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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 actives 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.

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## EDITORIAL

## MY DEAR SUBUD SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

Welcome to the second edition of Connect magazine where you can find out what is happening in our Subud world. In this issue there is a lot of news from our Subud youth who are becoming more and more involved in Subud activities. We hope you enjoy.

Recently, three main events brought our Subud family together in three very different parts of the world. We started in Poland with a European gathering of two Zones (3 & 4). In Zone 4, more than 400 people came together and a new team of representatives for the youth evolved and began their work of fundraising both for youth travel and for WSA support.

The second event was our gathering of the Americas in Cali. Again the energy of the young people and their representatives was felt and we saw the presence of many youths due to the efforts of their representatives, Arif Rivero and Konrad Munos. The culminating youth effort became evident with the wonderfully successful "Basara" camp in Kalimantan. These gatherings have shown us how ready the next generation is to support the activities of Subud and how important it is for the older generation who knew Bapak to make sure that the path for the future of Subud is prepared in a way that upholds the vision and mission that Bapak had for us all.

Now, as time dictates, we are preparing for our World Congress in Freiburg, Germany next year! It is a very exciting time and a time when it is important for all of us not only to prepare the outer venues for a successful congress; work that is being done by our very capable

World Congress Organizing Team, but also a time for us all to prepare the space inside to understand the content of this congress, to make it a truly special congress that will take Subud to the next step along the path. Now is the time to give special attention to developing the mechanisms which bring stability and continuity for the long term projects in Subud and allows us to follow the guidelines set by Bapak, our beloved founder, for the future generations.

As you will read in this issue of Connect, our next generation is competent in its way of doing things and energetic and enthusiastic about doing work for Subud. They are moved by the inner connection to each other through the latihan and are willing to make the effort to work harmoniously, solving any differences along the way.

Finally, a note on this magazine. We know it has been some time since the first issue but we are working on making this a sustainable project that will appear in your inboxes more regularly. If you have any comments please send to our secretary Salamah at [salamah.wsa@gmail.com](mailto:salamah.wsa@gmail.com) with the subject: *Connect comments*.

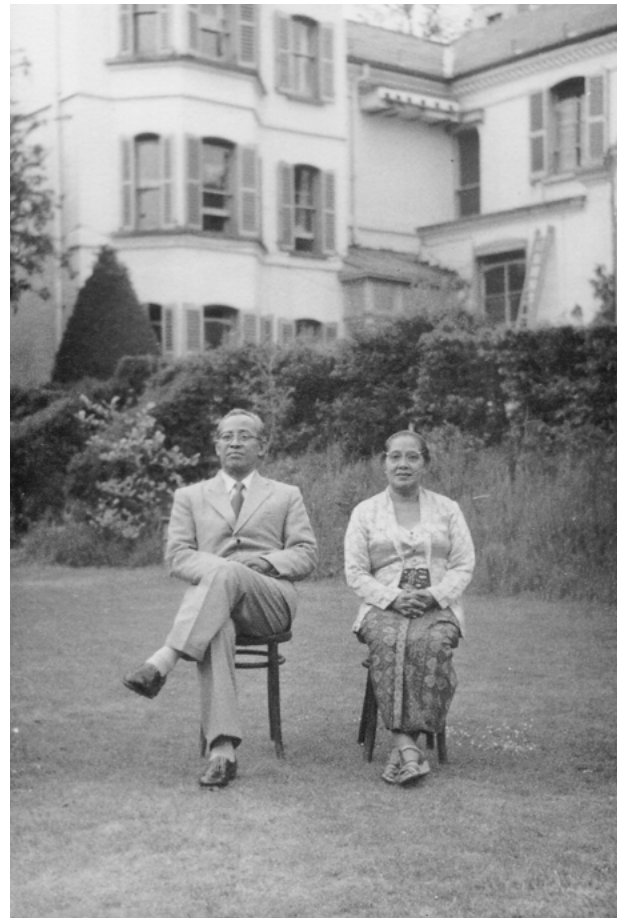
With love and respect,  
The WSA Team

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“Bapak therefore considers it necessary in this Subud community of ours - especially as it is now spreading all over the world - to have some kind of magazine. This may contain members’ writings that need to be communicated, as well as news of the newly established groups or centers; also articles by committee members and by helpers, to convey necessary information to those in distant places; and addresses, to facilitate the meeting of members and of latihan facilities in various places.”

- Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo, First Subud World Congress, Coombe Springs, 18 August 1959 Code number of Recording:59 CSP 8



Bapak and Ibu Siti Sumari in Coombe Springs, 1957. Courtesy WSA Archives

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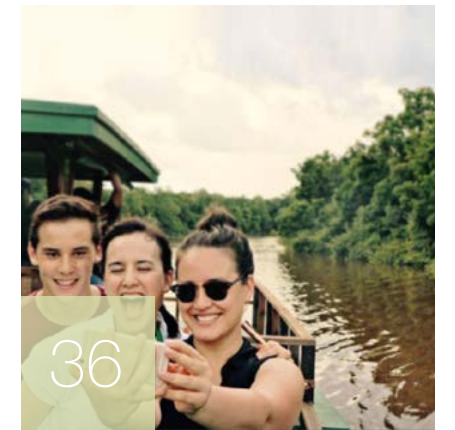
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## SUBUD INDONESIA'S

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Anniversary

In 1947 Subud was officially registered in the Javanese city of Yogyakarta in the newly independent Republic of Indonesia. Subud Indonesia commemorated the event with an evening of culture and remembrance of the gift YM Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo has given to all Subud members.

Bapak's daughter, Ibu Siti Rahayu, spoke a few words before cutting the top of the traditional yellow rice mountain known as 'tumpeng'. She asked that we all give thanks and pray according to our own faith as we have been blessed by Almighty God for the last 70 years since the establishment of the Subud association and this is something we should remember to be truly grateful for.

Subud Indonesia chair Iwan Syamsudin and WSA chair Elias Dumit spoke at the opening ceremony which included

traditional dances from around Indonesia and a film on the history of Subud.

Iwan reminded all the members that it was 10 years after the founding of Subud in Indonesia that Bapak's receiving that he would travel the world began with his trip to England in 1957.

"From there Subud eventually spread to around 82 countries. From Bapak's passing in 1987 until today, Subud continues to spread. This is because Bapak prepared everything for us before he passed through talks, advice and guidelines," said Iwan.

"It is our duty in Subud Indonesia to continue to preserve what we have inherited and not change what Bapak has outlined for us," he added.



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Exhibition with the theme: ' Bapak is among us '

# INDONESIAN -NATIONAL CONGRESS-

“The whole experience was amazing, like a mini world congress with people from all over. We were truly blessed to have Ibu Rahayu with us and to give us so much through her talk and testing, too”...

Subud Indonesia's 28th national congress opened two days later. More than 900 Indonesian and over one hundred members from around the world gathered for the event which was opened by the Governor of Yogyakarta, Sri Sultan Hamengkubuwono X.

The following day, Ibu Siti Rahayu gave an hour long talk followed by testing sessions for men and women.

Congress activities continued throughout the three-day event and Iwan Syamsudin was tested in as chair for another term.

Although there were many activities at the venue, some members also had the chance to slip away and absorb local culture with trips to the Sultan's palace, Borobudur Temple and museums.

“The whole experience was amazing, like a mini world congress with people from all over. We were truly blessed to have Ibu Rahayu with us and to give us so much through her talk and testing, too” said one member from the UK.



The Governor of Yogyakarta officially opens the 28th national congress.



Some 1,000 Subud members, including 100 from overseas attended the event.



The children from Rungan Sari performed a Dayak dance

## OFF TO SEMARANG

Several dozen Subud members had the opportunity to travel by road to Bapak's home in the city of Semarang where he worked and studied for many years.

Many of the visitors had not seen Bapak's house. So they crossed the island of Java on busses traveling for several hours through bustling villages and rice fields and distant volcanoes and mountains.

It was in Semarang that Bapak would go through a series of spiritual experiences that would eventually be called, simply, the latihan kejiwaan or spiritual training. "I was deeply touched by the fact that I was in that place where Bapak received the latihan, the one miracle that unites us all. People of all different nationalities were present and shared a similar feeling," said Viktor Boehm from Germany.



Ibu Siti Rahayu was there to greet everyone which was a wonderful surprise for all the members.

"Many members thanked her for her continued dedication and work for Subud. For me it was a special day to be in Bapak's house again. The last time I was there was in 1971 after the World Congress. I felt the latihan and the history of Subud so very much," said Viktor.

After lunch, first the ladies and then the men did latihan in a lovely refurbished room. Full of thankfulness we walked back to the busses and returned to Yogyakarta for the start of the Indonesian Congress.

Viktor Boehm contributed to this article





# BASARA

*A Gathering Like  
No Other*

Basara was a collaborative Subud endeavor but Indonesian youth were at the core helping to coordinate and developed the program. In the end, 150 young people from 19 countries traveled to Rungan Sari in Central Kalimantan to take part.



## It was 36 years ago that Bapak first stepped foot in Kalimantan and in 1998 the first house was built in Rungan Sari for Ibu Siti Rahayu.

**I**t was 36 years ago that Bapak first stepped foot in Kalimantan and in 1998 the first house was built in Rungan Sari for Ibu Siti Rahayu. Today an international community of several dozen people live and work in this remote Subud complex.

This was where some 150 young Subud members from 19 countries arrived in late December for the unique ten-day event called Basara - which literally means 'gathering' in the local Dayak language.

The seed for Basara began during the World Congress in Mexico in 2014 and a year later at the World Subud Council meeting in Chile, the idea for Basara quickly became a reality.

Initiated by Subud Youth, this was a totally new kind of Subud event that brought together



all aspects of Subud in an integrated program. But Basara was more than that. It was a chance for Subud youth to experience the meaning of Kalimantan.

"We are grateful that although our young generation hasn't had the chance to meet Bapak in person, Almighty God has enabled us to witness the spirit and reality of Bapak's words accompanying us in our journey," said Tauhid Pandji, Chair of the Basara Organizing Committee.

Basara was designed by the Yes Quest Team and supported by the four Wings, the World Subud Association, Subud Youth and the International Helpers.

"The aim was to create a coherent experience where young people learned about Bapak's vision for Kalimantan, what has been achieved so far, and how they might contribute to taking this forward," said Peter Jenkins, YES Quest



Bapak and party visit Central Kalimantan in 1980. It was time to begin.

**“Bapak says that actually those of you who were in Coombe Springs will remember that Bapak talked about Kalimantan then. Bapak came first to Coombe Springs in 1957. So it means that already from 23 years ago Bapak had this plan to develop Kalimantan.”**

Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo, Jakarta, 1981 [Provisional Translation. Code: 81 CDK 1]



# WINGS TAKE FLIGHT

“After the experience in the ‘My Life’ workshop, there was a clear sense of how the wings work in our lives as all parts of ourselves...”

Basara offered a chance for young people to explore the wings in depth and to discover how they can be a part of one or more of the four Subud wings which represent humanitarian work, culture, health and enterprises services, \*SDIA, SICA, SIHA and SESI.

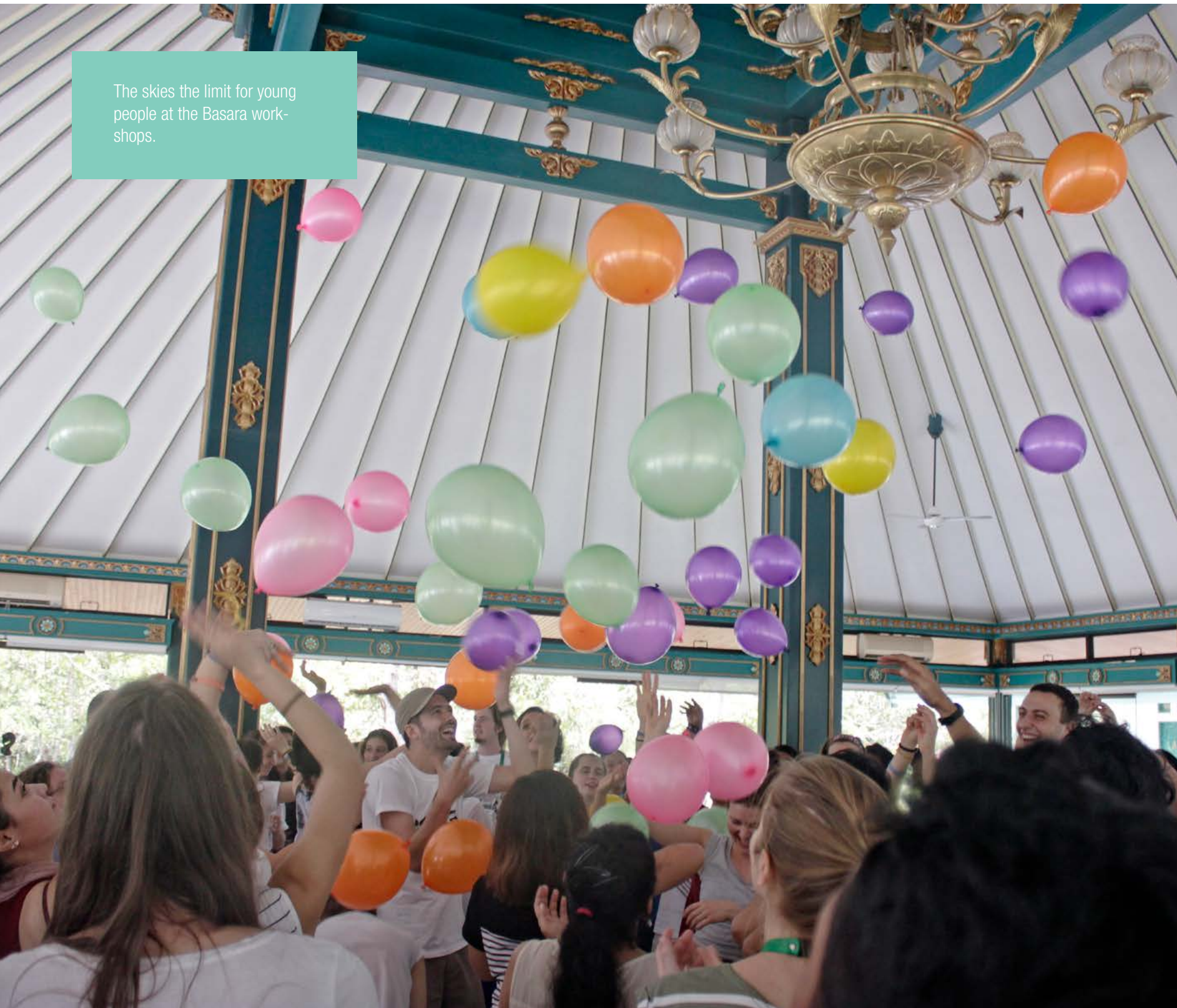
The first of the three main workshops, ‘My Basara’ was an opportunity for participants to plan how to gain the maximum benefit for themselves and for Subud. The second, ‘My Subud’ was an opportunity to explore their relationship with Bapak, Subud and Kalimantan and to experience those parts of themselves that correspond to each of the wings. The final workshop, ‘My Life’ allowed the young people to declare their goals and create a roadmap of first steps to achieving them.



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The skies the limit for young people at the Basara workshops.



Basara football fans had a chance to kick off the New Year with children from Borneo Football International Academy.



Basara youth getting 'crafty' with kids from YUM.

In the afternoons, youth were invited to take part in wing workshops. SICA held a variety of classes from art and sculpture, to the creation of a Basara choir and sessions that focused on finding your true creativity and developing understanding of one's own culture. SIHA offered massage classes for students and operated the Basara first aid station.

During the Susila Dharma Wing Day, the Basara youth had the opportunity to see first hand five Subud social projects. They include:

\* Yayasan Usaha Mulia (YUM) which had developed a new training center as well as village home vegetable gardens, a library and education, health and community development projects.

\* Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta (YTS) which is now developing fish hatcheries to supply local fish farmers.

\* Yayasan Permakultur Kalimantan (YPK) which supports community based sustainable agriculture.

\* Borneo Football International Academy which provides football training, health promotion, school support and basic English for youth and children.

\* Bina Cita Utama (BCU) which has grown into a thriving school of over 120 students from first to twelfth grade.

"Visiting projects made it much more clear for me the work that can be done to help those who might not come from same background as me," said one participant.

The youth also had a chance to learn about the different Subud enterprises in Kalimantan during a morning of presentations and Q&As. There were presentations of a number of well-established and newer enterprises that are growing in Kalimantan in a variety of fields from real estate and construction to environmental research, mining, tourism, film production and social communication.

\*SDIA- Susila Dharma International Association, SICA - Subud International Cultural Association, SIHA - Subud International Health Association and SESI - Subud Enterprise Services International





# ENTERPRISING YOUTH

SESI set Basara buzzing with an offer of US\$ 10,000 to help young Subud members launch an idea or an enterprise. Benefactor and SESI Coordinator Hadrian Fraval said that the purpose of having awards was to inspire young people and to have them experience what comes back to you from what you do – from your effort and hard work.

More than a dozen projects - from technical to creative and innovative - were presented at an 'Enterprise Showcase' and many were rewarded. "From little things big things can grow so here we award the little things and hope that you will grow them," said Hadrian.

Hadrian (far left) and team review the youth enterprises



## AND THE WINNERS ARE:

### US\$2,000

**Robiyanto Sumohadiwidjojo and partners- Subud IT Service & Congress**

To serve Subud causes with IT services and Infrastructure, while growing as an open business enterprise with the goal of being an independent and a self sufficient organization.

**Pierce Vaughn & BPI - Kaliwood Media Training**

To provide computers at BPI studios so that young local film makers can come and work on developing filmmaking skills.

### US\$ 1,000

**Anwar Lowther – Just Fruit Clothing**

To help launch a new T-shirt label that will be sold online.

**Martha Kibti - Kibti furniture**

To send young people in Central Java to related events. This is a loan and will be paid back to support the World Congress performance show.

**Bachtiar Bustillo - Road Safety Awareness**

Prompted by the reports on the number of fatalities in the area of Rungan Sari due to non use of helmets and safety rules

**Osanne Delcourt - World Congress**

Performance Show To create a show that will be performed at the beginning of World Congress 2018.

### US\$500

**Rhyana Blakeley – Children's International Cookbook** To start production of a children's cookbook as a fundraising tool for the World Congress.

**Rosalia Lonegran (Audrey) – Uplift Singing Funds** for completion of locale in Tasmania

**Agnes McKingley – Songwriting**

To complete coursework for Music Writing with social themes.

**Elias McKingley – Borneo Football Camp**

To pilot a project that brings groups of students from Jakarta to Rungan Sari for a two-week football camp.

**Guillaume Sanchez - Dance Around the Globe**

To promote the films he has produced on cultural dance

**Catarina Graciana Mauretti and others – Subud**

Storytelling Cafe To gather and write up Subud stories from members in each area and present the project at a Storytelling Cafe at Congress 2018.

## CELEBRATE!

Basara was filled with celebrations from the opening ceremony to New Year's Eve and a farewell event giving everyone an opportunity to experience Kalimantan culture and get to know one another.

The opening included a welcome from local dignitaries, WSA chair Elias Dumit and Subud Indonesia chair Iwan Syamsudin followed by cultural performances, traditional music and a youth fashion show. A traditional Dayak ceremony welcomed everyone to Central Kalimantan. The ceremony was meant to enable "our spirits to meet with the spirits of Central Kalimantan". It was as if we were "knocking on the door" of Central Kalimantan and asking for permission to enter.

New Year's eve featured DJ Guillaume Sanchez, local food and dancing by both young and old. The night was capped off by a fireworks display. A number of Basara youth also ventured up the nearby hill to watch the first sunrise of the year.

The closing ceremony was held inside the Muhammad Subuh Center and featured a night of music and dancing. SICA presented a range of vibrant live performances including Dayak World music band 'Bella Acoustic', the Madden family band with Sebastien Medina, YUM traditional dance group, Meera Shanker from Chennai with Indian classical dance and the BASARA Choir.

There were plenty of hugs, promises to meet again and many thank yous to the organizing team, WSA, Rungan Sari residents who supported the program and to everyone who took part in this one of a kind experience. But although Basara ended it may be just the beginning – with many talking about making the youth gathering a regular event.



A Basara New Year complete with music, fireworks and dancing.





Basara was a family reunion for cousins Elias and Orissa

For me, Basara really felt like a gift from God. It was an event that I really think had planted the seed of Subud, and Kalimantan, in a lot of youths. God willing, we may soon see the fruits of the work that everyone involved in Basara made, and the grace that was given to us during this incredible event. Elias, Australia.

"I want to help people now, I want to help my parents and my grandparents. A lot of people use Basara to get to know themselves and to connect... my parents gave me a good sense of myself, now I can help others." Orissa, New Zealand.



A journey down the river with WOW Borneo.



I had no expectations, I learned not to have expectations of Subud gatherings but I had two hidden gifts from Basara – one a different type of relationship with myself, and the other solving a personal issue." Osanne from France



Rungan Safari - on the way to a nearby swimming hole.



Basara youth experienced traditional Dayak dance



Welcoming the New Year atop 'Bukit Batu'



I wanted to explore Kalimantan and experience what the place holds," member from Spain.



Even more than what expected most satisfying overwhelmed – connection to Bapak, friendships formed, adventure, connection to Indonesia, seeing nature and animals WOW, " Member from Australia.



Cycling through the forest organized by Rungan Sari residents.



We have decided to be opened when I go home. It's been great and a true education in caring for others," two young women from New Zealand and US.



# BASARA IMPRESSIONS



**Tauhid Pandji**  
Chair Organizing Committee

The main feeling from the start is that Basara would be something needed for the future, and at this moment, for the unity of Subud Youth all over the world and for the sake of furthering Bapak's vision of Kalimantan.

Working together in harmony, with a feeling of joy and love and brotherhood with many Subud members, something which culminated during Basara, has been one of the biggest boons in organizing this event, and it has been like a reward in itself.

Many seeds were sown during Basara that will likely yield harvest in various ways in the future. One of them was a talk about making Basara a regular event. Whatever it is, hopefully the feeling of care and love for our Subud organization will always be present in all of us who are prepared to take these seeds forward.



**Guillaume Sanchez**  
Quest Team

The youth seem to understand that Subud is about Bapak and the elders and that the latihan is the driving force in Subud. The participants represent the youth ...free to do

things with an open mindedness that is part of being young. It has been motivating and inspiring to work with them.



**Marlena Basser**  
YES Quest Coordinator

We wanted to train up young people so that it, Yes Quest, has life beyond Peter and me and life beyond one or two Yes Quests every few years. We wanted young people to experience how to run workshops such as these in other gatherings.

People each had their own particular way through which they felt connected to Basara.

Each responding to what is important to them, in their own feelings, like sports, activities like "My Basara", other presentations... for others it's about engaging in performing and developing self confidence, others in forming life-long bonds with young people from around the world or going on a boat trip and exploring Kalimantan.



**Peter Jenkins**  
YES Quest Founder

The Youth Team had a clear vision for Basara - young Subud members from around the world would come together, learn about Kalimantan and Bapak's vision for this place and how they could make a contribution to taking this forward. They would leave with a better idea of themselves and Subud and its wings, how they could help Subud and how Subud could help them.

It might not have developed exactly the way we foresaw but looking at all the presentations, Basara has been a success, it has been a great experience with a fantastic outcome. The incentives were there in place and the participants responded to the challenges in their own way. That is what we wanted really to have them look deeper into themselves and integrate their parts.



**Rhyana Blakeley**  
YES Quest Team

I think that the Yes Quest workshops have helped to give content and structure to the whole gathering. For example, it felt to me that in the "My Subud" workshop participants got to share and clarify their own understanding and experience of the wings.

When I look at this team I have a better feeling about the future of Subud. I have hope now. It's been a resurgence of my feelings and it feels good. Part of the vision of Basara was to show us Kalimantan and I have been inspired by the residents' support and all the amazing projects they are running here, really living the latihan.



**Sebastian Flynn**  
SICA Chair

The lasting impression I have of Basara is the competence and sincerity of the younger Indonesian organizing team. We all felt they could run a congress if you asked them to. I have learned a lot from them about good will, love and care. The Yes Quest helped to

guide the team and steer them allowing them to grow as a team. Marlene allowed them the space they needed but helped keep the team on track and supported them with daily meetings.





Members of the Basara team, participants and supporters



### **Mashudi Sumohadiwidjojo** Registration coordinator

The very moment I saw the crowd come to register, I felt so happy. Those coming would be able to see how great Kalimantan is, and they are my brothers and sisters in Subud. It's just like one big family meeting again, but what's funny is that even people I had never met before felt like family.

### **Wuryanti Soesetyo** Venue and facilities

I truly feel blessed to have been a part of Basara as it touched me immensely. Throughout Basara, the hardest part I encountered was myself. The happiest part was contributing. The easiest part was being grateful and loving everyone's presence. I have to add; the saddest part was George's passing.

### **Herry Apridyanto** Travel coordinator

Amid the heated state of the world situation, with greed, racism and religious intolerance, we could be in harmony here. Through "Subud" and the "Latihan" there is proof that we are all brothers without exception.

### **Hengky Soesilo** Transportation

I feel very blessed to have been involved in Basara. It has been easy even with all the challenges because everyone is always smiling and ready to help. We worked very hard to make this a good experience for all participants.

### **Chandra Intan** Food and accommodation

My Basara family included not only the youth but also those who were behind the scenes like the kitchen and hotel crews. It wasn't always easy looking after 150 people. But I got a lot of help. I was adopted by many 'mothers' during Basara. So wonderful to collect more parents. They're all amazing.

### **Kharisnantyo Adi** Gift shop coordinator

I always felt really light working at the gift shop. I never felt a lack of energy and I never felt tired. The relationships I formed were really warm, kind, friendly, cooperative and full of joy. I never have felt this kind of bond in my regular field or work, in my career. It was definitely a growing experience for me.

### **Yudistira Tribudiman** Video production

I've never been to any congresses, not even the national ones. At Basara, I was blown by the potential that the whole Subud community has. Ten days with the committee team was more than 1 or 2 years with my best friends in Jakarta. The amount of sincerity, integrity and love that everyone has put into it to make it happen was just mind blowing.

### **Muhammad Budiyanto** Graphic design

The most fun was to meet Subud youth from many countries, a rare opportunity for me as I come from Kalimantan. I was able to experience how cooperation with other Subud youth really works and was able to form lasting relationships.

### **Amaliyah Lerrigo** Rungan Sari team

When the Subud Youth Indonesia chair and his team arrived, we held a selamat to mark this special event and, as Bapak's children, we asked for God's guidance. This was the first time that the Indonesian Subud youth would handle such a big event. Many senior Subud members have worked long and hard for Subud and Bapak. Soon, we will hand this work over to the youth. I must say they did a wonderful job convincing us, without intending to do so, to believe that, God willing, Subud's future is bright.



# TO JAKARTA AND BEYOND



Subud youth at Suka Mulia, Bapak's final resting place.



Participants left Kalimantan with a lifetime of memories but much more was in store. The group headed for Jakarta and an evening in Pamulang, a suburb of Jakarta where Ibu Siti Rahayu and several members of her family live. This is also where Bapak spent his final days in this world. Ibu gave a short talk to the youth and latihan and dinner followed.

The next day the group travelled to Suka Mulia located in the mountains near Cipanas. This is where Bapak is buried. This final trip seemed to bring the entire Basara experience full circle – beginning where Bapak's vision for Kalimantan began, an evening with his family and finally Bapak's resting place.

## HUMAN FORCE GOES TO KALIMANTAN

Spotting orangutans from the river, creek swimming, Dayak dancing, basket weaving and visiting local villages. Making new friends, feeling part of a family, having fun, eating delicious food. Oh, and of course a marvelous sense of achievement at the work we did. All of this and more was on the program of the sixth Human Force camp, held at Yayasan Permakultur Kalimantan (YPK) just before Basara.

Human Force, formerly a program of SDIA and now housed by the World Subud Association, organizes and facilitates short but intensive learning and working experiences for young Subud members at different Susila Dharma projects around the world.

The focus of this 10-day camp was permaculture and culture, environment and community. The Yayasan Permakultur Kalimantan Foundation (YPK) connects with local communities, helping their traditions come back to life and raising awareness of a more sustainable way of growing food, especially in communities that have been persuaded to sell their land to palm oil companies – which leads to environmental degradation on a massive scale.



14 volunteers, both local and international, came together to work with YPK to develop the Bina Cita Utama (BCU) school kitchen garden, learn about the challenges facing local communities and the environment and take positive action. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, both from our participants and from our hosts; and the organizers agreed it was 'the best camp ever'. If you are interested in taking part in the next Human Force camp at YPK, please contact [hellohumanforce@gmail.com](mailto:hellohumanforce@gmail.com) to register your interest and make sure you get updates!

Solen Lees, SDIA Communications

## An Unexpected Passing

Subud Youth International coordinator from Canada, George Demers, left this world on January 7th in Central Kalimantan – just a day after the Basara closing ceremony. His partner, Camille and Subud members were with him during his last moments. George was 65.

He was opened in British Columbia in the early 1990s. He served as a helper, chair of Subud Canada, chair of the zonal meeting in Vancouver, and helped spearhead the America's Gatherings. At the World Congress in Puebla he was tested in as International Youth Coordinator, a position he felt was "the best job in Subud."

"He truly loved this work, working with and for the youth. And the youth ...both young and old youth... loved George," said Camille. His last enterprise was to buy an apartment building and renovate



it so that people with disabilities could have a nice home to live in.

George was officially a Catholic but his passing was also marked by Muslim prayers and a Balinese-Hindu cremation. Before the ceremony, and with his children who had just arrived from Canada, Subud members gathered in Rungan Sari hall to remember him.

Many spoke of the impression George had made on a number of youth and how he truly seemed to care about them. While Camille spoke of her love for George and how blessed she felt to be surrounded by her Subud brothers and sisters.

Just days before his passing he spoke about what Basara meant to him.

"Really first and foremost what Basara is about is a place and time so that each individual can connect with their deeper inner self and connect with God and their own development and to integrate and



# MUHAMMAD SUBUH FOUNDATION



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The Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF) is happy to announce the following six recently approved grants bringing the total number of grants for 2016 to \$74,251. The total amount of funds awarded in 2016, grants + loans, was USD \$114,251.

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November 2016 Awards	USD
Subud Italy	2,500 grant
Yayasan Subud Indonesia	8,800 grant
Subud Colombia/Cali 20,000 grant,	40,000 loan
Subud Jaramuza (Orgiva)	2,650 grant
Subud Amanecer local group	5,000 grant
Subud Portugal/Lisbon	10,000 grant
<b>May 2016 Awards</b>	
Kulon Progo, Indonesia	13,462 grant
Popayan, Colombia	11,839 grant
<b>Total grant &amp; loan awards</b>	<b>114,251</b>

MSF does not fund raise in the traditional sense; this is left to WSA. However, each Subud member is asked to consider leaving a bequest in their trust or will as a testament to further the work of MSF.

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# BUENOS DIAS COSTA RICA

The IH's were treated to a visit to a local volcano.



Area 3 International Helpers, Myriam Ramsey and Hoan Toan Phan, visited Costa Rica in Central America this year. The group began in the late 1970s and now has 15 members.

The group met for breakfast at the Subud House then sat together and members shared their concerns and their hopes for the visit.

It had been many years since the International Helpers had visited and they were feeling cut off from the rest of Subud. They felt they needed help since Subud was not growing in Costa Rica.

"Sometimes help (or helpers) comes just when it is needed – and I believe this was the case for our group in Costa Rica. Although we have been trying to arrange a visit for the last two years, it seems that this was the time when we would be the most receptive," said Hamid Kaber, Helper, Subud Costa Rica.

The IHs noted that there were concerns with attendance at latihan and the harmony of the helpers and members.

Even though Costa Rica is small in membership they expressed the same concerns that we have experienced throughout Area 3, the helpers reported.

"Members loved the latihan and were dedicated to Subud but issues of harmony, latihan seeming to stay the same, very few applicants and new members not continuing with the latihan after being opened were the same concerns other groups have expressed," said Myriam.

The IHs were able to share their experiences visiting other groups and read quotes from Bapak or Ibu that addressed some of their concerns. People felt very happy to be able to share and this made clear what we needed to concentrate on during Sunday's helpers meeting.

"Our first meeting was a bit confrontational but after the first men helper testing session, the feeling of each one of us, including those with very strong opinions, began to open up and eventually dissolve into some tears, laughter and hugs," said Hamid.

"I am reminded of what Bapak said about the Power of God changing things that cannot be changed," he said.

Myriam and Hoan Toan said that they were all feeling close to each other and feeling grateful to God for the latihan and sincerity of the Subud members in Costa Rica.

**Myriam, Hoan Toan and Hamid contributed to this article**

# THE HISTORY OF SUBUD PROJECT

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During a talk given by Bapak in Cilandak in 1979, he called Harlinah (Longcroft) to test in front of him. Bapak then told her she should be an historian. The following day he said she should write history.

In early 1983, Bapak asked why no one had started to write the history of Subud. Between 1979 and 1983, when talking to members of his family, Bapak had referred to Harlinah writing the history of Subud on several occasions, so Harlinah now asked for an interview with Bapak. During

this interview Bapak told Harlinah to write the history of Subud without a committee to help her, and he explained how it should be written. It was to contain no theory, be based on documented accounts, and contain latihan experiences only if these had a result in this world.

In 1983 very little archival material had been collected. The existing international archives held Bapak's writings and transcribed talks, as well as some photographs and not much else. For the first ten years of this project Harlinah collected documents and interviewed older Subud members, travelling around the world six or seven times in order to do this. These documents and interviews now form the History of Subud Collection in the WSA Archives. The five hundred or more hours of interviews are currently being digitized as and when money becomes available to do this professionally.

To date two books have been

published in the History of Subud series. Harlinah is working on the third. The books she writes belong to WSA, who cover her costs, but, at her own request, she receives no salary or honoraria for writing these books, nor does she receive royalties.

To end this summary of the History project, here is what Bapak said to the S.B.I.F Trustees at a meeting in his house on July 7 1984. Bapak is comparing the History of Subud with another book proposed at that time.

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**Harlinah Longcroft,**  
Canberra



# CARRYING *Out* BAPAK'S PLAN FOR THE ARCHIVES

The International Helpers are testing with Subud groups about the importance of the archives and what it means for our future. Some of the receiving indicates that the archives make Subud stronger and will help guarantee that the Subud we all know and love will be available for future generations. Ibu Rahayu has talked about the archives in the past couple of years in some of her talks. Here is an excerpt from one:

“So, it seems that people are being led to have more understanding about the soul. That is why I have explained that the archives are the source for Subud. They should be preserved for all time, because as long as we have the archives and they are professionally managed, Subud will not lose its source.”<sup>1</sup>

The Subud archives started in 1960 when Bapak formed the International Sekretariat at Wisma Subud. Bapak saw to it that all of his talks and correspondence with the membership, and all of our reports to him, both organizational and kejiwaan, were collected.<sup>2</sup> The Cilandak international archives also contain Ibu Rahayu's papers, talks, and correspondence with the membership.

One of the earliest written records we have about the archives is from Richard Engels<sup>3</sup> in a report to the 1971 World Congress in Indonesia: “We sit on the International Archives and wait and wait and wait, and see the cob-webs growing . . . and nothing happens! It's unbelievably difficult to lure the brothers and sisters into generously making available from their personal treasures, items which are of general importance [sic] and interest

for the entire brotherhood. But perhaps this will come to pass after Tjilandak<sup>4</sup> and then we hope that the archives will burst at the seams.” Richard goes on to say: “In Tokyo it was decided, with the permission of Bapak, to prepare Subud Archives for present and future generations.”

The Tokyo World Congress was in 1967, that was 50 years ago and we are still talking about and wrestling with the problems of collecting and preserving our Subud archives. We have not found the proceedings from the Tokyo World Congress where the archives were discussed. We do, however, have photographs taken by Rachman Cantrell<sup>5</sup> at the Tokyo World Congress showing Bapak sitting in front of a blackboard of the agenda where Archives (Tapes, etc.) is clearly written.



3rd World Congress – Bapak and Usman with Congress agenda on blackboard. Photo: Rachman Cantrell, 1967.

1. Ibu Rahayu's Explanations during Wisma Subud Heritage Protection Project Meeting, Cilandak, 30 July 2013, recording 13 CDK 2.
2. Some parts of the original collection were lost through insect and water damage and some documents were loaned and not returned. This large collection was organized and preserved in 1988-1993 with funds from the International Archives Fundraising Team and is still functioning today.
3. Richard Engels was responsible for the archives from 1963-1971 as vice chair, along with Varindra Vittachi, of the newly created SIS (Subud International Services) and then as deputy chair of ISC (International Subud Committee). He was instrumental in recognizing how important the archives were to the organization and to its future.
4. Tjilandak is an older spelling for Cilandak and the site of the 4th Subud World Congress.
5. Longtime Subud member in Subud Pacific Northwest at Greater Seattle, USA, who has photo documented most World Congresses, Subud USA National Congresses and Gatherings and shared his photographs with the WSA Archives.



At the 1971 World Congress, recommendations were made about preserving the archives.<sup>6</sup> Other reports were submitted to the 1975 World Congress in Wolfsburg with recommendations and proposals.<sup>7</sup> In 1976, Bapak sent a message to Varindra Vittachi, the Dewan of Helpers, the International Subud Committee, and all Subud National Committees throughout the world. This letter lists the nine duties and responsibilities of the International Subud Committee (ISC) and an additional four duties of the Dewan of International Helpers.<sup>8</sup> Duty number 6 says: “to arrange for the preservation of archives and historical material relating to the development of the Spiritual Brotherhood of Subud.” Many of the other responsibilities that Bapak listed in his 1976 message relate to archives work. For instance, Number 1 on Bapak’s list was to keep records of the Subud membership. Number 3 was to request and receive reports from all national branches at least once every three months. Number 5 was to look after the publication of Bapak’s talks.

By 1977, Bapak replied to a letter from Mary Thomson, an English member in charge of the archives in the United Kingdom, who asked Bapak about the need for other archives to be established besides the one at Wisma Subud. Sharif Horthy said in reply: “I conveyed to Bapak your question regarding the desirability of a second location for duplicate archives. Bapak replied that it was indeed necessary to make copies of the most important material, but Bapak also felt that two copies were not enough. Bapak suggested that the most important material should be duplicated three times and stored respectively in Japan (Tokyo), Australia (Sydney), and California (Los Angeles) in addition to the present archives which are with you and Vincent [Faisal Sillem] and can remain in Europe.”<sup>9</sup>

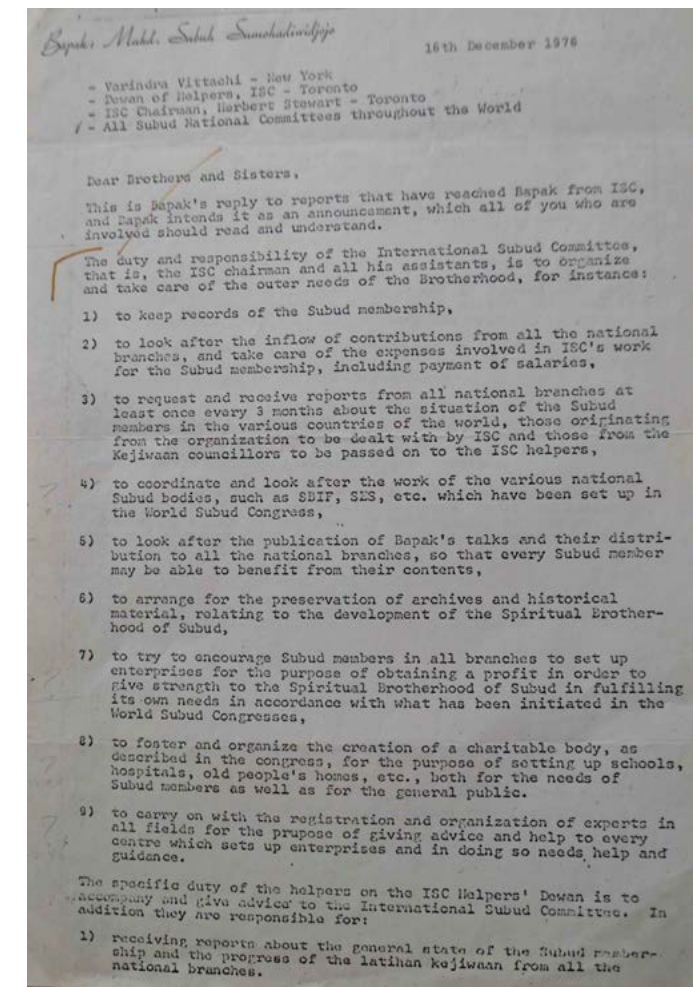
In a report from the 6th World Congress in 1979 in Toronto, Canada, the Communications Working Party (including Archives) chaired by Latip Hutchings, recommended that all Bapak’s printed talks and letters be put onto microfilm for preservation.

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6. 4th World Congress, Working Party Report and Recommendations of Committee on International Subud Archives by Rainier Gebers.  
 7. ISC Subcommittee Archives Report to 5th World Congress by co-chairmen Rashid Ball and Austen Hamilton giving the recommendations made at the 4th World Congress with the 5th World Congress updates.  
 8. This was Bapak’s reply to reports that had reached him from ISC. It was intended to be an announcement for all; addressed to Varindra Vittachi, Dewan of Helpers, ISC Chair, and all Subud National Committees throughout the world, dated 16 November 1976.  
 9. Letter to Mary Thomson is in the Faisal Sillem collection in Achel, Belgium. Copies are in other WSA Archives.



From the WSA archives photo of Wisma Subud, site of the 1971 Subud World Congress.



Bapak’s letter outlining duties and responsibilities of International Subud Committee, 1976.



At the 8th World Congress in 1989 in Sydney, Australia, a resolution was passed stating that the five places where the Subud Archives International are located were responsible for the storage and preservation of these archives. Resolutions resulted in making preservation microfilm of Bapak's archives and storing them in secure and climate controlled environments in the four international archive centers outside Indonesia as a back-up in case anything should happen to the originals. Needless to say, it has often been a struggle for the five designated international archive centers to come up with the funds to store this material safely, let alone find archivists to collect and process material in these collections. One of the foremost tasks of the archives is to preserve and collect the recorded talks of Bapak and Ibu Rahayu for future generations in their true and original form as a proof of authenticity for future generations and also to collect, preserve, and provide access to the history and development of Subud in the world.

At the 14th World Congress in Puebla, Mexico, a resolution was passed to develop a plan to stabilize the archives.<sup>13</sup> Recently, with the guidance of the current WSA Executive team (formerly known as ISC), the International Helpers, and the World Subud Council, the general interest in making the archives function better has increased.

The WSA Executive team invited four international helpers and the international archivists to meet with them in Wolfsburg in May 2015. An Archives Dewan was formed; it strives to create for the 2018 World Congress an Archives charter and define the working relationship within the WSA Executive, a procedures manual, a plan for more financial stability as well as a database of what is in the WSA Archives. All of this in addition to completing the work of the Legacy Project to digitize Bapak's talks.

Yes, we are slowly making progress and we should celebrate this and look forward to archive reports at the next World Congress in 2018.

We have wonderful collections of documents, recordings, videos, films, photographs, books, and newsletters, many in electronic format, in our five international archives, now called the WSA Archives. We have just started to catalog this material in a Subud database called AtoM (Access to Memory), an open source application developed for UNESCO and other NGOs.

We are finding that there are gaps in our history when very little was collected. Some of our history is lost and cannot be retrieved. However, this can be somewhat remedied if we can get the word out while some of our early Subud pioneers are still with us. These are people who have held offices on committees, were international, national, regional, and local helpers, who were zonal committee and kejiwaan councillors, or those who worked on enterprises, set up social and cultural projects, and organized youth groups. Some of these people have remarkable stories to tell.

We are also interested in accounts about how the latihan kejiwaan influenced the everyday lives of our members and changed our Subud groups –all of this is part of our spiritual growth and history.

The job of organizing the archives that we already have and collecting archive material to document our history takes love and dedication. There is still a lot of collecting, preserving, and cataloging that needs to be done. When members have important documents about the history and development of Subud, they often don't know what to do with them or where to send them. You can help in our effort by writing to the WSA Archivist in your area and tell them what archival material you have to donate. Before sending material to the archives, contact the archivist in your area of the world to discuss the appropriateness of the material, the best way to send it, and which archive to send it to.

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If you would like to work, volunteer, or learn how to be an archivist locally, nationally, or internationally, please contact your nearest archives for information. To donate funds to carry on the work of the WSA Archives, go to the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/DonateToArchives>

Written by Daniela Moneta, WSA Archivist, Area III: Zones 7, 8, and 9. Daniela is a professional archivist and long-time Subud member living in Phoenix, Arizona, where the Area III Archives are stored and processed. Many thanks to Osanna Waclik, Archivist for Subud Austria, for her careful editing of this article.

10. 6th Subud World Congress Communications Working Party, a six page report on publications, printed translations, archives, and tapes.

11. Silver halide microfilm is estimated to last 500 years if stored in the proper environment.

12. Official Report of the 8th Subud World Congress, Sydney, Australia, January 16-30, 1989. Archive resolutions are on page 60-62. Resolutions for Bapak's archives in Indonesia included appropriate, environmentally controlled safe housing, preserving, sorting and indexing. It was resolved to start publishing Bapak's talks in a series of volumes, and resolved the ownership of the copyright of Bapak's spoken and written word is vested in WSA. Congress also recognized that national archives would be part of the international archive system.

13. For a summary of the 14th Subud World Congress proposals and recommendations, go to [http://www.subudworldnews.com/wsa/report/1\\_Summary.Props.Res-VotedPassed.ENG.pdf](http://www.subudworldnews.com/wsa/report/1_Summary.Props.Res-VotedPassed.ENG.pdf), page 5 and 6.

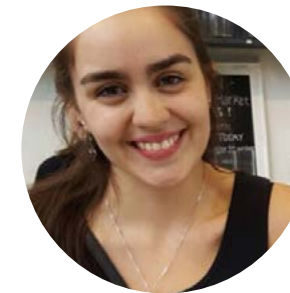




ZONING  
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Subud youth in Europe get down to business

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**Zone 3 & 4 Youth Team**

In Poland, during the Zone 3 and 4 meeting, the youth decided that to be more effective it would be better to have a team of representatives rather than just one person handle the whole area. The idea being that each team member would use their own particular strengths to accomplish the tasks that lay before them.

“We wanted to alleviate the pressure of having only one or two people for the whole area,” said Rosella Vaughn, Youth Representative.

“We draw on our talents and the chemistry that happens with several people coming together. It’s more collaborative if there is a team of people doing what they volunteered to do,” she added.

Since then the team has mainly worked on three items: fundraising for Basara, a newsletter and the team structure (treasurer, fundraising, communications etc). The team is delighted to report that they have helped over 10 young people to travel to Kalimantan. The new youth newsletter came out this November, and it has been very well received.

**Youthful Perspectives**

Many young Subud members are wanting to get more involved in Subud and have their voices heard. Representative Rodrigo Rogers says there is a recurring theme among many young people and that is a need to be able to express themselves within Subud.

“It is important to the youth to have an open space. Just like in any other situation there are some youth who are “more mature” than others so it is important to create space for all levels of maturity. People will reach out as long as there is a space that is created,” said Rodrigo.

Many of the young people also see a real need for older and younger members to come together and for young people to take on more responsibility within the Subud organization.

“In the World Congress I see that the youth need to be allowed to do more. If we are serious about and want Subud to be in the world, then we have to adapt to the times and to the circumstances we live in. If we want to evolve we need to make younger members in positions sooner and be less dogmatic, facilitate the latihan and adapt to the times,” said Rosella.

While at the WSC meeting, Zone 3 representative, Matthew Weiss reported on how well the youth team functions, how efficient they are. He said while we the older folks are debating how something should be done, and even whether or not it should be done, they have successfully done it!

Latimah Leguizamo Bustillo of Norway contributed to this article.



# Subud Spaces

“Then wherever there is Subud, at the very least there will certainly be a latihan hall or a place for latihan, and a place to accommodate the members who come to visit that locality. This is what Bapak pictures, what Bapak envisions, that in all these things you will be satisfied, because in all these things there will be a sufficiency.”

Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo, Toyko,  
Japan April 11, 1972 Code Number : 72 TYO 2

## Subud California – A Tale of Two ‘Centerprises’

It is the dream of many Subud groups to own their own latihan hall but finding the funds to buy and more importantly maintain these premises is not always easy. Two groups in Subud California have come up with solutions that work.

### Los Angeles

This is a success story about a Subud group that has seen four major changes over the past two years. It is a centerprise, if you will, that uses an entrepreneurial approach.

Two years ago, Subud Los Angeles was struggling to pay its expenses and the maintenance of its landmark building. In fact, most months Subud LA was losing money. We were renting the ground floor, primarily to Alcoholics Anonymous groups. As there are no enterprises in the group, most of our financial burden fell upon our membership.

Paint was peeling away from the outside walls of our building. The windows showed serious rusting. Whenever it rained, the roof leaked profusely. But we are situated in one of the most desirable locations in the city, opposite the La Brea Tar Pits and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), which are among the destinations that create “Museum Row” on the Miracle Mile. It is a prestigious location, but there was nothing on our building to identify it as a local Subud center.





Then Luqman Katz was elected chair. He and a small committee continued the search begun by the previous committee, to find a tenant for our ground floor. They communicated monthly progress to the group, and it was not long before Luqman found a startup company that wanted to rent the ground floor. It took some time to negotiate and renovate the space but after about a year everything was set and the tenant moved in.

A new roof was then put in and signage designed by Aswan Karapedian was installed on the outside of the building thanks to a generous donation from Henrietta Music.

Having said that, successfully finding a good tenant, leveraging the revenue from that tenant, and generating renewed self-confidence and self-image among the membership of the group has been transformative. Success breeds success.

And future projects will contribute to the restoration of our fine building. In two years or so, the long-awaited Metro Line will be installed, serving LACMA and the city. This will dramatically affect the property values. This year will see stable finances and a flourishing group, thanks to these initiatives. Four years ago, the building was valued at \$2.8 million. Who knows, by 2018 its value may have escalated to perhaps \$5 million as a result of these developments.

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### Sacramento

Many years ago, our beloved National Office Manager, Melinda Pleshe, had sent the group \$25 and a note, saying, “Do something with this!” Though you can’t do much with that amount, it did spark a serious discussion about what the group wanted - a Subud House. As the group was small, they realized the only way to afford a house was to have a renter pay the mortgage. A business plan was prepared, and a proposal made to Subud California for a loan, which was approved.

The group searched for over a year, but eventually all agreed on a house that was being sold as a functioning Montessori School. The formula was simple: Let the school have the building during school hours then let the group have it afterwards. As latihan were scheduled well after those hours, there was no conflict. The school was empty on the weekends, so Subud activities, like Saturday latihan, barbecues, potlucks, and center retreats could go on unimpeded.

In about 20 years of this approach, the group has had only two renters, the current one having been here now over two years. The group’s finances are always in the black, the building has been commented upon by county inspectors as the best-kept school of its kind around, and repairs and improvements are seen to by a property manager paid out of the proceeds of the school’s rent.

Despite the positive financial situation from the school, a full 92% of the group’s members also contribute regularly, and as a result, the Sacramento group is a stable, fiscally-responsible center that consistently lives up to its financial commitments.



### Subud Perth

## From renovation to rejuvenation

This is a story how the renovations of a hall transformed a Subud group, re-invigorating it and attracting many new people to it.

Perth in Western Australia is geographically isolated, being 2,000 kilometers from its nearest Subud group. This isolation breeds a spirit of independence. So when we decided to renovate our hall, we never thought of getting help from elsewhere, we just naturally focused on doing it ourselves.

We were fortunate that we bought our first hall back in 1978 and some renovations were carried out in early 1990’s, but nothing else was done and the hall became quite run-down.

Many members wanted to move and this caused some conflict. But property prices had risen dramatically, and a considerable financial gap existed between what we would get from selling the hall, and what it would take to buy a new one.

Many people stopped contributing financially to the group, as they felt nothing was done with the money, which just sat there. We were caught in a bind. We were locked in this impasse for 20 years, while our hall slowly deteriorated around us.





Working together was key to the success of this Subud project.

Then, Andrew Blake, who was chairman at the time the hall was purchased, stood again for chairman, on the clear platform of renovating the hall. The group sensed a change was in the air.

Andrew talked to members informally to find out what people wanted and what work they were prepared to do. He quickly gathered a strong committee around him. A young student architect drew up an initial concept in 3D.

We only had about half of the funds needed for renovations but we decided to go ahead and that once we were underway, we felt that the money would come.

This approach was a radical departure for the group, which had always been very conservative about spending money.

We decided to create one large latihan space, which could then be divided by

a concertina door, replace the ceiling, improve lighting and redo the kitchen and bathrooms. As the group could see the improvements in our latihan space, the sense of excitement and achievement grew and so did the donations.

Then new people started to arrive in the group. The reasons were many and varied - children of Subud parents reaching the age they could be opened; young people coming down from Jakarta to attend university; people coming for work; people marrying and bringing in their spouse; people who just heard about Subud from friends; and even Subud members came from other parts of the world who heard that Perth was a 'happening place'.

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The renovations are not yet finished. We still have to create a social area which flows into a garden, providing space for parents to be with young children.

In contrast to the past, members have been very willing to contribute money. When the renovations began, 35% of the group made regular financial contributions now it's up to 93%.

By overcoming our own inertia, which had kept us stuck for over 20 years, we have been able to renovate our hall without debt, but more importantly build a vibrant, active Subud community. Instead of the dwindling numbers we thought that the future would

bring, we have grown bigger, stronger and happier. There were also many opportunities to practice 'bringing the latihan into our daily lives', as we worked together to face challenges, solve problems, and learn about our strengths and areas for development.

So, if you are concerned about the future of Subud, is there some project you can get involved in, as a group, that can make your community life richer? Then we hope that you, as we did, will reap the many spiritual and material benefits that come with that.

**Vivienne Blake, Subud Perth**







(Top) Subud members in Paris enjoy their newly renovated hall. (Right) Members far and wide came to Orgiva for the grand opening.



### New Style for Subud Paris

The renovations to the Subud house in Paris have been completed after two years of continued efforts by all members. A generous contribution started the whole process and encouraged many other members to give and through the final contribution from the National Association the money was there to complete the project.

“Members gathered regularly to help our Subud member who is an architect who, with a small team of experts, did most of the work. This seems to have

made the members feel closer and perhaps has established some stronger bonds among them,” said Trisnani Yvoire, Subud Paris chair.

Although it is a bit early to assess the effects of these renovations on group life, many of the members have stated that their latihan has changed and feels stronger since the renovations. Members are very happy and feel great about the changes.

**Trisnani Yvoire**  
contributed to this article.

### New Space for Spain

The new Subud Centre in Orgiva, Spain opened with around 120 members from WSC, International Helpers, MSF and others. To date €334,000 has been contributed by Subud members and MSF, but we still need about €40,000 to finish off the project. The Subud complex includes a Latihan hall, a swimming pool and 8 cottages.

Orgiva is a multinational group, in fact, they have had up to 10 different languages

spoken by members in the group. It has become a center for Subud meetings and for members to visit and recharge, and with the new facilities they hope to further develop this. If you would like to support us you can read more about our Crowdfunding Appeal on our website: <https://subudalpujarra.com/donate/>

**Andrew Bromley,**  
Chair Orgiva group



## AN ARTIST'S *Life*

**“My next project is to write a book about my experiences as a Subud member and illustrate the book with pictures of my art ”**

Since she was a child, Lorraine Salamah Arden has always been drawn to the arts. After she joined Subud in 1963 during the World Congress in Briarcliff, New York, she felt to stop painting and after a period of time become a sculptor.

“In 1968 I was doing latihan at my house with two Subud ladies who were friends of mine. The latihan seemed to be a ‘fast forward’ of how the rest of my life should be. We felt that I should study sculpture and bronze casting,” said Lorraine.

She said she felt the most important part of the latihan seemed to be an assignment for my old age.

“When I was old I was to create a series of sculptures of ‘holy women’. We were all saying the names of the holy women: Mary with the infant Jesus; Fatima, daughter of Mohammad; Ibu Sumari, wife of Bapak,

Rochanawati, daughter of Ibu Sumari and we were all saying ‘Rahayu.’ But none of us had ever heard of her at the time as she was still very young,” she said.

In 2014, when she was 79 years old, Lorraine started making these sculptures. The ‘Holy Women’ series was completed in 2016. She then decided to make a series of holy men too. So I did sculptures of Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Mohammad and Bapak. She hopes to raise enough money to cast the Subud ones in bronze.

“My next project is to write a book about my experiences as a Subud member and illustrate the book with pictures of my art,” she added.

Many thanks to Lorraine for her willingness to be the official agent for WSA for many years. She lived in the right place at the right time - Washington DC.





# WORKING AS ONE

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## Dear brothers and sisters,

Good news! We managed to balance our 2016 budget due to USD 95,000 of individual, group, country and zonal donations along with a generous matching fund from an entrepreneur. A huge thank you to all of you who contributed.

What does the World Subud Association spend your contributions on?

Let me start with the Basara Gathering in Rungan Sari, Indonesia to illustrate what we spend your contributions on.

During the World Subud Council meeting in Chile in September 2015, our brother the late George Demers, Youth Coordinator, shared the idea of a joint gathering of the Youth and the wings in Rungan Sari in December 2016/January 2017.

Therefore we had increased the budget line for Youth activities in 2016. This gathering with about 200 participants turned out to be very successful. Many of you may have donated to help raise the fares for young people to attend Basara. In Europe the Youth of Zone 3 and 4 had an extra fund raising drive for the Basara gathering.

At the end of Basara, Elias Dumit highlighted “the excellent lively family-like atmosphere , the amazing work of the organizing team truly working in collaboration, the Wings of Subud getting closer together (pointing the way for our future) and the successful first step of our experiment of bringing Yes Quest project closer to Subud”.

In my reply I called this an example of Subud entities working together as one body like described on the Subud tree, adding: to make this gathering happen, funds found their way to Subud.

In the last email I ever received from George he answered: “Yes dear Hilaria, yes indeed, funds found their way! All my love and a giant hug, George”. As you certainly have read, George passed away very unexpectedly from heart failure right after the Basara gathering ended. Most of you know George’s great contributions in supporting the preparation of this meeting and helping to find funds. One young participant said: This meeting changed my life.



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This year the WSA is focusing on Africa. It is planned to bring together the delegates of the zonal countries with international helpers, representatives of the World Subud Association and the wings.

International helpers’ travel is one more of the fields we spend money on. They travel to national congresses and through talking and testing with national and local helpers they support a deepening of the latihan. For 2017 we budgeted about USD 150,000 in this field. This has also been increased - after we had received an earmarked donation - taking into account that international helpers are going to support more zonal meetings than last year.

For the “Media Unit” which covers translation and publication of Bapak’s talks and WSA Archives we have budgeted about USD 100,000 like last year.

One more field in the budget includes travels of the chairs, the zonal representatives and the costs of World Subud Council meeting. We planned USD 56.000 for this. Travel for the executive, fees for the

administrator, the accountant and the executive chair, audit expenses, currency differences may add up to USD 97,500 which is about the same like last year.

To nurture the tree we count on countries’ contributions, grants and donations from entrepreneurs and individual members. We know from the Muhammad Subuh Foundation, they decreased their annual grant by 30 percent. That means we count on countries and individual members. We expect that the generous entrepreneur who offered to match all donations up to 100,000 USD last year will be able to do so again in 2017.

To underline the importance of working together, the Yayasan Muhammad Subuh (an Indonesian Foundation) made a donation of USD 3,000 to the World Subud Association. It was handed over to Ismanah Schulze-Vorberg, our executive chair, in February, when she attended a meeting with YMS and Ibu Rahayu in Cilandak, Indonesia. Through this WSA feels very much appreciated and shown we are on the right track in working together as one body.

*With love and respect,*

**Hilaria Dette, WSA treasurer.**



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Viva l'Italia!

The next Zone 3 meeting is happening near the beautiful city of Pisa in il Cenacolo. This is a meeting for everyone, 300 m from the beach, 30 minutes from the Leaning Tower. Families and those not doing Latihan are most welcome from all over the world. There is limited space so you need to book early as we already have 40 guests. We are expecting many European youth to attend as this is a priority for Zone 3 and many projects on the go.

There is a wish that the World Congress in 2018 will be a new adventure and in that spirit, Zone 3 is also trying something new.

We want to experiment, explore, and be inspirational about how we do things rather than

just follow what has gone before. Instead of having Kejiwaan days, workshops and plenary days which separates us into our interests and divide us, we want to be more inclusive of everyone. In the spirit of Rome, we will have forums (rather than workshops) on creativity, Subud and the outer world, health and healing. There will be Kejiwaan activities focusing on youth, enterprises, growth of Subud, harmony and the World Congress and on Saturday evening we will celebrate "50 Years of Subud Italy".

Join us. Click on the [Booking form](#) here or contact [Zone3](#) at [subud.org](#). Be part of our [adventure!](#)

## March

### 24-26 US East Coast Helpers' Gathering

Amani Center, Subud Washington DC

**Contact:** <https://subudus.z2systems.com/np/clients/subudus/event.jsp?event=537>

## April

### 26 – May 1st Zone 3 Meeting

Cenacolo, Pisa, Italy

**Contact:** Matthew Weiss: [ireland@subud.org](mailto:ireland@subud.org)

## June

### 30 – July 4, 2017 Subud USA Budhi to Budhi Member Gathering

Pearlstone Retreat Center, MD

**Contact:** Rifka Several [rifkaseveral@gmail.com](mailto:rifkaseveral@gmail.com)

### 31 – August 6 Subud Germany National Congress and Family Holiday

Haus Nordhelle, West Germany

**Contact:** [subudgermany@t-online.de](mailto:subudgermany@t-online.de)

## July

### 6 – 16 Zone 4 Meeting

Halkidiki, Greece

**Contact:** [farah@rhc.at](mailto:farah@rhc.at)

or

<https://www.subud-zone4.org/zone-meeting-and-gathering/>

## August

### 6-13 Subud Britain Family gathering and Congress

Culford School, Culford Bury St. Edmunds.

**Contact:** [congress.organisers@subud.org.uk](mailto:congress.organisers@subud.org.uk)

## 2018

### 26 July Opening of the 15th Subud World Congress

Freiburg, Germany

## World Latihans

### April 2017

01

20:00 (Los Angeles)

21:00 (Mexico City)

22:00 (Bogota)

23:00 (New York/Santiago de Chile)

02

3:00 (GMT)

4:00 (London)

5:00 (Paris)

10:00 (Jakarta)

13:00 (Sydney)

15:00 (New Zealand)

### May 2017

07

03:00 (Los Angeles)

05:00 (Bogota/Mexico City)

06:00 (New York/Santiago de Chile)

10:00 (GMT)

11:00 (London)

12:00 (Paris)

17:00 (Jakarta)

20:00 (Sydney)

22:00 (New Zealand)

### June 2017

03

13:00 (Los Angeles)

15:00 (Bogota/Mexico City)

16:00 (New York/Santiago de Chile)

20:00 (GMT)

21:00 (London)

22:00 (Paris)

04

03:00 (Jakarta)

06:00 (Sydney)

08:00 (New Zealand)





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