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MESSAGE FROM THE WSA TEAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The FYI Newsletter March 2021 edition brings news from New Zealand, Australia, and Indonesia. A short report on the periodical World Subud Council meeting in February 2021 is also featured. Subud Publication International submitted an article about its history, and Subud Education Association is calling for members to assist in media and communications, fundraising, and consulting.

On this occasion, the WSA Team would like to wish you and your family Happy Easter. May the special holiday bring you blessings of love and hope.

As we will also be entering the month of Ramadhan by mid April, may the holy month bring blessing and peace to you and your family.

Nahum, Rosario, Suyono, Hannah, Pudji & Elwyn
25th of March 2021

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WSC PERIODICAL MEETING – 27 FEBRUARY 2021

In January, the Executive Office of the World Subud Association (WSA) proposed the 2021 schedules for the World Subud Council (WSC) periodical meetings and the WSA board of directors monthly meetings.

The first WSC Periodical meeting for 2021 was held Saturday, 27 February at 5 pm US Eastern Standard Time. The meeting was held by Zoom, and broadcasted live on YouTube (https://youtu.be/rv_dBHtpybo) for members to observe. The agenda of the meeting consisted of these items: a. Reports (if any) from the Council members; and b. The relationship between WSA Affiliates (SDIA and SICA) and WSA.

The meeting was attended by council members (International Helpers, Zone Representatives, Chairs of Affiliates, MSF Chair, WSA Chair, and WSA Executive Chair), the wings and sub-committees, and WSA office holders. In total, there were 47 participants, including two translators for Spanish and Portuguese. The WSA Chair presided over the meeting. On YouTube, we noted 40 observers at the time of the meeting. Until this date, we note 153 YouTube viewers of the session.

The first agenda item, took most of the time of the meeting, with reports from all the council members. Worth noting from the report of the International Helpers is the increase in Zoom gathering at local, country, and regional levels. The Zone Representatives, likewise reported the same, except for Zone 5 and Zone 6, where internet communications are very difficult, because of the infrastructure in the African continent.

MSF reported a good financial report for 2020 and a successful grant to grantee in Rungan Sari and Bandung, to the Amani Center in DC and Amanecer group. MSF will launch its grant process in April 2021. The WSA endowment Fund signed in November 2020 is ready to receive its initial seed.

The two affiliates, SDIA and SICA have meet a couple of times to forge activities.

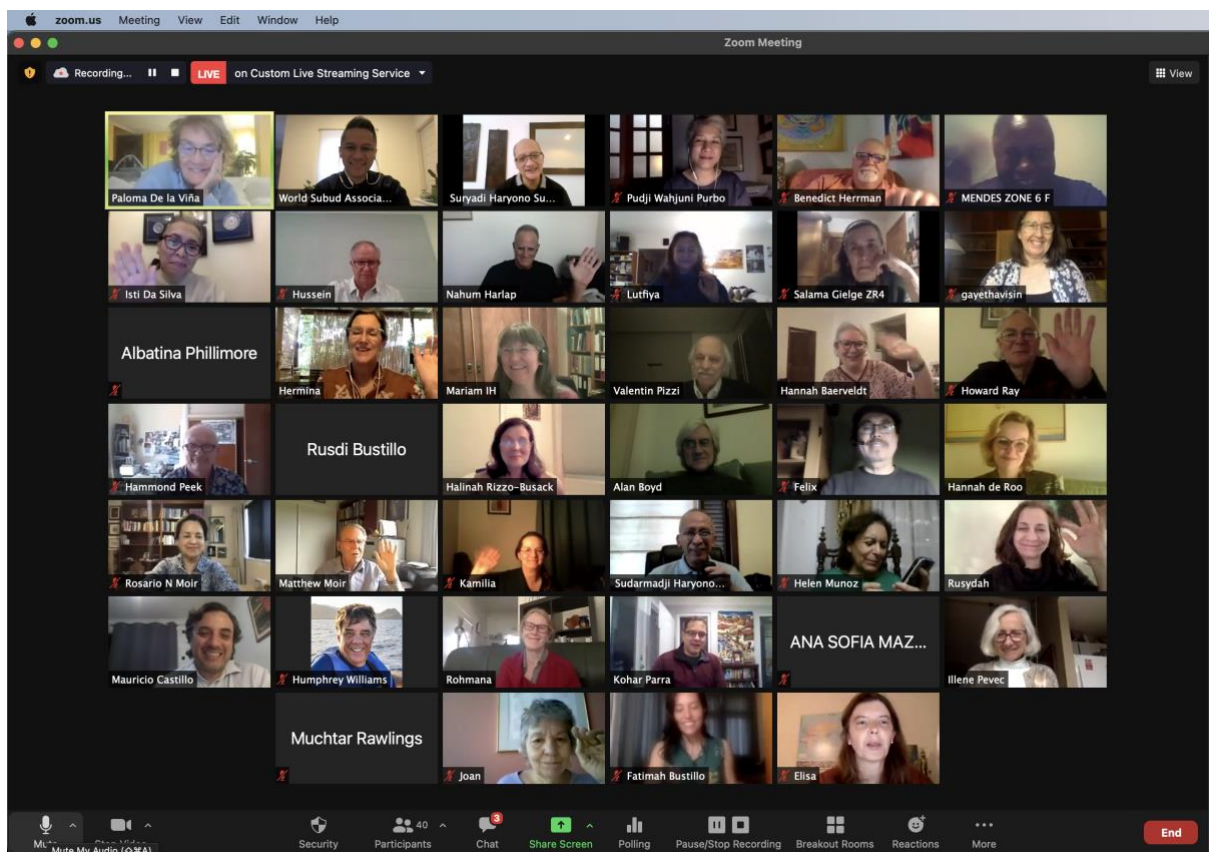
The WSA Executive Office reported on how it started 2021 work with a Kejiwaan session in January 2021, and on work program for 2021. More and more activities have been conducted online by the affiliates and wings in the last 12 months, as travel and in-person meetings/gathering were not possible.

The WSA Sub-committees and services presented updates on their work in the last 12 months. SESI is launching a revamped website, and working with member countries in South America spear-headed by Zone 8 Representative to help enterprising members in their initial stage. SIHA is doing monthly latihan and get together after latihan, and planning its annual general meeting in July 2021. The WSA Information Communication Technology team has been working to renew the WSA website, with design supported by an Indonesian Subud enterprise. WSA Translations is conducting monthly workshop meetings with the Jakarta Team, SPI, and translators for better coordination. WSA Archives reported on major projects for the Subud Archives (in Canberra) from digitization, to permanent facility for the archives. The White Book team continues to work and meet with the members on a monthly basis.

Activities on the preparation of the World Congress will continue, after a slow-down in mid 2020.

The second agenda, was on relationship between the affiliates (SDIA and SICA) and the WSA. The organizations are initiating the first steps in identifying points in each of their articles of incorporation and bylaws that may need rewriting. A team consisting members from the three organization will be created as soon as possible to work on the technicalities and steps towards a proposal.

The meeting was productive and optimistic towards a more comprehensive collaboration. After three hours and thirty minutes the meeting was adjourned.



ZONE 1 & 2

SUBUD AUSTRALIA

Subud Australia holds its first ever virtual Congress

Subud Australia's annual National Congress was planned to be held at the Sunshine Coast from 2nd to 9th January 2021. However, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, it became clear by August 2020 that holding a physical face to face national event was not feasible. This gave rise to the question 'what should we do?'. There were three options for us to consider:

1. Cancel the Congress and do nothing to replace it (i.e. the "It's all too hard" option).
2. Hold the required AGM and National Council meeting via Zoom conference but do nothing more (i.e. the 'just do what is essential' option).
3. Do as much as we could to create an event that would give members the opportunity to connect with 'the Congress feeling', even though we could not all be together physically (i.e. the 'face the challenge' option).

With input and contributions from all facets of Subud Australia (i.e. the National Committee, the National Helpers, the Group Chairs, the Wings and interested members), we decided to face the challenge and hold Subud Australia's first ever 'virtual' Congress.

The description of 'virtual' Congress is not entirely accurate because the Congress was not 100% online. From the outset of our planning, we felt that it was important to include localised physical face to face Kedjiwaan and social activities as part of the Congress, insofar as it was legally permissible and safe to do so.

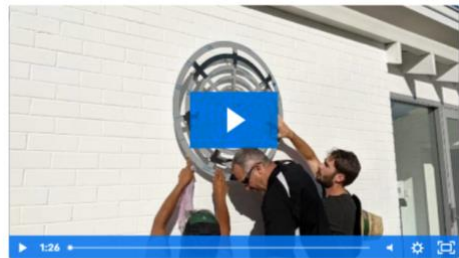
As far as the on-line component of the Congress was concerned, due to challenges arising from the fact that Australia is a continent and has different time zones, we felt it was important not only to have live meetings and events but also to make some pre-recorded content available that members could watch when convenient, but to do this we needed to have an on-line platform.

The National Council had already decided prior to Covid to upgrade the Subud Australia website and to include a members only area, but no firm date had been set to do this work. The need for us to have a platform for our virtual Congress made us prioritise the upgrading of our website, and with the expert assistance of Jonathan Evans (a member of the Sunshine Coast Group with IT skills), our website was upgraded, and the platform for our virtual Congress 2021 was created.

A full eye witness account of the Subud Australia virtual Congress is included in the February 2021 edition of Subud Voice <https://www.subudvoice.net/>



The Adelaide Group



The Perth Group



The Sunshine Coast Group

SUBUD INDONESIA

Ibu Rahayu - first talk on Zoom at Subud Indonesia 74th anniversary



On Saturday, February 1st, 1947, Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo officially announced the establishment of the brotherhood of Susila Budhi Dharma (Subud) in Yogyakarta, the capital city of Indonesia at that time.

In consideration of the Covid-19 pandemic, this year Subud Indonesia hosted its 74th anniversary commemoration online via Zoom. All Subud members around the world were invited. Subud Indonesia National Chairman, M. Ridwan, opened the event and greeted the participants. It was a great surprise as we found out that Ibu Siti Rahayu was able to join and turned her video on during this moment. We were really happy to see our beloved Ibu Siti Rahayu fresh, healthy and seemed to enjoy the interface by Zoom.

The next session was a 25-minutes-movie about the journey of Subud Indonesia. The movie started with the birthday of Bapak Subuh in Kedung Jati, and continued chronologically with Bapak's receiving in Semarang, the official establishment of the organization in Yogyakarta, and Bapak's first travel to England for the development of Subud in the world. The video ended with Subud Indonesia National Congress in 2019, held in Bandung, the last big congress before the pandemic.

The last session was sharing stories among former national chairmen, national Helpers, also the elders and the family of Bapak Subuh; Ibu Hardijati, Ibu Ismana, Bapak Kuswanda, Suyono Sumohadiwidjojo (WSA Executive Chair). They talked about their experiences in Subud organization. In the middle of this session, we were informed that Ibu Siti Rahayu would like to convey her greeting to all participants at the end of this event.

Finally, we could see Ibu Siti Rahayu live on Zoom. At the beginning Ibu Siti Rahayu said she doesn't know what to say, but then this greeting turned into a deep talk. It was really beyond the expectation, a precious gift for this anniversary and for more than 300 members who joined this event.

The talk lasted about 90 minutes and was very deep. Ibu Siti Rahayu told stories about her spiritual experiences when she was a young girl until her spiritual journey to meet Bapak Subuh with the Prophets. Ibu Siti Rahayu also mentioned that she would like to write a book.

For almost five hours we watched the online celebration together with brothers and sisters around the world and listened to Ibu Siti Rahayu live talk, just like a mini world congress. What a blessing!

At this opportunity, Subud Indonesia would like to apologize to the WSA, IHs and all Subud members around the world if the unplanned and impromptu talk by Ibu Siti Rahayu during Subud Indonesia's commemoration may have been missed by them. The talk was not planned and the event not well prepared. However, it showed us a new era of technology and Subud

Indonesia will be ready for the future. See you in the next event!

Subud National Indonesia
1st of February 2021

SUBUD NEW ZEALAND

Annual General Meeting, Christchurch Subud Hall

Saturday, 20 & Sunday 21 February 2021

The Annual General Meeting was attended by 25 Subud members in person, from various parts of New Zealand and three members attended via ZOOM. Additional members were present for latihan and testing at various times during these two days and were busy with the duties of catering and serving up amazing food at other times.

National Chair Michael Chapman reported. He noted that the membership was aging and shrinking and it was therefore difficult to fill all committee and helper positions. One suggestion had been to have only two branches for each Island. This would reduce the number of jobs. It was later voted to leave the existing branches for the time being as is. It was also suggested to train members, especially new and isolated members, into the committee positions.

Discussions and decisions were taken on the Subud properties, financial matters and a new National Chair.

Testing for a new National Chair resulted in Lincoln Myerson taking over as Chair of Subud NZ for the next term. Overall structure of Subud NZ: The constitution only required four jobs to be filled - National Chair, Committee Councillor, Secretary and Treasurer.

Saturday concluded with a talk by Bapak from 1986 in the evening.

On Sunday, matters on archives and insurance were discussed and decided. Further matters discussed were that no decisions about issues concerning all of Subud NZ could be made at the AGM, unless all members had been notified one month prior to the AGM. Renata noted that the conduct of Congresses had changed. With on-line connections, all members could now participate, even though they were not physically present.

The next AGM is planned during the time frame of mid-December 2021 to mid-February 2022, with the possibility of incorporating a family camp.



Subud New Zealand - 2021
from left to right: Patricia Todd, Freya Harvey, Lincoln Myerson (NZ national chair), Lynetta Schionning, Renata Peek



Subud New Zealand - 2021
from left to right: Julia Russell, Freya Harvey, Emma Nixon, Aisjah Addison, Rashida (Lindsay) Cooper



Subud New Zealand - 2021
from left to right: Howard Aschoff, Arif Mathee, Maynard Harvey, Hammond Peek, Linda Barton

SUBUD PUBLICATIONS INTERNATIONAL

SPI was registered as a Limited Company as well as a British charity in the UK in 1975. The rules for a registered charity in the UK have always been strict and have become more so over time. One of the central features is that the Trustees who have overall control of the company are not allowed by law to be remunerated. So, although they carry responsibility and liability, they cannot be paid. Despite this, SPI has always been able to attract capable, dedicated Subud members willing to fulfil this role. SPI works on behalf of WSA who commissioned the charity to translate and publish Bapak's Talks following a resolution of the 10th Subud World Congress, 1997, in Spokane.

Initially, SPI was involved in the publication and distribution of a variety of books by Subud members as well as works by Bapak. However, it was decided in 1997 to establish the Bapak's Talks Translation Project to concentrate on publishing and distributing Bapak's talks in new English translations to the highest possible standard, whilst there were still people available who had spent a lot of time with Bapak and were bilingual in English and Indonesian. So far, 36 volumes have been completed and published, together with other special publications relating to Bapak's talks and written words.

This is a long and painstaking process, which starts with the preparation of new and carefully checked transcriptions from the original tape recordings – which were meticulously collected and catalogued by Faisal Sillem. This allows for a new and more accurate translation, which once made is discussed and then checked repeatedly by the editor and a team of invaluable proofreaders, before being typeset and printed side by side with the Indonesian for distribution. Originally just in book form, these are now also available electronically. The new translation is also used as the basis for translation into other languages, including Spanish, Russian and French.

SUBUD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The Subud Education Association is a sub-wing of SDIA with the aim of supporting Subud educators, students, and those involved in educational projects. To this end, we hope to provide scholarships, professional educational services, collaborative spaces, and new ideas. <https://subudeducationassociation.org/mission/>

We are currently in search of members who would like to work on one of these three subcommittees- media and communications, fundraising, and consulting. If you would like to join, please send a brief bio to Hadrian Pollard at hadrian.pollard@gmail.com and indicate which subcommittee interests you and fits with your professional experience.

Look forward to working with you soon.

Truly,
Hadrian Pollard
CEO Subud Education Association