arrived for the start of the Indonesian National Gathering, which took place in Wisma Subud in South Jakarta. This event was well attended. The highlight was two talks given by Ibu Siti Rahayu, one for members and the other for helpers and committee. These talks will be available soon.

We met with members of the National Helpers Dewan of Subud Indonesia which provided us an opportunity to share and test in depth about the kejiwaan side of Subud in Indonesia, which brought us all closer.

We then flew to Palangka Raya, Central Kalimantan and took the short drive to the Subud complex, Rungan Sari. For some of us, this was our first time in this land, which Bapak had spoken of as having a special

significance for Subud. Here we attended the evening latihan with the Palangka Raya group and conducted a kejiwaan session with the members. We also had a day with the National, Regional and Local Helpers from this part of Indonesia, a day with the members of the Rungan Sari group, and in addition attended several general latihans.

The Zone 1 & 2 conference took place from the 5th to 8th of March at the Rungan Sari Meeting Centre and Resort.

Delegates from Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan and New Zealand were present, along with Elias Dumit (WSA Chair), Lucia Böhm (WSA Deputy Chair), George Demers (SYAI Team Coordinator), Sahlan Crona (IH Area 2), Peter Jenkins (Yes Quest), Sharif and Tuti Horthy, observers from Norway and Germany, and the 6 Area 1 international helpers.

Highlights of the meeting included the election of Muchtar Rawlings from Subud New Zealand as the secretary for Zone 1 & 2, the decision for delegates and the zone representative to maintain regular contact through email and Skype conferences, a resolution to create a zone budget to cover travel and other zone needs, and a presentation by Kenneth Collette of Subud Australia of the introduction of a virtual (electronic) membership card in Australia. The participants agreed to take this idea to their own countries for consideration of adoption, with the potential for this to be implemented throughout the zone.

Selamat datang international helpers!



> Farlan Williams and members of the archives team in Jakarta during presentation at the Zone 1 & 2 meeting



> George Demers, Maji Sumohadiwidjojo, Henry Horthy, Peter Jenkins, Eka and Tauhid kneeling Anwar Lawther and Uttama Pranaya (Naya) and besides him Yudistira Tribudiman (Yudi)

After testing, Australia was voted as the site for the next Zone 1&2 meeting in 2017, subject to confirmation from Subud Australia. The youth of Area 1 presented a very dynamic and comprehensive proposal and programme for the Basara Camp to take place in Rungan Sari at the end of this year, 2016 (see article in Events section) Also projects and enterprises developed by Subud members in Kalimantan were presented...

On the 9th of March we returned to Wisma Subud for an extension of the Zone 1 & 2 meeting. First the delegates met with Ibu Rahayu, where Suryadi Haryono (Zone 1&2 Rep) summarised the outcomes of the meeting for Ibu Rahayu, who gave us some wise advice about the importance of maintaining a balance in our activities for Subud and in our personal lives. There were also very informative presentations about the WSA Archives in Indonesia by Farlan Williams, and by Audrey Waclik regarding the Media Centre, an electronic collection of letters of Bapak and Ibu Rahayu being developed by Ibu's Office. A number of us were given a tour of the upgraded WSA Archives facility, which was very impressive.

On the following days we visited Bapak's grave at Suka Mulia, the National Committee of Indonesia gave a comprehensive presentation of their activities since the 2015 National Congress. The day before we left we were able to attend a very special event, Ibu Siti Rahayu's birthday.

We give thanks to God for the many blessings received during this time, especially for the opportunity to receive the Latihan Kejiwaan of Subud together _



> International helpers, zone representatives and Indonesian members in Adi Puri in Wisma Subud during the Zone 1&2 meeting.



> Ibu Rahayu's birthday in Pamulang March 13, 2016

What It's Like to Be an IH?

Dahlia Drezja and Sjarifah Roberts, **Area 2 International Helpers**



> Sjarifah Roberts Area 2 international helper



It was wonderful to feel so close to my new friends, and this feeling of closeness and love permeated the meetings that followed.

Sjarifah : Somewhat lonely and daunting. As International Helpers there is not another helper group where we can pass on a difficult problem. For example, group helpers can seek the help of the Regional or National Dewan. So we are to some extent on our own, except that we trust in God's guidance. I have found that if I trust, things usually turn out alright.

I recently visited Italy with Sahlan Crona for their Congress. The most important thing for me was, of course, the latihan and getting to know and love my Italian brothers and sisters. The first day was a kejiwaan day. We talked about the latihan and it is my understanding that if your latihan is as good as it can be then everything else follows.

We did some testing around this including some very basic questions that were often revealing to the members. We also had a lot of laughter testing about the lower forces and talked, and shared together.

It was wonderful to feel so close to my new friends, and this feeling of closeness and love permeated the meetings that followed. A big thank you to Italy and thank you to Almighty God for the Guidance and love I received.

Dahlia : I have also traveled lately to Moldova and to Russia. These visits were a great gift for me, to see our sisters and brothers in some countries so far from us. In Moldova, although I had met some members at a zonal gathering, to be in Chisinau, where they live and do latihan, to see all of them together was a great opportunity. I feel that I have experienced what Ibu Rahayu tells us that we need to be budhi to budhi when we talk about the kejiwaan matters. Yes, we can feel the love between us and the trust because

we can talk, our eyes talk, our hands talk, our body talks when you cannot really speak the same language. Because of the trust that comes through the latihan it opens the door for sharing more difficult problems or situations that can be solved through latihan and testing.

In Russia, because I was there last year, the atmosphere was already one of welcoming and we were able to work more, and to explain a lot of what's going on in the world Subud community. I explained what happened in the last World Subud Council meeting in Santiago de Chile. Our sisters and brothers from Russia are really so happy to hear such nice news and what's happening on the other side of the world. We are the same family.

In Ukraine, Arifin and I could see the work of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF), helping our sisters and brothers repair the roof of their Subud house. We could see how grateful they are for the help from the MSF and the Subud brotherhood. We did a lot of latihan and testing around the importance of having a good Subud committee in a country.

I am thankful to Almighty God to be able to feel the power of God, and be able to do the latihan kejiwaan of Subud everywhere in the world _



> Dahlia Drezja and Arifin Konrad Area 2 international helpers in Ukraine

MUHAMMAD SUBUH FOUNDATION

MSF Moving Forward

MSF moving forward

Marston Gregory, **Chairperson**

wish to report to all our Subud brothers and sisters that in 2015 the Muhammad Subuh Foundation continued in a positive direction due to the hard work of our dedicated part time staff: Lucian Parshall (Executive Director), Lillian Shulman (MSF Administrator) and Elwyn Waugh (Accountant) as well as the many volunteer hours that all our trustees invested.

The board of trustees met in April at the beautiful new Subud Washington D.C. center in Maryland, U.S.A. to address unfinished items from Puebla and at the same time improve the cohesiveness of its new appointees. The Washington D.C. location was very convenient and cost effective for the majority of trustees and staff. In September at the recently renovated Santiago center in Chile, the trustees met with both the World Subud Council (WSC) and the World Subud Association (WSA), and focused on developing harmonious working relationships with both.

Latest MSF grants

Lillian Shulman, Grant Administrator

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF) is pleased to announce that during its December 2015 board meeting the trustees awarded five grants to the following centers:

Subud Sonoma, California, USA: USD 19,000 to install a French Drain and a ramp for barrier free access to the center.

Subud Alpujarra, Spain: USD 50,000 towards the construction of a new Subud house at Jaramuza.

Subud Democratic Republic of Congo: USD 10,548 for the rehabilitation of the Subud house at Kinshasa. This is supplemental to previous funding in 2010 and 2012 for purchase and rehabilitation of the house totaling USD 67,300 including a grant of USD 15,000 from WSA.

Subud Cherkassy, Ukraine: USD 9,865. This is supplemental to a May 2015 grant of USD 11,200 for renovations and capital improvements to the roof and bathroom and for heat insulation. The roof and bathroom are now completed. This supplemental grant is for increased insulation costs, replacement windows, and an unforeseen but necessary reinforcement to the attic floor.

An award was also approved in principal for Subud Surabaya, Indonesia: USD 22,820 for capital improvement to the roof and termite damage repair. This proposal is contingent upon receipt of further information from Subud Surabaya.

The trustees regret that they were not able to fund all the worthy proposals that were submitted and sincerely thank all the applicants for their effort and time developing their proposals.

New MSF Trustee

Lachlan Hunter has been appointed a trustee of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation, replacing Michael van der Matten, who retired in order to devote his time and attention to UK National Helper work. Lachlan was opened in Sheffield, England, in 1965. He has held several positions in Subud. He was married for 33 years to Magda, also a Subud member. She passed away in 2003. They have four children and eight grandchildren. Lachlan was a forester and spent many years teaching at a University in Japan. He also worked as an administrator for an international organisation, based in Yokohama, which provided aid for sustainable projects in developing countries. He is now a citizen of New Zealand and lives in Christchurch. Lachlan is a firm believer in "latihan security" i.e. ensuring we leave a legacy of Subud Houses and Halls everywhere, in which members can always do latihan together without worry. _

MSF's next grant applications submission deadline is May 31st 2016.

LOOKING BACK

Looking Back is a place for us to remember and more fully understand our Subud legacy as well as the work of our late brothers and sisters who have left an impact both within Subud and in the world.

Rebeca Wild

Rebeca Wild and her husband Mauricio founded the Pestalozzi school in Ecuador in 1977. Marie Bramwell, originally from Canada, moved to Ecuador many years ago with her family, and pregnant. She had wanted to be part of the team at Pesta but due to her large family, the language and cultural differences she stayed home but was often part of the "helping" team of parents. Here, she remembers Rebeca who passed away late last year.

Rebeca introduced me to the Pestalozzi (or "Pesta") method, and at first, I found it was completely different from what I was used to. We were used to telling our children what to do almost all the time, how to do it, telling them off if they did not do it properly and praising them if we agreed with what they did. So now, we saw a new way of looking at life by respecting life processes. Rebeca and Mauricio showed us how to help children develop in harmony with their inner.

Of course there were rules and limits as we called them in the Pesta. Children



were not allowed to cause pain and suffering to others, limits were there to make sure one child's liberty did not prevent the next one's liberty.

However, the key in this method was non-directivity. Basically, not to tell others, in this case children, what to do. What happened and was most important in Pesta, was the preparation of the various environments (learning areas) where children could grow and become themselves in accordance with their inner direction.

Rebeca related this to how the latihan works, where nobody tells you how to receive, how to move, how to grow. This, when applied to education and learning experiences, allows for the realization of your own inner potential.

LOOKING BACK

Remembering Rebeca Wild

So, there was no set academic curricula for the children, but there was a great structure and enthusiasm to make sure the children's authentic needs were met, therefore, ensuring their well being and consequently their eagerness to learn and respect others.



> Rebeca's grand children

It is certainly hard to say what our life would have been like if we had not known Rebeca and Mauricio and gone to the Pesta. Rebeca was a very special person in so many ways. For me, she was a sister, mother, friend and teacher of life_

Pak Haryono Sumohadiwidjojo

Many tributes have been published about Bapak's oldest son since he passed away late last year. Here is a short biography and video link to an interview with Pak Haryono and his last message to the Subud World.

Pak Haryono, Bapak's oldest son was born in 1930. He was the first son of Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo, the man who brought the latihan to the world.

Pak Haryono was an engineer and by the late 1960s began working for the government. In the early 1970s, he began to work more closely with Bapak and became more involved in Subud work. Pak Haryono was a leading member on several projects, the Subud bank, Bank Susila Bakti and the S.Widjojo building are just two examples.



When Viktor and Lucia Boehm and Elias Dumit visited him in the hospital shortly before his death, he asked them to share these words with everyone: " this grace we received from God is something special that we should treasure. It is very

important for us in Subud, the whole world, all of mankind and the whole universe."

Pak Haryono was married to Ibu Ismana, had six children and many grandchildren.



WATCH
Sharif Horthy's interview with Pak Haryono.

Varindra Vittachi

Varindra Tarzie Vittachi was an international journalist and senior UN official. He joined Subud in 1957 and was chairman of the World Subud Council for 25 years. Varindra passed away more than two decades ago, but his Subud legacy remains very much alive. Salamah D. LeClaire spoke with Paloma de la Viña about her work with Varindra and how his dream to create the Muhammad Subuh Foundation became a reality.

When did you first start to work with Varindra?

In January 1989 during the World Congress in Sydney, Varindra Vittachi, appointed Sharifin Gardiner and me as "his deputy" - a sort of 2-in-1 - Sharifin for "papers" and me as "susila" (human relations). I could never have imagined how much this would change my life at that time and has continued to do so since then. Especially my Subud life.



You soon changed your working relationship with Varindra Vittachi - why?

In August that year, 1989, during the first meeting of the World Subud Council, which at that time, was held in Anugraha in England, I resigned as "deputy". The hat was too big for me, falling over my eyes, it prevented me from seeing. Varindra accepted but he asked the Council to accept that I become his personal assistant serving as a link between the Wings and him. So it began ...

When and how did his dream for a foundation begin?

I was his confidant for three and a half years. He told me many things, one of which was his dream: the thing that made him feel busy internally and externally was the creation of a foundation to honor Bapak - the only person in the world who had been able to profoundly change Tarzie and convert him to Varindra. During the last years of his life, Varindra transmitted to me the love, respect and even the "fear" that he felt for dear Bapak. And one day he told me the reason why he was always thinking about "Bapak's Foundation". He told me that in a dream he saw a big white house with lettering on its façade: "Muhammad Subuh Foundation". Inside there seemed to be an office full of papers. He went to look at them and it read something like "bequests and wills." They were gifts from Subud people to Bapak, to Subud.

He also told me that when he told Bapak, he confirmed that more than a dream it was something that Varindra must do, because "he wanted very much to do it," but only when Bapak would no longer be with us, could he call it Muhammad Subuh Foundation.

When did the Foundation change its name to MSF? Who were its first trustees and how were they appointed?

I remember that, on one occasion, Varindra asked me to assist him at a small meeting at his house in New York. I do not remember the names of people who were there. Sharif and Garrett maybe? But what I do remember well is that the meeting was to discuss who could be the first trustees of the foundation. Varindra was very clear, and said so, that the five continents had to be represented and especially a member from Latin America. He strongly emphasized this point. Five to seven trustees, different languages, different cultures - as in the latihan.



> Varindra in India



All he cared about was that the Foundation bearing the name of Bapak could pay tribute to the great man who passed on to us the gift of the latihan.

In 1991, during the World Council meeting in Tokyo, after a lot, a lot, a lot of discussions ... the Muhammad Subuh Foundation was finally formed and the trustees were appointed by testing in front of all of us. Varindra also had to do it. When he sat down and asked me what I had felt (because he said that one of the reasons why he appointed me as his assistant was because he knew that "I could see things" ... -which, frankly, was new for me...) I said sincerely: "Fireworks". He burst out laughing.

What else can you tell us about Varindra's dream?

I do not remember whether before or after that time, while the council members -the men- were all packed in the typical Japanese bath, celebrating Bachtiar Lorot's bachelor party, Varindra, who did not feel well enough to participate, called me to his room. He was nervous, very anxious and said:

"It seems that both sides do not understand anything ... it will be many years before all understand the real meaning and content of the Foundation. I feel that it will not be easy and that there

will be tensions and problems between the WSA and MSF. But in the end it will be achieved. When they put aside their own interests they might be able to "receive" the reason and reality of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation. It's very simple: The Foundation is to save the assets of the WSA, the money coming from bequests, wills and donations from members. That money, well managed will give a benefit to be applied so that countries can buy Subud houses. And we must protect the words and writings of Bapak. "

He told me more things that my memory does not remember, but I carry those words as if they were embedded in my heart. All he cared about was that the Foundation bearing the name of Bapak could pay tribute to the great man who passed on to us the gift of the latihan. That the Foundation would not be the reason for fights among the members, but just the opposite. And I also pray for that.

Varindra authored several books including: A Memoir of Subud, A Reporter in Subud and Assignment Subud. He won the coveted Ramon Magsaysay Award for his book, Emergency '58 _

SUBUD SPACES

São Paulo . Christchurch Jaramuza .

Subud São Paulo

Duarte Camiz, **Chairperson**



As Chair, I felt it was my responsibility to bring the group together to see what could be done to better administer Subud in São Paulo Together, we concluded that the first action to be taken was to renovate the house.



The Subud house in São Paulo, Brazil is located in a very good neighborhoods and now it is also in very good condition. All three floors have been renovated.

As Chair, I felt it was my responsibility to bring the group together to see what could be done to better administer Subud in São Paulo Together, we concluded that the first action to be taken was to renovate the house.

It took seven months to renovate the property with fresh paint, a brand new kitchen and an area for BBQs and selamatans (a meal held for a special event). The "cherry on top" is the Subud symbol which is illuminated during the night in front of the house.

Many members often stay after latihan to read Bapak's talks, and socialize. Kejiwaan events are also organized.

One of the major focus' and aim of our group is to support our new members to be sure all is well with them as they embark on their journey in Subud.

The intention of this process was and is to bring forth the feeling of love and harmony among the membership. And although there is still much room for improvement we are committed to moving forward _



> Ricardo Gracy, Subud Brazil chair, Duarte Camiz, Sao Paulo Chair and Elias Dumit



SUBUD SPACES

Christchurch

Subud Christchurch

Hammond Peek - **Earthquake Repairs Coordinator**



Although our emotional state (as well as that of most residents) continues to be delicate we have felt very supported by all.



Since the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes hit Christchurch in New Zealand causing damage and destruction to buildings and loss of life throughout the city centre and surrounding areas, Christchurch members have been gradually repairing and renewing the Subud Halls in Bridlepath Road in the Heathcote Valley in Christchurch. It's been slow, steady progress with setbacks and financial uncertainty but now the Earthquake Repairs Team are predicting that by the end of this year there will be two totally repaired and rejuvenated latihan halls, a brand new Subud house and money in the bank!

The Grand Hall was designed as an implement shed by Lambert Gibbs, to get around the 'planning requirements', in the late '70's. Bapak inaugurated the Grand Hall on 13 January 1978 when he visited New Zealand.

It is largely due to the seven supporting timber poles that the Grand Hall was the least affected by the earthquake and tremors that followed. The carpets and curtains have been replaced, double doors to the New Hall repaired and walls repainted.

In the New Hall, magnificent new windows have been installed in the high triangular window spaces, letting in

lots of light with the view over the Port Hills and trees on the property now re-instated. Complete sets of doors and windows onto the veranda have been replaced with brand new units. These are north facing and let in lots of sun to warm the Hall, adding to the ecological balance of the new design.

If that's not enough there are plans to demolish the Subud House which was so badly damaged in the quakes making way for a brand new Subud House with construction likely to begin in the next few months.

Although our emotional state (as well as that of most residents) continues to be delicate we have felt very supported by all. We wish to thank Subud members from around the world who contributed so generously to assist us with the (ongoing) recovery from the earthquakes. We really appreciate your love, prayers and financial support _

SUBUD SPACES

Jaramuza

Subud Jaramuza

Andrew Bromley, **Chairperson**



In December, the Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF) approved a grant adding a key sum to the project's finances



There has been much activity in Jaramuza, a community of Subud members in southern Spain, and 2015 has been a year of much progress for the project. The coming year should finally see the purchase of the property and the New Latihan Halls taking shape.

Jaramuza was the vision of Hubert and Sophie von Bissing, pioneers of Subud in the early days. They settled in this fertile valley outside Orgiva, in the Alpujarra mountains. Soon other Subud members were attracted to move there, some owning holiday homes around the swimming pool and some buying properties in the surrounding area.

In March, the group voted to authorise the committee to purchase the land for the new premises and money came in towards the purchase. By October, minor alterations and some omissions to the statutes amplifying the aims of the Association were accomplished.

In December, the Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF) approved a grant adding a key sum to the project's finances. Other group members have promised funds which means that, although extra funds will be needed to add heating and a kitchen, the majority of the money required to complete the build is 'in hand'. In total, over €300,000 has been raised.

The basic design has been agreed and shows two halls of 90 m2 for simultaneous latihan. The plot totals 4000 m2 of which about a quarter is a vegetable garden. There are views of the mountains to the North and South with plenty of outside terrace space for meetings and group meals.

This is the result of much hard work over many years and shows what a group of Subud members can do through the gift of the latihan _

OUR SUBUD WORLD

SDIA . SESI . SICA . SUBUD YOUTH

HOW

high can we fly?

Why Subud should support Susila Dharma



OUR SUBUD WORLD

SDIA

Imagine a Subud community in which Subud members feel motivated to engage in loving, smart, innovative and compassionate ways with those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged. Imagine us welcoming and orienting refugees, cleaning up and preventing environmental disasters, gathering books for children who have never held one in their hands, building schools and hospitals working across countries and disciplines to come up with solutions to provide to millions of people worldwide the basic human rights they are now lacking.

You don't have to imagine it - this reality exists in the form of Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA). Bapak created SDIA in order for us to demonstrate a result of the latihan in our lives; that is, the capacity to feel connected with our fellow human beings, and bring meaningful solutions to the problems that affect them. And today the reach of this network is growing every day as Subud members, young and old, feel compelled to reach out and improve human welfare in communities both near and far.

Still many people in Subud, even long-time Subud members, know little about this amazing and highly compelling aspect of our Subud life! Stranger still, most of our national and international Subud organisations have no role in financially supporting Susila Dharma work in various countries or SDIA, whose role is to coordinate this international network. Why is this? Do we really think Subud can fly without its wings?

Now imagine Subud without our SDIA network. There would be no globally distributed news or information about Subud members' work in the social and humanitarian fields; no one tracking

our contacts, experiences and results as Subud members managing health, educational and social projects; no one to assist young or old Subud members wanting to help as volunteers or serve as interns out of a sense of gratitude for the blessings received from practicing the latihan; no one to help raise the public profile of Subud in action, in these fields. There would be no publications to show local authorities or the general public when we want to explain the impact of Subud as a worldwide spiritual movement.

Our gratitude is expressed differently by each of us: maybe we start Susila Dharma projects; maybe we work to raise funds and build supportive relationships with others who have done so; maybe it involves getting connected at the United Nations in global, social and humanitarian issues that they feel strongly about; and maybe it means volunteering or doing something in a local community.

Susila Dharma provides a way to satisfy all of these wishes of Subud brothers and sisters.

Please help us build an SDIA that helps millions more and reflects the benefits that we have received from the latihan. Please encourage your group, your national committee, your zones and our World Subud Association to support the work of SDIA, and to take up just a part of the cost of running an international social and humanitarian network that functions as an Affiliate organization of the World Subud Association. In 2016, SDIA needs to raise USD 80,000 to cover its operating costs. You can help us to do so_



> Hamida Thomas and baby Emmali, Paul Roberge in back, Dr Jean Mayembe in Front (medical doctor for SD Congo) Victorine Mpamaim (community development officer for SD Congo), Salomon Beaudoin Dianteza Dimpiokia (SD Congo Chairman), Bachtiar Lorot with members of the Community Health Center Ndjili Kilambu, located in the community of Lemba Imbu



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An Enterprising Resource

Hadrian Fraval



I am pleased to announce that all shareholding of USAHA MULIA BV held by "Die Schwinge", has been acquired and transferred to Yarralumla Foundation Ltd a not for profit company in Australia.

It has always been an objective of Subud Enterprise Services International (SESI), encouraged numerous times over the years by Bapak, to establish a panel of experts willing to promote, advise and assist Subud members in carrying out their endeavours in their outer life.

I am pleased to announce that all shareholding of USAHA MULIA BV held by "Die Schwinge", has been acquired and transferred to Yarralumla Foundation Ltd a not for profit company in Australia.

Usaha Mulia was formed in 1974 as a holding Company to participate and support Subud Enterprises. It participated in various enterprises such as: Image trading, Fairprint and Fairlight. It also held the Off-shore Interests of shareholders in PTS Widjojo.

Yarralumla Foundation Ltd is a company, limited by guarantee, formed in 2001, with wide humanitarian objectives:

- to promote the attainment of health and wellbeing for all of humanity;
- to stimulate and facilitate the development of the artistic and creative talent within each to promote all aspects of education
- to promote the development of human potential;
- to promote high standards of conduct and behaviour and the development of good character within each person.

The 6 Trustees of Yarralumla are all Subud members.

The intention in establishing UM is that it will act as an expert resource to foster the endeavours of Subud members. We encourage members with expertise and work experience to consider offering their knowledge to others developing their endeavour.

The structure of UM with Yarralumla as the shareholder is to reduce self-interest and have a suitable vehicle, already well known to Subud members.

In addition to supporting Subud members, UM will provide a service to identify personnel, with the appropriate qualifications and experience, to be employed in large projects being planned.

A relationship with a source of funding is being developed which will provide the wherewithal for UM to realise its mandate.



Please contact Hadrian Fraval for further information.

SICA My Adventure with YES Innerprizes, YES Salons and SICA

Lael Belove

I do coaching, and after my husband Philip died, I really wanted to do something with the rest of my life that involved spirit, creativity, community and art. Something real.

I used to have people over at my house for "salons". So I started to think about having some kind of Salon. I had been doing self-empowerment coaching, and asking people "What are you saying YES to?" And for 40 years I have been saying "yes" in the latihan: "Yes! Yes! Yes! God." I went to a workshop and came up with an acronym that had meaning.

YES! YES could be an acronym for "Your Essential Self".

All the "yes.coms" were taken, but then I came up with YES Innerprizes! I registered the name. My company was born. I was ready. I would hold YES Salons.

A Big Yes to SICA

In May, 2015 I heard Latifah Taormina speak about SICA at the California Congress. OMG! When she mentioned Poems for Peace, I said "Yes! Yes, we could do a Poems for Peace as a YES Salon!"

I called Latifah and told her I wanted to do Poems for Peace as a YES Salon/ SICA event.

The YES Salon was nurtured and accelerated, at what feels like warp speed, from the moment SICA agreed to co-sponsor Poems for Peace-LA.

My son Hadrian is the Executive Director at Cinefamily, a boutique theatre housed in the historic Silent Movie Theater in Los Angeles. Hadrian offered to sponsor my salon and provided the theatre and staff. Then the IONS-LA (Institute of Noetic Science—Los Angeles) offered support. IONS gave us the expanded visibility we needed from a prestigious organization founded by former astronaut, Edgar Mitchell. SICA added active mentoring and a larger vision.

By aligning with SICA and Poems for Peace, our new organization was infused with an energy and expanded purpose creating a new human culture of peace with a mission of "Changing Hearts through the Arts."

I was also awarded a certificate of appreciation from the City of Los Angeles for producing Poems for Peace – LA 2015. Yes, God, Yes.



All the "yes.coms" were taken, but then I came up with YES Innerprizes! I registered the name. My company was born. I was ready. I would hold YES Salons.



SYAI Fellowship Fund Award

The Subud Youth Fellowship began as an initiative of the Subud Youth Activities International (SYAI) team in the lead up to the 2014 World Subud Congress in Puebla, Mexico.

Through the Subud Youth Fellowship, the SYAI team hopes to provide the space and assistance for young Subud members to transform their entrepreneurial, creative, and social ideas into functioning projects.

The Fellowship Fund awards innovative Subud entrepreneurs, under 30 years of age, with start-up capital up to \$2000; one on one mentoring with a mentor matched specifically to the industry, needs and knowledge of the participant, including a contract drawn up between mentor and entrepreneur; and marketing, promotion and awareness building through the international Subud Youth networks.

We have chosen the recipients for the 2015 Fellowship grants from some very impressive submissions. We are well aware that it is a small fund and can only provide limited financial support but we have also

endeavoured to reach out and support those submissions which did not receive a grant with mentoring support to bring their project ideas to the next level.

We are excited to present the recipients of the 2015 SYAI Fellowship Fund grants. Collectively, we feel they represent most of the ideals we strive for within Subud - personal and social development as well as culture, environment and enterprise.



NOTE: To be eligible for the Subud Youth Fellowship, you need not have a money making business or a long term financial plan. Your project might be short term, it might not raise any funds at all, it might be creative in its nature or it could be a social project. For more information on the Fund and access and criteria information please contact the SYAI representative in your area.



Dance Around the World - Guillaume Sanchez : Creator and Host.

Pierce Vaughn: Co-Creator and Producer.

Alexandra Woodward: Online Media Strategist.

Maya Korzybska: Project Coordinator.



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The impact we seek with our project is towards bringing a visual content in the format of a Travel Show without dealing with brands or media obligations. We want to give authenticity to our viewer and show the great things this world has to offer from the perspective of a 24 year old. Our theme is Dance because we believe it is one of the most personal forms of expression.

Our concept seeks to go look for incredible cultures with many stories to share. We will bring a show that is educational, cultural, fun and inspirational. We hope to show to the viewer the deep impact that dance can

have in underprivileged communities. It is a good way for the Subud members to see what we can achieve working together. Further, it is a way to share the name SICA and Subud to a wider audience (without being too brusque). So far we are 3 Subud Youth involved in this concept and we hope, in the future, to bring together more creative minds in order to make this project much more than just a dance travel show.

Today's mainstream entertainment is gravitating around building a society of consumers and the general information is built around hate and fear. People are becoming tired of that and we believe

our project will be part of the new age docu-style entertainment bringing an authentic and positive reality of what the world has to offer. At the start of next year, we will be sharing our first web-series online. Our goal for success is to create a massive community of followers who will support our project to go forward.



<http://dancearoundtheglobe.strikingly.com/>

■ EcoSol Sun Harvester
Pandji (Tauhid) Alfi Effendy



The plan is to train youth from various regions in Indonesia to become product agents, equipped with promotional materials and the necessary sales and follow up skills to build our nationwide youth-centric distribution network.

This project is designed to deliver a meaningful impact to surrounding communities and even the world at large as well as empowering the youths as individuals through collaboration in

enterprise. As it is labelled a “Youth Enterprise” it will be created, organized and run by the youths themselves.

This enterprise is housed in the field of eco-friendly products; a solar water heater named EcoSol SunHarvester. The product is created by an Indonesian Youth from Bandung, and it serves as an alternative to solar, gas and electric water heaters currently in the market. In Indonesia, conventional water heaters are still seen as a luxury product because the high cost incurred for the initial purchase and/or for its monthly operational cost. EcoSol SunHarvester answers the problem. Unlike conventional solar water heaters, EcoSol SunHarvester is made from low embedded-energy materials, making

it more efficient and clean to use for houses, villas, buildings, swimming pools, and even Subud halls which may need water heating. Introducing a new design and concept for a solar water heater, the product has received numerous awards in national and international science competitions and has been used in a number of residential houses and public swimming pools in West Java.

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■ The Dream of the Huntress
Leonore Tjia



I am motivated by connection to the natural world. I honour and revere the wild and believe that the loss of connection to the natural world underpins many spiritual illnesses of our modern culture.

As an archer, hunter and woodswoman, I feel I am living my dharma when I live close to the earth and honour ancestral skills such as herbal medicine, hide tanning, and making primitive fire. I am also drawn to historical and mythological archetypes of female strength such as the Amazons and the huntress goddess Artemis. These depictions of female power, so in touch with the wild and instinctive aspects of nature, stand as a counterpoint to modern limiting gender roles.

I understand that not everyone seeks out the wild or is compelled to walk the path that I have chosen. My vision is to create a platform through art and technology to reach people who are otherwise disconnected from the natural world. I am driven to make art that honours the wild and brings to the forefront images of unbridled, fierce femaleness: inspired, inspiring, whole. My project is “The Dream of the Huntress”: a multimedia web-based installation that weaves together poetry, photography, image and music. I will create a website with regular output of poems and black and white photographs that reflect the huntress aesthetic. Touchpoints of the Dream of the Huntress project will include:

- A website with poetry, prose and black & white photography—new contributions posted at least weekly.
- A sequence of 21 poems that are delivered to readers, one poem a day, when they opt in to the email sequence (thus building the email list).
- A “Dream of the Huntress” video that interweaves poetry, folk singing and footage shot from the beautiful lands of northern Vermont, where I live.
- B&W prints available for sale.

■ The Water Firm
Elena Schionning



I have five years of experience in the water law industry, nearly two years as a licensed attorney, I have run my own law firm, and I have over two years of experience working at a non-profit that does almost this exact same work.

I seek to increase justice related to consumer water issues. I would like to ensure people are not denied access to clean and affordable water for frivolous and illegal reasons because this is the most basic and vital human need.

My Long term goal: I believe there should be a chain similar to “Legal Aid Society” which focuses specifically on water rights such as access to water, good water quality, and fair water rate setting and billing practices.

My short term goal: I want to open the first public-interest law firm specifically focused on water issues – The Water Firm. This law firm would provide free legal services to vulnerable individuals who face legal issues related to water. Most of these cases would be brought against the water departments and fees would be recovered when cases are won.

The enterprise has the opportunity, as it develops, to provide jobs for Subud members who would like to work for the enterprise as more offices are opened around the country. It would also be possible for the enterprise to sponsor Subud members across the world to come and work at the enterprise. It can also provide an opportunity to support young Subud members who would like to gain experience in the legal field by providing internship opportunities.

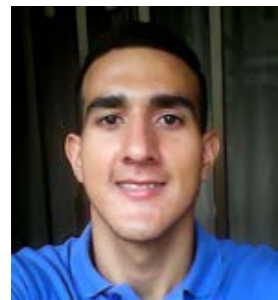


UPCOMING EVENTS

European Gathering, Americas' Gathering,
Human Force and Basara

Americas' Gathering

August 10 to August 17 in Cali
Colombia



> Camilo Baquero member of
Subud Cali group

This gathering will be a very special time for all the Americas and guests from our Subud World. The gathering happens every two years in a different country of the Americas giving everybody in this large, multicultural, multi lingual area 3 in our Subud world. It is a chance to meet., new and seasoned members join together in special events. This year the gathering will focus on kejiwaan activities with the presence of the Area 3 international helpers. Subud Colombia is excited and preparing everything to welcome all guests. The gathering committee has chosen to use the same premises used by Bapak in 1979 when he and his family visited Cali. The program is still a work in progress but the committee and all zone representatives of Area 3 meet via Skype to plan and execute this program which should be available soon_ **KEEP your dates 10 – 17 August**



> Logo Design by Camilo Baquero

Join us at the European Gathering in Poland!

This summer Subud members from all over the world will gather in beautiful Poland. We already have more than 300 registrations from 28 countries - from as far away as Australia and Brazil. The main meeting and gathering will take place at the Kormoran Mierki Resort near the town of Olsztynek in northeastern Poland.

The main focus of this gathering is for members to interact with each other, attend kejiwaan activities, workshops and presentations. Other activities include Zones 3 & 4 delegates' meeting. The Subud International Cultural Association (SICA) and Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA) Annual General Meetings (AGM) will be happening in parallel. Generally, we hope to enjoy sharing experiences between young and old.

The Yes Quest will also be offering some of their program in a format allowing people to sign up for a few sessions on site.

Not only is this a bi-zonal meeting it is a multi-Wings gathering. Together we can make fundraisers, events, workshops, performances; the world is our oyster.

Space is limited to around 400 people, there is a big buzz already and we are very confident that the event will be full, as more than 300 people have already signed up.



For more information about the event, accomodation and registration go to: <http://www.subud-zone4.org/zone-meeting-and-gathering/registration/meeting-and-gathering/registration/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

May the "Human" Force
be with You!

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When we evoke the concept of volunteering, the images and feelings that come to mind are usually about serving and giving to others or to a deserving cause. But think again! Often, volunteers talk about getting much, much more out of a volunteer experience than they put in.

Here are just some of the things volunteering can give you:

- Boost in self-confidence
- New skills
- A real engagement in social responsibility
- New friends and connections
- A renewed faith in human nature
- A more interesting CV/resume.

So why not try it this year ?

Human Force runs volunteer experiences of up to 14 days. But we offer so much more than just a chance to get some work done. A Human Force camp is a rich learning experience in a supportive and friendly environment.

Now operating under the support of the World Subud Association (WSA), we collaborate with Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA) member projects to offer a unique programme, bringing together hands-on volunteer work, global awareness workshops and self-exploration activities. If you join us, expect to get your hands dirty, try and learn new things, have fun and make plenty of friends – all this while helping the host project with the tasks it needs completing.

Go Green in Borneo !

Human Force Camp

Rosanne Favre, Human Force Coordinator
(AUS)

Mid December 2016

Our next 10-day volunteer experience is at Yayasan Permakultur Kalimantan (YPK) on the Indonesian island of Borneo. YPK makes permaculture education and training accessible to communities in Central Kalimantan to improve land management, increase community resilience and food security, support sustainable livelihoods and culture and help to conserve the natural environment in the region.

This year's Human Force programme is all about the environment! Expect to learn about conservation and sustainability from the experts, get your hands dirty with permaculture practices, help build part of YPK's demonstration plot and get involved with conservation activities and projects with local school children.

The camp is timed to immediately precede the planned Basara Youth Camp so you can combine both events if you want to get the most out of your trip to Kalimantan. It will run for 10 days from mid-December (precise dates are to be confirmed). All ages are welcome* and you can bring your friends who are not in Subud.

The cost ?

US \$750. This includes accommodation, all meals, in-country transport, farming materials and a donation for local youth involvement. It excludes international flights, visa & compulsory travel insurance. Small subsidies may be available on request.

Write to register your interest to

hellohumanforce@gmail.com OR

visit us at

http://www.susiladharm.org/?page_id=1182

You can visit our project partner's website at

<http://permakulturkalimantan.org/>

*Minimum age to attend without a parent is 16 years old; organisers will ensure there is a balance with a majority of over 18 year-olds.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Basara Youth Camp

MMY basara subud life

Basara means gathering in the local language of the Dayaks -- the indigenous peoples of Kalimantan.



The young people can also expect to learn songs and dances from local Dayaks and to teach their songs and dances in return.

The vision for Basara is to bring young Subud members (age 17-35) together from all over the world in one place and one time to connect, share, and make an impact by developing something valuable and lasting for Subud in Central Kalimantan, the world, and themselves.

Over 100 young Subud members are expected to join three big keynote workshops.

The 'My Basara' workshop on Day One, will help each participant to explore what they can achieve during these 10 days and what they can contribute when they have a clear focus and personal goals.

'My Subud' explores each individual's connection to the latihan, Bapak, the helpers, the Wings, the organisation and their own inner journey.

'My Life' is about talents, hopes and dreams for the future and plans to achieve them.

These three hour morning workshops will be fast-moving and interactive with music, drumming, dance, drawing, games and work in small groups. Young people will come away with a list of topics and ideas to pursue during the afternoons.

That's when they can visit rooms where helpers will be available to test with them. Or they can work with the various Wing Teams to explore their connections to welfare, culture and business.

The young people can also expect to learn songs and dances from local Dayaks and to teach their songs and dances in return. There will be visits to the many Susila Dharma projects in the area, river trips, a soccer competition, jungle treks and much more.



Peter Jenkins founder of the Yes Quest, has been appointed as Program Adviser to Basara. He is working closely with SYAI Youth Team, Sebastian Flynn (SICA), Hamida Thomas (SDIA) and the International Helpers to design a program that will allow each young person to return home with a greater sense of commitment and direction.

Support for Basara has been pledged by WSA Chair, Elias Dumit and his team, and a fund has been launched to assist young people to attend, with a minimum target set at \$10,000.

Registration details and application forms for Basara will be available in the next few weeks.



[WATCH HERE](#)

Watch the interview with WSA chair, Elias Dumit about Basara!



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"Topic Outlooks" for our next issue:

WSA Archives Zoning in

- Africa (DRC: Report on the SD project Kingantogo)
- European Gathering in Poland - report
- Gathering of the Americas - report

WSC meeting in Spain

World Congress Organizing team (members and work in progress)

Basara Youth Camp – to be continued

Human Force Camp – to be continued

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