

**REPORT ZONE3 MEETING, ST. PRIX, 12-15 APRIL 2007**  
**(including the List of Actions and Decisions and 5 Attachments)**  
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Dates

12 April, KC meeting  
13-15 April, Zone3 meeting

General time schedule of the meeting

9.30 Latihan  
10.30 Plenary  
12.15 Lunch  
14.00 Plenary  
15.30 Break  
16.00 Committee/KC separate  
19.00 Dinner

The emphasis of the plenaries was for Friday on the zone, for Saturday on the international and for Sunday on conclusions.

On Saturday we were joined by members of the two Paris groups for latihan at 17.00 and dinner.

Report

The report follows in general the discussions at the meetings, apart from specific topics that were discussed more often.

**Friday morning, plenary, the zone**

Welcome by Reinbrand

Introductions of new delegates in this meeting: Michael Sones and Willie Gaughan (KC and CC Ireland), Elsa Vouga (national helper Spain) substituted Seila Ochandiano (KC), Tjeerd van der Zee (treasurer Holland) came to support Margo. Official guests were Osanna and Frederic for WSA, international helpers Farah and Jorge, Arnaud for SDI, Michael for enterprises. On Saturday we were joined by Maya for ISC, Rhyana for Youth and Armand for Publications.

(List of participants, Attachment 1)

The report of the Lisbon meeting was accepted

There were no comments or additions to the agenda. (Attachment 2)

*Kejiwaan Councillors*

A report on the travels of the KC's was distributed before the meeting.

Marianne and Martin reported on the KC meeting on Thursday. Marianne told that they have talked about the importance to have space for a (not perse kejiwaan) gathering during a national congress. The KC's tested about the state of each individual country and about their

roles as KC's. The ladies tested how best each of them could work within their own countries, to fulfil the received needs of the countries.

The men did not test about the countries that were not represented by male KC's (Italy, Portugal). All the KC's tested countries each KC should visit this year. Another subject was how to support the helpers in each country and the 'helpers without borders' action. The KC's will promote this project. Farah wants to discuss it in the plenary because of the practical implications.

Their next meeting will be in Belgium at the time of the Belgian national congress in the autumn.

### *Countries reporting*

The countries reported on what happened in the past year and their plans for the future. Update reports were distributed before the meeting from Ireland, Italy, Netherlands. The emphasis was on actions or plans in the field of the 'Being present' initiative.

Portugal prefers to give a verbal report. Sofia starts with giving us the best wishes from the other delegates who couldn't come because they are too busy with their work. Denise just started her own enterprise. Sofia tells about the progress with the Lisbon Subud house. The contract will be signed within the next few weeks, finance has been arranged. The house is rent for non-Subud activities regularly and people inquire about Subud. There will be ICDP courses every weekend with 5 Subud and 5 non-Subud members for implementation in the Alfragide project. Subud Lisbon will organize a big public event on 22 – 24 June connected with the 'Being present' initiative on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bapak's passing, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alfragide educational project and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the legalization of Subud in Portugal. The program will include a *selamatan*, a visit and cultural program at the Alfragide Social Project, an open conference and exhibition on ICDP and a street party. More info will follow.

Marc reports about Spain. Paloma de Vina is the new secretary, Hermione Bromley the treasurer. Communication is an important issue for the national feeling in Spain. With the help of a Subud journalist they published a new newsletter with an outer part for the general public and an insert for Subud members only. The first issue was fine, but the price was quite high and at congress they discussed other forms of communication, like a website. Marc comments that this should be an international discussion lead by ISC. He suggests the setting up of a working party that was already mentioned in Innsbruck.

Marc comments that the best way of being present in the world is on group level. In their group in Orgiva members are an active part of the local community, they participate in local activities and politics. Marc also sees enterprises as a good way to be present in the world. Publication about the Molina project in Orgiva must be handled with care because it is basically an individual and not a group project. Marc thinks that working together in an enterprise should be a subject for discussion.

Pierre says that in France the communication structure is also a point of attention. The spread of information is in first instance a responsibility of the groups. For its members Subud France uses also g-mail where all information can be found. A national website is in progress with the help of Maya and her son, and will be ready soon. The website is open for everyone, there will be no password protected part.

Subud France received an official letter of the Ministry of Interior Affairs, confirming that the list of cults (or sects) is not official and that they can call upon the help of the High Authority against Discrimination and for Equality if for instance insurance for Subud houses is refused.

In English translation the letter is signed by 'the Head of the central office for Religions'. Liliane remarks on this that the French word 'cult' is used for religion and for sects. The Mayenne Subud house was acquired with national finance.

Faisal tells that the situation in Belgium is quiet and peaceful after the troubles. Members come to the latihan regularly, but apart from that there is little activity.

### **Friday afternoon, plenary and committee after KC break-out, the zone**

After lunch Stephen gives a report on Subud Britain. No written update was sent because a verbal report could explain the situation better. The membership has grown in the past years from 1000 to 1400 with many young members, especially Subud children who then bring in their friends. There are also new young helpers. Elias Bate and Arabella Zachariah are the youth coordinators. Social events are organized monthly by young members where non Subud friends are invited.

The 'Being present' initiative has been introduced at National Congress and then spread to all ranks of the organization. The action lines that came out of it are:

- the care of (new) members; Idina tells how young and new members are looked after in the Exeter group. Apart from the group latihan there are extra activities for new members like a womens night, testing sessions and social events
- literature to the public, information for the persons interested; are leaflets still up-to-date?
- communication in general; is the website understandable for the public?
- the visibility of Subud houses;
- events.

Stephen: Subud in the world has to do with the results of the latihan of the individual members. The wings are part of this process, f.i. the work of Susila Dharma. It is interesting to see that Susila Dharma has a higher profile than Subud itself. Is it always clear that the projects are recognised by the public as projects of Subud members? Also by doing enterprises and in cultural activities can members show what Subud is.

The 'Being present' initiative is a long term initiative with the need for regular monitoring. Reinbrand asks for more information with regard to publication and Subudhouses. In Britain these tasks have been delegated to trustees. There is a communication committee (a written report will follow) and a team for Subudhouses. Stephen remarks that not a single Subudhouse is suitable for national meetings.

Subud Britain has a charitable status which will under scrutiny in the next year, there must be services to the general public.

Andrea adds to the written report of Subud Italy that an important activity of the past year has been on the subject of communication, the journal and website. The website consists of general information and information for members only, like (translated) talks. Helpers and committee meet four times a year. There is not yet a solution for the renting of the Subudhouse in Florence to others.

Ireland. Raffaella tells about a women's weekend that has been very successful. Out of this came a need to work together more. From 11 - 13 May there will be a kejiwaan weekend near Dublin airport where everyone is welcome. (short report included, Attachment 7) Donna did a survey where it seemed that a substantial amount of ex-members still do latihan. Also in Ireland communication is felt as important. Willie advocates more use of the internet, also for sharing outside of meetings.

Margot confirms that Subud Netherlands is harmonious and spiritually healthy but that there is a general lack of commitment to take responsibilities. There is no newsletter at the moment. The present committee will resign in May at the national congress.

### *Youth*

Dahlani tells about the meeting in Bucelas. There were coordinators from 5 countries present. There are as yet no youth coordinators for Ireland and Belgium. Dahlani represented at that time still France but from now on she will only act as zone-coordinator, so a coordinator for France has to be found. They did a lot of testing and talking. They didn't talk about future youth-activities. Dahlani should like to have KC's present at youth-meetings, for instance because now there was only one man who had to do latihan by himself. Sergio mentions that next time the KC's should be invited. Farah says that in general the youth has the feeling not to be seen and that they need support.

A report on the meeting by Rhyana, SYAI co-chair is attached (Attachment 3). She asks if funds could be made available for youth to travel to the Celebration, she wants to stimulate young members to go there. Stephen mentions that the "Thank You Celebration" will be particularly for young members an opportunity to experience how it was in the time Bapak was still alive. It is not yet clear how many young members will come. Matthew shares with us his experience with Holland '99, how important this was for him as a young member to take part in such a big international gathering.

Dahlani also asks for clarity about the refund procedures, does the zone pay for national youth coordinators or the countries? Reinbrand promises to clarify the existing procedures and when necessary modify them. Dahlani presses the need for national committees to include and support the national youth coordinators.

A suggestion was made to link Youth with SICA. Youth also feels involved with Susila Dharma and enterprises. An example of this was already visible during the meeting: the youth took care of the refreshments during the breaks; the profits will go to the French Subud Youth.

### *Africa twinning*

Angola: There is only old news from 2004 from visits by Icksan. Also helpers from RDC have not been there recently. Portugal will reconnect. Angola needs helpers visits.

Farah reports about her recent visit to Nigeria. Together with Andrew and Garrett 5 groups were visited in 14 days. There is a big need there for regular and extended helpers visits. As Britain is their twinning partner and there are many helpers there, this could be an opportunity for Subud Britain in coordination with the Area 2 IH's. The books donated by Britain were very welcome, there is a need for more. Subud Nigeria is planning a national congress in october/november, they could use financial support for members to participate. They also hope that members from abroad will come. Three groups should like to have their own Subud house that could be developed into enterprises. Three members own land that could be used for building.

Andrew and Farah visited Cypres and Lebanon in February. Northern Cypres has some 15-20 English speaking members; there are 4 members left from the beginning. Members are isolated and ask for contact or visits.

Lebanon has a group of 23 woman and 4 man. Most of the women are still young in Subud, less than 1 year. They need contact and visits as well. They should like to have their own Subud house where they could also start a kindergarten.

Jorge and Heloise went to Algeria. They will go again this year.

S. Africa feels a need for a fresh wind. They feel lonely, also with respect to the other African countries. There are groups in Johannesburg, Capetown and Durban with Subudhouses in Johannesburg and Capetown. Members donate very little and there is no money for helpers to travel. Visits by the IH's together with enterprise people should take place once a year.

Tanzania seemed to have been false alarm, no further action needed.

Arnaud has sent an extensive report about RDC, it was distributed before the meeting. They need visits by SES people.

### **Saturday morning, plenary, the international**

The meeting starts with a report of the testing that was done last night about the state of the individual countries, the needs of the zone and what the zone could contribute to the WSA. It turned out that the state of the zone is better than the state of each individual country and that the zone can contribute a lot to the international organisation.

Osanna says that she feels supported by the zone. She thinks that in zone 3 there are possibilities to start things and to take initiatives.

*WSA*: Osanna talks about SES and international centers. Also ISC would like to start to identify the initiatives Subud members are taking around the world, as a result of the inspiration of the latihan.

*MSF*: Osanna explains about the relation between WSA and MSF. It is the task of MSF to administer funds for Subud activities. These concern mostly the financing of Subud houses, but part of the money goes also to WSA for translations, The History of Subud, Archives and IH's travel. MSF supports also small projects for Youth and SD. MSF is looking for 2 new trustees. Countries can propose candidates via the zonal coordinators, because these should be more involved in the proces of appointing new trustees (they might know the persons involved better).

Marc proposes to install an expert group of architects to consults MSF in case of Subud houses.

*ISC*, Maya had a champagne party because the domain name subud.com was acquired for WSA through the efforts of Matthew Weiss. ISC is happy that they receive in general a lot of input on their requests, more than 35% on their mailings, as on their request for translations and also on the 'Being present' initiative. A report will be made on the results of the 'Being present' initiative. Maya mentions the continuation of the "Joint Wings Project" that was started in Bangalore. ISC asks for comments on the Memorandum of Understanding about the protection of the Subud name and logo.

ISC follows closely the development of the new website "Subud Vision" that will be operational from June 1<sup>st</sup>. This website is not an "official" website from WSA, but a personal initiative and is meant to give members an opportunity to share views, opinions and experiences. They have asked for a platform at the Celebration.

*Publications*, Armand distributes a short report at the meeting (Attachment 4). He explains that as media coordinator of ISC he concentrates on publications. There is short term information that should be translated and passed on as fast as possible, and permanent information, like the talks by Bapak and Rahayu, that must be filed and stored and translated in all Subud languages ( 12 at the moment). ISC lists all talks and keeps mastercopies. All will eventually be made available on subudlibrary.com, password protected. It is important that members read the right translations of Bapak and Rahayu, so they must be protected and checked for quality locally. Copies must be send to the publications unit. Marc comments on the need for a (SICA)-project to inventarise and store Subud films. This project was started but got stuck due to shortage of funds.

*Youth*, Rhyana explains the Youth Travel Fund of MSF. It gives partial funding of up to 75% for travels of youth who want to organise events or take an action. The fund has \$ 20.000 available now. It is a joint venture of WSA and MSF. ISC does the administration and Rhyana and Hamilton manage the fund with the help of a team. The fund is meant to encourage youth activities in Subud, as for instance working on a Subud property in countries where there are few young members or to experience Subud in other countries. The aim is to try to involve young people more in (the organisation of) Subud. She stresses that young members should also take an initiative themselves to bring in money and not only ask for it. Application forms are available from ISC.

Matthew asks if there is a list of skills of young people. Dahliani stresses the care for youth coordinators in the countries and money to travel.

### **Saturday afternoon, plenary and committee on finance**

*International Helpers*, Farah explains the ‘Helpers without borders’ action. Especially in countries with many new members, like Bosnia, there is a need for help from KC’s and experienced helpers. The idea is that helpers with spare time stay in a group for a couple of weeks to do basic helpers activities. The helpers should at least speak English. At the moment there is no budget for travelling so the helpers should have to pay their own expenses. There is also a need for helpers who want to correspond with members. Application forms for helpers can be found on subudworldnews.com and must be sent to the IH’s in the area of the helpers. In our Area 2 Heloise is the contactperson. Working together with the IH’s is important. Candidates will be tested.

### *Meetings*,

Location next zonal meeting: Andrea offers to host the meeting in 2008 in Pisa. Also Spain and Ireland put themselves forward as candidates. It is decided to have the next meeting in Italy in April/May 2008. Spain and Ireland are candidate for the meeting in 2009, the last one of this council.

Margo invites everybody to come to the national congress in Holland in May.

Agenda for this year’s national congresses:

Netherlands, 25 – 27 May

Britain, 27 – 30 August

Belgium, end September

Portugal, at the beginnig of October

Ireland, October/November

France, 8 - 11 November

Spain, 6 – 8 December  
Italy, end January 2008

### *Finance*

Reinbrand: Leonard van Willenswaard made the financial report for 2006. The financial situation of the zone is healthy. Administration costs are low, almost all the money is spent on travelling, and some on African support. At the moment there is a bankreserve of €13.000. Pierre comments that the contribution from France in 2006 was different (after the meeting he confirmed that the figure of €1220 was correct). The accounts for 2006 were accepted with the provision of the French contribution. (After the confirmation by Pierre they can be considered as accepted)

Then follows a discussion on the budget for the running year 2007.

Reinbrand explains the situation of the zonal webpage. Raphaella proposes that Reinbrand continues to go on with his investigation; Margo supports this idea and everybody agrees. It was decided to reserve €2000 for this in the budget

Carla thinks that the KC's will travel more in the next year. Reinbrand likes to have input from the KC's on this point and asks Richard and Marianne for information. They promise to send an updated list of KC travel.

Britain still contributes a considerable amount to the budget. Stephen warns that the contribution of Subud Britain might be different from the past years as their budgeting procedures has been changed.

From the surplus of 2006 it was decided to donate €5000 to €6000 for the 'Helpers without Borders' fund, earmarked for travel in Area 2. The exact sum to be decided after more information is available of the KC travel in 2007.

Reinbrand will send a modified proposal for the 2007 budget for comments and confirmation.

On the question how the travels of KC's, CC's, chairs and national wing coordinators should be financed, Reinbrand says that the first responsibility lies within the country. If a country can't pay, then there can be made a request to the zone. He stresses that this is particularly important for national Youth coordinators, as they sometimes operate separate from the national committee. National bodies should be aware of their youth, but money should not be an obstacle. Margo would like to pay costs of KC's and delegates from the zonal budget for reasons of bookkeeping simplicity. Reinbrand promises to clarify existing procedures and modify where necessary.

### **Sunday morning plenary, enterprises and misc.**

The plenary starts with a recap on the finance meeting. Reinbrand resumes the extra expenses for 2007:

- webpage on subudworldnew.com, €2000
- donation to the 'Helpers without borders' action, €5000-6000
- raising the travel budget, depending on the inventarisation of the needs

Stephen asks for clarity who will pay, the country or the zone. Reinbrand will reformulate the procedures, send them out in draft and wait for reactions. Marianne, contact person for the KC's, will make a list of KC's travel. Dahliani mentions the travel of youth coordinators.

*Enterprises*, Frederic opens the discussion about the position of enterprises in the national agenda's with information on the status of Widjojo and Kalimantan. Osanna and Frederic were in Kalimantan during the Widjojo AGM. Frederic remarks that although big enterprises are not always successful, they still play an important role in bringing the latihan into

practice, on a personal level as well as for the Subud community in general. The mining project is going well. The Subud community in Rungan Sari is alive and active, with many projects going.

The feeling about Widjojo was different, the building becomes old and is small compared to the other buildings around it. Not everybody was happy with the procedures of the sale. There is still a vagueness about the use of the proceeds after the sale. Frederic likes us to think/feel about our attitude towards big enterprises.

Michael Heaslip tells about his bank initiative, where a bank in his view is much more than a provider of money, it should provide also expertise. He wants to link between enterprises and the membership. He offers to facilitate meetings.

Arnaud says that in SD there is a wish for entrepreneurs to help with small enterprises, vocational training and microcredit. On a question of Raphaëlle about the organisation donating money to SDI Idina remarks that in Britain this is not possible because SD is a separate charity. The zone could give money to a microcredit fund.

Reinbrand likes to know the opinion of the countries towards enterprises.

Pierre wants to put the subject on the agenda. Matthew tells about his enterprise.

Andrea says that in Italy like in France, members have problems with the material forces, especially with money. He feels that something should be done to develop a positive feeling towards money.

Margo tells that in the past members were involved with enterprises but the subject is at the moment not alive. There is money for a third Subudhouse in Holland and they are waiting for someone to take an initiative.

Raphaëlla says that Michael is the entrepreneur. Latif Horton, architect, has settled in Ireland and could be the initiator of something new.

Stephen mentions that in Britain enterprises were not a subject at congresses lately, but there is a wish to do something about it and it will be on the agenda at the next congress in August. There are many entrepreneurs in Britain. The most successful enterprises at the moment are the Subud houses, but there is still too little development in it. Stephen thinks that the future lies in Subud centres with various activities like SD, SICA, etc. The problem is working together. Martin mentions that Pelham House is a good example of cooperation of 5 families.

Sofia: In Portugal is a strong enterprise spirit and much activity. Enterprises support the brotherhood. At the moment this is difficult because of the unemployment. Bucelas is at the moment in stand-by as Denise is fully occupied with her new enterprise.

In Spain there is a feeling to do something.

### *Miscellaneous*

Reinbrand thanks Subud France for their hospitality and flawless organization of the meeting. Andrea asks if a cheap charter flight could be organised from Europe to New Zealand for the World Congress. This must be arranged 2 years in advance. Is there a need for a support fund for youth to go to New Zealand?

Stephen would like to see more presence of the wings in the zonal council.

Pierre likes to connect youth and SICA, he sees Youth and SICA represented by one person, with financial help.

## Actions and decisions of the zone3 meeting in St. Prix, 12-15 April 2007

		Action	Status
1	Report of Lisbon meeting was accepted		done
2	Recommendation to ISC to set up a working group on modern communications, i.e. internet	ZC	
3	Report from the Britain communications committee	Britain	
4	KC's to be invited at zonal Youth coordinator meetings	Dahlani	
5	Countries to stimulate that young people come to the Celebration	All	
6	ZC to reformulate procedures for refunds of delegates travel	ZC	
7	Subud Portugal will reconnect with Angola	Portugal	
8	Subud Nigeria will need financial support to enable members to go to their national congress in oct./nov	All	
9	Subud Nigeria invites participants from abroad to their national congress	All	
10	Groups in Cypress and Lebanon ask for contacts and visits	All	
11	RDC needs visits by enterprise people	All	
12	Countries are asked to look for MSF trustee candidates	All	
13	Subud Spain suggests an expert group of architects for MSF	ZC	
14	ISC asks for reactions on the memorandum of understanding	All	
15	Subud Spain asks for a project to inventorise and store Subud films	ZC	
16	Matthew asks for a list of skills of young people	ZC	
17	The next zone3 meeting in 2008 will be organised by Subud Italy		done
18	Spain and Ireland apply for the meeting in 2009		open
19	The financial report for 2006 is accepted, after France has confirmed its donation		done
20	ZC will further investigate the zone3 webpage on subudworldnews.com	ZC	
21	€2000 is reserved on the budget of 2007 for the webpage		done
22	A donation of €5000 to €6000 depending on other costs will be given to the Helpers without borders fund for travel in Area 2		
23	Marianne will send an update list of KC travels in this year	Marianne	done
24	ZC will send out a new proposal for the 2007 budget	ZC	
25	Subud Italy suggests to investigate a cheap charter flight to New Zealand for the next world congress	ZC	

## Attachments

- 1 List of participants
- 2 Agenda of the meeting
- 3 Report of the meeting of national youth coordinators in Bucelas
- 4 Report of the Publications Unit, to be translated
- 5 Short meeting report from Ireland
- 6 Short report on the kejiwaan weekend in Ireland