

SPANISH CONGRESS

December 4 – 8, 2008

The congress was held in a Christian institute called the Casa De Agocida Hermanos Maristas, in a small town near the beautiful city of Sevilla.

Approximately 10 members from Portugal attended, giving this congress an Iberian flavour, the first time such an initiative has been attempted for many years. This in itself is indicative of a new feeling of openness and a willingness to look at new horizons. There was also good attendance from the international community, 4 International Helpers from the area II team, and Idina (KC for Britain) and others attending.

The organisation of the event differed from the usual way of doing things in that each day began with a Kejiwan meeting, with the business starting after lunch on the Saturday and Sundays. It brought for many a new feeling, a willingness to change established habits. We participated in several helpers meetings that were open, honest and real exchanges which led to some useful Latihan and testing.

To summarise the feeling of this congress; there is a wind of change blowing; old habits of obstructive behaviour seem to be shifting. The theme as with many congresses of the established 'old Subud countries' was also reconciliation and forgiveness. Working relationships – something we still find very difficult in Subud – is not always easy, but overall the feeling is optimistic.

The decision was made to hold a Zone 3 meeting and gathering at The Monasterio De Poio near Santiago De Compostella. A good opportunity for the National Team to work together to organise this important event in the Zone 3 calendar.

With love

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