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## World Subud Association

Bringing together Subud members around the world



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# Found in Translation



Photo: Elisa Sánchez Caballero, New Translations Coordinator

Earlier this year, Elisa Sánchez Caballero from Argentina, took over the role of Translations Coordinator for Bapak and Ibu Rahayu's Talks. With her experience as Coordinator of the Spanish Translations team she was an obvious choice.

Elisa works with a team of translators for many languages – English, Indonesian, German, Vietnamese, Russian, Serbian, French, Japanese and Spanish among others and collaborates closely with Subud Publications International (SPI) and Vernon Contessa, the Subud library webmaster, to ensure that official translations are available in all formats – books, videos, DVD's, audio MP3's and online.

In 2011, and for the first time in the history of Subud, and due to the excellent work of Raimundo Olivares, subtitles were added to a selection of videos of Ibu Rahayu's talks. The team began by adding Spanish subtitles to twelve of Ibu Rahayu's talks and later added subtitles to a number of talks in Russian Serbian, Vietnamese, French, German and Japanese.

People are very happy with this new possibility of watching Ibu and understanding what she is saying when she is saying it and laugh at the same time and not deferred! Imagine: Bapak or Ibu speaking in Indonesian followed

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"One of the characteristics of subtitled videos is that they are shorter as the English oral translation is not included. We are now working with the transcription and translation of Bapak's video talks so we can have a definitive translation that we can use for subtitling" said Elisa.

Spanish is the largest translation sector and Elisa heads up this team too. The overarching goal is to publish Spanish translations of the remaining volumes of Bapak's talks, Volumes 6 – 25 in the near future.

Detailed information and reports about Translations and publications of Bapak and Ibu Rahayu's Talks can be found on [www.subud.org](http://www.subud.org)

WSA is grateful to Elisa and the Translations Team, SPI and everyone else involved, for all the work that they do to make information about the latihan kejiwaan available to the world wide Subud membership fulfilling one of the aims of our international Association.

# Results from Vancouver

## Two Important Things



WSC working groups getting down to details

The World Subud Council met this year in June in Vancouver before the America's Gathering. They began on the 18th, with two days of meetings for each part of the council individually – the International Helpers among themselves, the WSA directors/Zone reps together, and the WSA Executive. For each part, these two days were very important and helped to prepare the way and revise the agenda of the full council meeting.

### **Elias Dumit, WSA Deputy Chair, highlights two tangible results from the meeting in Vancouver.**

1. The voting process, in which the entire council including the IH's and Wing representatives vote first, followed then by the official vote which is made exclusively by the zone reps who are the WSA directors. In my view that was a great step for the future of Subud. Included in that is the fact that we would always listen to the reasons for abstentions or votes against, trying to accommodate their points of view. This is part of our process of consensus.

2. The so called holistic or integrated, collaborative approach between the WSA and it's affiliates especially, working together is key. I believe this is something to be expanded, improved and embedded in our culture.

## IMPRESSIONS OF VANCOUVER

Excerpts from Subud USA & Subud Canada's special edition newsletter. Read the full issue here

<http://www.subud.org/dyn/file/zones/zone7/2012AmericasGatheringNews.pdf>

For your own copy email: [lesters@telus.net](mailto:lesters@telus.net)

Julia Hurd, Subud USA Editor

For me the primary special quality of this gathering is that it was international. Being together with members of all ages from approximately 30 countries, including surprising numbers from Europe and Australasia in addition to the Americas, creates a richness that allows ones commitment to the latihan as well as caring for our broad community to strengthen. The many international presentations and events and simultaneous international meetings were rare opportunities.

Rosanna Hille, Subud Canada

Organizing and hosting the Subud Americas Gathering this June was a real boost for Subud Vancouver and Subud Canada Western Region. I think it stimulated many of us to get to know each other better and to get involved with the bigger Subud picture: Who are we beyond our small groups and how can we do something together as Subud members? Overall my experience on the planning team was light and joyful and there was a sense of progress after each meeting.

Dave Hitchcock, Zone 7 Representative

Two days of chairing meetings of the Zone 7 Council. This provided an opportunity for representatives from Mexico, Suriname, Canada and the U.S. to meet "face to face", share, exchange opinions, plan, latihan and test together - more feelings of family, although we missed Cuba! Enjoying great latihan - both quantity (every day from June 16 to July 7) and quality.



# World Congress Update

**PUEBLA, MEXICO  
AUGUST 2-17 2014**

At the Americas Gathering in Vancouver the WCOT (World Congress Organizing Team) had the opportunity to make a number of presentations to the World Subud Council and to the Gathering, there is growing enthusiasm as we now go into the countdown phase.

The core team in Mexico remains the same with Fernando, Arif, Halim, Rashidah, Stella and Mauricio as well as Maya liaising with the WSA. Marston Gregory is the World Congress treasurer, Lucida Graneau and Maemunah Doran are creating the specific template and taking on the management of the on line registration form. The program chosen is supplied by CVENT a company that works worldwide with a 24/7 support team. Debbie Machado (speaks Spanish, English and French), who has dealt with customer service in her professional work answering hundreds of emails a day and answering dozens of calls an hour, will be the liaison with the members once the registration goes on line. This is scheduled for February 2013.

Mary Wold will be the family coordinator looking at the needs of families with children up to 17 years old and designing fun programs for all to enjoy.

Alexandra Woodward as International Youth Coordinator has integrated the team to look at all youth needs and to also help with the promotion of the congress. Matthew D’Haemer will begin to look at the health concerns on site and also is very helpful with communications tools within the team.

As our needs become clearer it is amazing how professional people are appearing to fill the gap, thus Murtado Bustillo who has a simultaneous translation company has begun looking at our needs and equipment to be able to cover the translation requirements, not only during plenary sessions but also workshops. He has agreed to be the official simultaneous translation coordinator.

## TRANSLATORS NEEDED

Equipment is one thing, but our biggest need in Puebla will be to have committed translators available. This is

one of the most serious volunteering positions, so if you are perfectly bilingual from English and or Spanish, into French, Spanish, Russian or Indonesian, please contact us to offer your services. There will be written translation opportunities before congress and interpreting during congress. For more information, please write to [murtado@subudworldcongress2014.com](mailto:murtado@subudworldcongress2014.com)

## CONGRESS LOGO

The logo competition is continuing until December, we have received a number of logos which can be seen on the Facebook group Subud World Congress Puebla 2014, you can even click “Like” on those you prefer. The definite choice will be made in January in Puebla during a meeting of all the Wings, the WSA chairs, executive and some members of the WSC. At this meeting we shall be looking at the content and the holistic vision that we wish to give the Subud World congress.

There is a link on facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/events/37867342185801/> which is the “I am going to the World Congress event,” after an original invitation to 200 people this has already multiplied to over 2000, with close to 400 expressing their intention to come and 200 saying maybe.

Whilst we await the World Congress website, there are regular updates and news on the facebook group, Subud World Congress Puebla 2014, including testimonials of members who have visited there recently and who express their sense of safety and well-being in Puebla.

## FUTURE PLANS

The next core WCOT meeting is scheduled in October in Puebla, Maya will spend three weeks and be joined by Marston for one week. During that time they will be finalizing the various agreements with suppliers and venues and thus be able to establish the basic budget from which the registration fee can be calculated. Due to our tax exempt status (see report on Subud World News) we will have an overall saving of approximately 16%, as well as a 16% tax exempt status on hotel invoices for all those registered and booked through the World Congress. We are aiming towards one average registration fee for all, with discounts awarded on request and based on need, rather than a systematic discount for certain countries, which at this point is deemed unfair considering the financial difficulties in a number of ‘developed’ countries.

Following this meeting we shall be able to give a clearer picture as well as more details on the greening and social awareness aspect of the congress.

The WSA Executive would like to re-confirm that the next World Congress will be in Puebla, Mexico, any rumors that the Congress site will be changed are unfounded.



# Our Subud World



Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjo  
Photo by: Simón Cherpitel

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*The Muhammad Subuh Foundation in cooperation with the World Subud Association is working to ensure that Bapak and Ibu Rahayu's original talks are preserved and restored.*

THE  
**LEGACY**  
PROJECT

PRESERVING BAPAK'S WORDS FOR HUMANITY

## 01. MUHAMMAD SUBUH FOUNDATION

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation in cooperation with the World Subud Association is working to ensure that Bapak and Ibu Rahayu's original talks are preserved and restored. The Foundation is launching an ambitious fundraising drive, dubbed "The Legacy Project". This is an ongoing project because as technology develops so does our need to preserve Bapak and Ibu Rahayu's talks in the best possible way.

Subud Archivist Amalijah Thompson has been working with Memnon a Belgium-based company that specialises in preserving and restoring audio tapes. Memnon has found that many talks are in need of immediate attention and all need to be digitized using the latest technology .

Recently Amalijah found a missing 1969 recording from Honolulu that was long considered lost so it's still possible to find recordings. Although the original cassette of the Honolulu recording is 53 years old and was damaged, a very good signal was able to be retrieved.

Please contact Amalijah :  
amalijah@grapevine.net.au or telephone +61 2 62324997 or skype at amalijah3 if you think you have recordings that may be useful or send them directly to Amalijah for assessment to PO Box 1070 Woden, Canberra ACT 2606 Australia and let her know by email they are on their way.

Read more about the Legacy Project in the upcoming MSF Enews.

## 02.SICA

Last month SICA began a new initiative, POEMS FOR PEACE, that really seems to be taking off. I urge you to read — and share — our updated story of this initiative on the SICA site here: <http://www.subud-sica.org/index.php?hkat=5&ukat=15>

Latifah Taormina, SICA Chair reports: As the story will tell you, we now have events happening in different cities in the USA — with a very big event at the big performing arts center here in Austin, Texas - where I live. SICA Italy is doing an event in the famous Poet's Quarry in Carrara — made famous by Fernanda Pivano, Hemmingway's translator and a poet who introduced the Beats to Italy. Ismanah Schulze-Vorberg is planning an initiative in Germany. More plans in Canada and Australia.

And. . . drumroll please . . . our initiative was just endorsed by a Pulitzer Prize-nominated American poet now living in France.

So far, all this has been done with a ton of "elbow grease" and \$50.00. Just in case you might think we do not need donations! Donations are ALWAYS welcome. You can do that here: <https://npo.networkforgood.org/Donate/Donate.aspx?npoSubscriptionId=1003859>

Please get involved yourselves and share all this in your communities. Share your poems! Take pictures or videos and share what you do on our Poems for Peace Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/PoemsForPeaceOneDay> (And LIKE us while you're there!) Also follow us on Twitter: @Poems4Peace



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## 03.SDIA

The Susila Dharma events at the Americas Gathering were integrated into the overall program and many new voices and views were heard. Dianteza Dimpiokia and Virginia Thomas presented the complex context of the projects being developed in the DR Congo and the partnership between SD DR Congo, SD Canada, SDIA and others in the Network.

A lively networking meeting included many people who are not currently part of the SD Network and generated discussion of how to integrate new skilled people into our work.

There was a great deal of interest in how we might run our organizations more effectively through three workshops that focused on nonprofit management and working together. In other Susila Dharma sessions, people learned about the Human Force Camp and SDIA volunteering program, Puppeteers Without Borders, the Bright Futures scholarship initiative, the YUM (Yayasan Usaha Mulia), YTS (Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta) and BCU (Bina Cita Utama) projects from Indonesia, the Usaha Mulia Abadi project from Mexico and the SD Canada Annual General Meeting.

## 04.SYAI

The SYAI team is very much focused on preparing for Puebla, specifically with raising funds for and awareness of the International Youth Travel Fund. Currently the IYTF sits at around US\$ 20,000 and was used recently to assist young people to travel to the Americas Gathering in Vancouver and to the Human Force camp in India. The SYAI team continues to support the YES Quest and the Human Force, and they are now working on a Creative Quest which will be in January 2013 at the Eco Village at Rungan Sari, Kalimantan . The aim of the Quest is to bring out and build on youths' ideas for creative programs at the World Congress.

### HUMAN FORCE CAMP

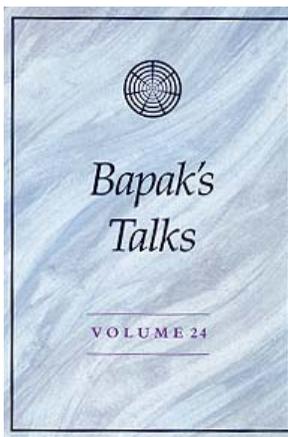
Alexandra Woodward reports that the Human Force is beaming after another successful volunteer camp in collaboration with Anisha in southern India. Twelve people from five

different countries came together to assist in Anisha's efforts to support rural farmers. Volunteers, including both Subud and non-Subud members, were involved in three different tasks. First, they helped take film footage for a video on the project, which was lead by Myra Margolin, who will be staying on until December. Second, the volunteers conducted research interviews with local farmers and their families for a study on the area's changing patterns of cultivation and their effects on income, health, and their food security. The third task was English teaching - volunteers taught daily fun classes at a local school, as a lack of English language skills in India is a barrier to upward socioeconomic mobility.

Have you seen our Facebook page? "Like" our page and check out photos and individual volunteer bios at [www.facebook.com/TheHuman-Force](http://www.facebook.com/TheHuman-Force)



*Photo of volunteers, Anisha staff, and Helpers from nearby areas in South India*



## 05.SPI

Bapak's Talks Volume 24 by Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo is now available.

The twenty-fourth volume of Bapak's Talks comprises fourteen talks given by Bapak in Cilandak, Indonesia, Miami, Santiago, Lima, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janiero, during the period 27 July to 14 |August 1969. Most of the talks in this volume have never been translated before. English translation with Indonesian text.

Go to  
[www.subudbooks.net](http://www.subudbooks.net) to order.

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*The mission of Subud to bring peace and harmony to humankind through the latihan kejiwaan will only be achieved when large Subud Enterprises and the significant social projects they finance are well established across the globe.”*

*From the document: Bapak's Advice & Guidance Concerning Enterprise*

## 06.SESI



Ruslan and friend

The WSC meeting in Vancouver approved SESI's direction and work plans after extensive review. SESI made power point presentations and held workshops at the Americas Gathering in Vancouver and at the Subud USA Congress in Seattle. About 40 people attended the plenary sessions in both places. Fewer attended the workshops and these developed into detailed discussions on SESI-supported initiatives in Kalimantan, notably a new palm oil enterprise.

In general those met were very encouraging and supportive concerning our efforts to rebuild Bapak's vision for Subud and Subud Enterprises.

Ruslan announced at the WSC meeting that he is stepping down as SESI Coordinator in order to focus on the two companies being developed as Subud Enterprises in Kalimantan. SESI seeks applications for a Coordinator, Board members and Advisors, by early September 2012. To apply or get additional information, contact Ruslan (rrmorris@clubballi.com) or Rashad (pollardrr@aol.com). General expertise sought include: financial and business analysis; communications; liaison with stakeholders; new web site developments.

More information on SESI at:  
**[www.subudenterprise.com](http://www.subudenterprise.com)**

## Get Involved!

The WSA Care Support program is urgently looking for two volunteers to join a small team that helps Subud members around the world in their time of need.

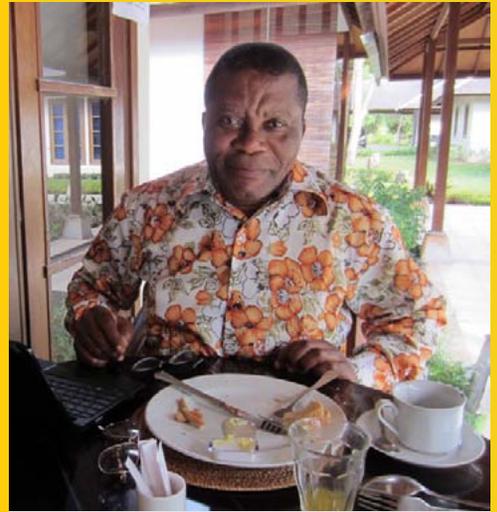
The program supports members by providing small grants through two funds: the Subud Emergency Fund which helps those who have an urgent personal need, and the Subud Education Fund which assists members and their families with much needed scholarships.

Care Support Coordinator, Arnaud Delune and Emergency Fund Treasurer, Hakim Naibi, need a Program Administrator and a Fund Coordinator to join them in this very rewarding work.

Ideal candidates would have an education or a background in social work or one of the caring professions, have proven administrative skills and be a good communicator preferably in both English and Spanish.

For more information on the program and to find out how you can apply go to the Care Support page of [www.subud.org](http://www.subud.org) or on the 'WSA/WSA Exec' page of [www.subudworldnews.com](http://www.subudworldnews.com). You can also email Arnaud directly at: [delunea@yahoo.fr](mailto:delunea@yahoo.fr)

# Zoning In



*Representative, enjoying a hearty breakfast before beginning a day of Subud work.*

## ZONE 06

Zone 6 In French speaking Africa, Subud is active mainly in the Democratic Republic of Congo (RD Congo), Angola and Congo Brazzaville. There are about 275 members mostly in RDC.

### **Rida Liobo Loote writes:**

Sylvain Kidimbu and Louise Kumbu, RD Congo Kejiwaan Councillors, left their home town Inkisi, on July 17th to travel to Kinshasa, where together we began a 10 day long visit to the groups in this city.

We were able to visit 5 groups: Kasa-Vubu, Selemboa, Lemba-Imbu, N'djili and Mont Ngafula. We did not visit Matebe group as its few remaining members have no safe place for group latihan.

We noticed that the number of active members participating in Subud activities is declining. This is mainly due to the bad economic situation in the country, members being ill or busy with studies or family commitments. In some cases applicants have not understood that they need to attend latihan regularly. In some groups there is a lack of active Helpers.

### **We talked to the members who agreed to support the following recommendations to strengthen the groups of Subud RD Congo**

- Reinstate general latihan on the first Sunday of the month
- Each Group Committee has at least one Helper who can answer members questions according to Bapak's advice
- Help the Matebe group to find suitable premises for regular group latihan
- Brothers and sisters of Subud RD Congo support one another
- As many members as possible attend National Congress at Kingantoko Subud Centre, and as many helpers as possible to attend the Helpers day in Kinshasa
- National Committee strongly encourages all groups to create small enterprises to improve their economic situation.

## ZONE 05

In English speaking Africa, Zone 5, a new group has been slowly emerging in a small country that faces more than its fair share of hardships.

It all started two years ago when a young man in Malawi, discovered Subud through reading the preface of a book written by Muslim Subud member, Ruslan Moore.

The encounter, between Ruslan and the young man, led to many of his family being opened and there is now a group of 24 Subud members in Malawi. There is a connection with the UK Leicester/ Derby group as some extended family members live there.

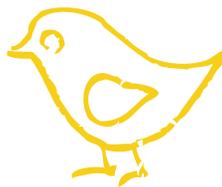
Héloïse Jackson, UK Subud member, travelled with Ruslan to Malawi to open women members there. She says: 'the members are extremely dedicated and we hope that Malawi will become a major Subud country soon'.

**To read the full story and more about Subud in Zone 5 – English speaking Africa, go to [www.subud.org](http://www.subud.org)**



*Héloïse Jackson and members of Malawi group*

# Subud on the Web



There is a proliferation of Subud websites. If you type [www.subud.org](http://www.subud.org) into a search engine, a blue 'splash page' will open up listing the official World Subud Association (WSA) websites: [www.subud.com](http://www.subud.com) and [www.subud.org](http://www.subud.org) and links to eleven other related websites. If you go there you will see that this 'splash page' has links to all the areas of Subud life and is a great one to save in your 'Favourites'.

[www.subud.org](http://www.subud.org) (or DOT org, as it's often referred to) contains a wealth of information about the Subud organization. In fact you'll probably be able to find anything you've ever wanted to know about the WSA, here on this website. That's an extravagant claim but we think it's true. When you go to this site you will see that there is information and official documents on every aspect of the Subud organization.

It is regularly up dated and Farah

Czwiertnia, WSA's Website Content Manger, is in the process of revamping the site and adding a search facility and site map making it even easier to find information and documents.

[www.subudworldnews.com](http://www.subudworldnews.com) is another very popular site. It opens directly into a news section with pictures and news of people, places and activities, in fact Subud news. Here you can also find contact details for the World Subud Council and WSA member countries. There's a Calendar and a section about Subud Centres around the world and in the WSA/WSA-Exec section there are official reports and documents like Annual Reports, Minutes of meetings and reports from associated bodies like the Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF) and Subud International Cultural Association (SICA).

The world wide web is a huge 'place' where an enormous amount of all sorts of information is available.

Websites are a wonderful way of making news and information accessible to anyone anywhere in the world. We work hard to make our Subud websites interesting, informative, accurate and up to date.

World Subud Association (WSA) asks member countries and individual members to adhere to guidelines for registering website domain names, the use of the Subud symbol and preferred colors on websites and on social networking sites too.

Matthew Weiss, WSA's Internet Coordinator, keeps a watchful eye on all aspects of Subud's web presence ensuring that official Subud websites maintain their place at the top of the search lists.

Social networking sites, facebook, twitter are another burgeoning area of Subud activity and news, favoured not only by younger members, for its immediacy and accessibility.

## Facing Facebook



**WSA wishes to ask all members to not use individual pictures of Bapak, the Subud symbol or the name Subud for their profile pictures/icons on Facebook. These are all copyrighted (by the WSA or individual photographers) and can only be used when given authorization for use on official websites, blogs, facebook groups etc....Facebook profiles belong to**

**individuals, the use of the name or Subud symbol may give the impression that the person is officially representing Subud.**

**Thank you for your understanding**

**Best wishes,  
The WSA Executive Team**

# Money Matters & much more....

## MAYA KORZYBSKA, WSA VICE CHAIR WRITES .....

Members often wonder what the Subud World Council does at its meetings. Each meeting costs around US \$75.000, as we bring approximately 40 people together from across the globe.. It is a legitimate question and concern, which the council members themselves discuss, but somehow I would like to try to convey an explanation.

### WHY THE WSC MEETS

The 'Subud World Congress' is when all the delegates of member countries meet and make proposals and resolutions. The Subud World Council carries forward those resolutions between World Congresses.

### SUBUD IS GLOBAL

*Samuel Simonsson, former WSA Treasurer and MSF Chair, believes that World Congresses as well as regional/zonal meetings are very important because they foster the awareness of Subud as an at least potentially global and humanity wide organization.*

*"How can we close this perception gap? How can the international organization make more members feel that it is actually making a positive difference? How can the international organization help foster a development towards Subud becoming recognized as a good citizen of the world, something members can be proud to be part of?" asked Samuel.*

Maya continues : For me, even though Subud is an individual process, the Latihan kejiwaan of Subud was given to us via Bapak and those who choose to serve on the council, be it the international helpers or the zone reps and wings are working towards preserving, nurturing and making that legacy available to those searching for it in a harmonious way world wide.

### THOSE "TERRIBLE" MEETINGS

Before speaking about the WSC meeting in Vancouver, I would like to touch on comments that come up every now and then....some people refer to heavy terrible meetings that they were witnesses to. We may still not be perfect, but I do believe that there is a constant



Maya Korzybska, WSA Vice Chair

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evolution and I see that the new councils are more and more active and committed to trying to do things well, to make use of this time and money spent and to really represent those members who are interested in and involved in the activities of the World Subud Association, whilst also trying to follow their own inner guidance.

### VANCOUVER

The council meeting in Vancouver went on for 12 days non-stop, constantly working and looking at the current issues. One of the first days was spent looking at each area to try to evaluate the specific needs and concerns of each....these vary from spiritual concerns such as why do members leave Subud? Why do new members not have that deep inner experience which convinces them that Subud is their path? Why are older members losing faith in Subud? Where did the belief and courage to bring Subud to the world go?....to financial concerns in Africa for example, where survival and even being able to afford to travel to the local Subud group are primary concerns, beginning with even having adequate latihan facilities, access to information and the need to feel connected with the rest of the Subud world.

## A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

What the membership needs to understand is that every decision made goes through a democratic process, as we allocate a budget to each aspect....we work by consensus which within Subud is actually a process.

## KEY PRIORITIES

The latihan, international helper travel to support the national and local helper work, is the number one priority that the council members all agree on, but following that, also most of the member countries feel strongly about translation and that English should not be the language you 'have to speak' in Subud to be able to 'understand' and know what is going on. This in itself is an enormous job involving many dedicated members which needs to be coordinated to be effective. Others may be particularly concerned with supporting the youth, whilst some are concerned with looking after the elderly, a number of Subud members believe in the extreme importance of archives and protecting our heritage, whilst others consider that enterprise and cultural activities are the most important aspects. Sadly at this point we cannot keep everyone totally happy, because our financial income is based at this point on limited country contributions and donations, and a few enterprise and individual donations. (Only 40% of member countries donate anything at all and yet expectations are high).

## FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Members ask, but what does their money get used for, how does it serve me?...well on the one hand the financial statements are available for all to see, budgets and accounts on [www.subud.org](http://www.subud.org). What I feel that we as members all together should be considering is, that if we

all contributed an average of US \$50 a year to the international organization, our income would be around US \$600.000 a year and with that amount we would be able to allocate many more funds and satisfy a lot of needs, to all the programs that the members are interested in or concerned about.

## SUPPORT

Well, my intention wasn't to turn this into a fundraiser (though it has decidedly taken that direction), but to hopefully convey that the council do feel concerned about the costs of the meetings, the money is not spent lightly, though we are convinced of the need for these meetings, confirmed overwhelmingly each time we question and test it. Still, why don't we all collectively try to imagine what the WSA could do for the members if we weren't working on a shoe string budget and at the same time have the faith and trust that the people on the council, who are simply Subud members taking on a role for 4 years to serve the membership, are sincerely trying to do their best and that this effort warrants love and support, not criticism or negative speculation.

At the end of the day, I personally believe that money and our collective and individual attitude towards it, may be one of the things that is holding us back from becoming more of an active healthy organization that is able to give back to the world something in exchange of this incredible gift that we have received.

I do wish to finish by thanking the many many members who do in fact support us, financially either through direct donations or in kind, but also through messages of thanks and kindness that we receive \_

# Ramadan Greetings

FOR THOSE WHO OBSERVED THE RAMADAN FAST THIS YEAR....WE WISH YOU MANY BLESSINGS AND ASK FORGIVENESS FOR ANY SHORTCOMINGS BOTH INNER AND OUTER.



*Ibu Rahayu and family greet Subud members at a selamatan in Wisma Subud, Jakarta at the end of the Ramadan fast where everyone asks forgiveness from one another.*

# Events

## NEW ZEALAND SUMMER CAMP & GATHERING MARAHAU, NZ

January 10-20 2013

It will be a low key, relaxed affair for anyone who would like a nice holiday in one of the most beautiful parts of New Zealand with a bunch of nice Kiwis.

The Camp site is Old MacDonalds Farm in Marahau. The camp itself is in the most beautiful spot at the entrance to the Abel Tasman National Park. Lots of beautiful beaches nearby and so far we have been very lucky with the weather. The water is definitely warm enough to swim in the sea at that time of year or you can relax by the river in the campground itself.

If you are keen to come there are cabins available for those traveling from other countries,

A full kitchen is available on site. It is a campsite so the facilities are clean but basic.

See more at [www.oldmacs.co.nz](http://www.oldmacs.co.nz)

### Activities

- Swimming hole in the river by the campground
- Walk the Abel Tasman track
- Take a water taxi to Anchorage, Bark Bay, Awaroa, Totoranui
- Kayaking - day trip or overnight guided trips
- Drive to Kaiteriteri (10 mins) to lovely golden sand beach
- Mountain biking
- Drive to Riwaka resurgence - 20 minute drive and 10 minute walk into the Kahurangi National Park.

Cabins range from \$27.00 to \$40.00 per person per night. Camping is \$14.00 per night for each adult. To book a cabin or campsite, contact Veronica Herber: email: [veronica@ddub.co.nz](mailto:veronica@ddub.co.nz) or Tel: 0064 9 818 3044



*View of the Cajon del Maipo Mountains, Chile near the site of the upcoming Zone 9 Gathering*

## ZONE 9 GATHERING

(South America - South Cone Region) "Cascada de las Animas", Cajón del Maipo, Chile November 1-4 2012

The venue is an Eco Resort and Nature Sanctuary located 60 km from the city of Santiago, the country's capital. The area is surrounded by rugged mountains, valleys, rivers, springs and waterfalls, where you will enjoy fresh mountain air, outdoor activities, rest and relaxation in comfort, complemented with the delicious Chilean cuisine.

Everybody is welcome to attend this Gathering!

### For more information about the venue please go

to: [http://www.cascada.net/index\\_ing/index](http://www.cascada.net/index_ing/index).

For more information about the Gathering contact

Mauricio Castillo : [mauricio.castillo.wsc@gmail.com](mailto:mauricio.castillo.wsc@gmail.com)

## YES QUEST FOR ADULTS

Rungan Sari, Central Kalimantan

January 25-February 4 2013

The cost is \$1,000 inclusive of program, facilitation, accommodation, food and 3 day excursion up river. For more information visit: [www.yesquest.org](http://www.yesquest.org). For an application form email Silvana at [silvana@yesquest.org](mailto:silvana@yesquest.org)

# Calendar

## SEPTEMBER

**14-29**

Area II IH's visit to Spain

**16-3** OCTOBER

Area I IH's visit to Singapore, Sri Lanka and India

**18-4** OCTOBER

- Area 1 IH's visit to Jakarta and Rungan Sari, Indonesia
- Area 1 IH's visit to Java, Indonesia

**28-02** OCTOBER

Area II IH's visit to Moldova

## OCTOBER

**5 - 7**

Zone 4 and other helpers meeting, Budapest, Hungary

**5 - 9**

Area II IH's visit to Bosnia

**12-14**

Subud Spain National Congress, Seville

**18-9**

WCOT work sessions in Puebla

**25-28**

Subud Austria National Congress, Reichenau/Rax

## NOVEMBER

**1-4**

Zone 9 Gathering, Cascada de las Animas, Cajon del Maipo, Chile Reichenau/Rax

**8**

Suriname's 45th Anniversary celebration

**8-18**

Area II IH's visit RD Congo

## JANUARY 2013

**2-8**

Subud Australia National Congress, Tallebudgera, NSW/ Queensland border. Contact: ozcongressbookings@gmail.com

**10-20**

Subud New Zealand Summer Gathering, Marahau, nr. Nelson, S. Island

**7-11**

World Congress Planning meeting, Puebla, Mexico

## JUNE

**26-30**

Zone 3 Meeting, Poio, Pontevedra, Spain

**30-07** JULY

El Camino Gathering, Poio, Pontevedra, Spain

## AUGUST 2014

**2-17**

14th Subud World Congress, Puebla, Mexico

## WORLD LATIHAN

### OCTOBER 6

20:00 (Los Angeles)  
21:00 (Mexico City)  
22:00 (Bogota)  
23:00 (New York/  
Santiago de Chile)

### OCTOBER 7

3:00 (GMT)  
4:00 (London)  
5:00 (Paris)  
10:00 (Jakarta)  
13:00 (Sydney)  
15:00 (New Zealand)

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