

WSA Chair's 2011 Q1-2 Review

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This is the your Q1-2 Quarterly Review (apologies for the late delivery) that has revolved around a number of meetings in Mexico as well as a number of new developments and challenging events since the beginning of the year. Highlights include:

- Puebla World Congress 2014 Planning – Mexico;
- Zone 7 Council Meeting - Mexico;
- Subud Mexico Congress – Mexico;
- Amanecer news;
- WSA-SESI-MSF lessons learned Issue:
- WSA-External Relations update;
- WSA Finance, Archives/Fundraising update;
- SESI and SYAI developments.

1. MEXICO VISIT REPORT – WSA CHAIR:

WSA/International Helper/international representatives attending the three (3) meetings included: Luke/WSA chair; Maya/WSA Chief Operations Officer; Dave/Zone 7 Rep.; Elias/WSA ICP team special advisor to Amanecer; Elaina; Grace; Daniela, Reynaldo/IHs, Alex Woodward/SYAI Rep. Area III and Rosaria.../SICA Rep. Area I/III; (see group photo #1)

Puebla World Congress 2014 meetings;

- Luke and Maya met with Subud Mexico Puebla Congress Organizing Team (COT) 2014 team Fernando, Arif, Stella and Jesus in a variety of meetings including a) one of several 'regents' or senior advisors from the city's mayor's office; b) a specialist in Mexican financial/accounting systems and c) visits to Puebla Convention Centre with Zone 7 attendees and d) a hosted visit to nearby break-out facilities within 100-200m of the convention centre; (see photos 2 and 3)
- The Puebla Convention centre is located on the edge of the 100 square block downtown Puebla UNESCO World Heritage site in the centre of this city of approx. 2.5 million; the 30,000msq.convention centre comprises one very large central hall divisible into three areas surrounded by 5-7 smaller break out rooms; a broad open terrace separates the convention centre from the nearby boutique hotel alongside restored 17-19th century stone buildings alongside the downtown gardens; in other words an array of restored and modern spaces, offices, exhibition and meeting areas that can accommodate a wide array of wing and affiliate meetings, exhibitions, cultural and UN-style fora.

Zone 7 Council meetings:

- Dave ably chaired the Zone 7 (Canada; Cuba; Mexico; Suriname; USA; Caribbean) Council meetings over a 3-day period at the Puebla Subud house; we sat together at tables around a central space in the quiet courtyard of the Puebla Subud house under a canopy. With approx. 30 attending from Canada, Cuba, Mexico, Suriname and the US we were easy and relaxed together covering country reports, world congress discussion, a WSA update and developing Zone 7 activities.; (see photo);
- During the 3 day Council meeting we latihan and tested together covering how we need to face Almighty God in our work together towards Congress 2014; how we need to support Zone 7 development; this brought us closer together in our realization that preparing for Puebla 2014 is the single biggest project for Zone 7;

Subud Mexico Congress:

- After 2 days discussing Puebla 2014 the gathering moved 45 minutes to a nearby resort in Metepec based on a former industrial complex converted by the government to a beautiful resort. Luke and Maya alongside the Puebla 2014 COT team briefed Subud Mexico Congress on the preparations under way for 2014; (see photo)

Other meetings:

- Luke, Elias/WSA special advisor to Amanacer/Subud Colombia, Reynaldo, Daniela and Muchtar Martins/honorary Vice-Chair Subud Colombia/project architect Amanacer met to discuss the next stage for WSA support of the Amanacer re-development;

2. WSA-SESI-MSF LESSONS LEARNED ISSUE

As of March 14th Samuel Simonsson tendered his resignation as chair of MSF. This was due to a 'Lessons Learned' paper drafted by an independent author for SESI that was circulated to the SESI board, Luke, and then Samuel. The paper, labeled 'final draft', was intended to follow a World Congress resolution*; however, the draft contained erroneous text, yet to be approved by SESI. Subsequently, Hannah Baerveldt, MSF Trustee, also tendered her resignation due to her husband Konrad's involvement with PTSW (referred to in the paper).

Samuel felt compromised and believed he could no longer serve in his current position without a vote of confidence from the WSA Board. Subsequently Samuel wrote to the WSA BoD and Luke and Maxwell sent a joint letter of explanation to the BoD. All involved very much regret this sequence of events and had hoped that Samuel would withdraw his resignation. As of this date, Samuel has decided to step aside for now and Hannah has offered to be reinstated until the testing for trustees in June in Rungan Sari.

**The resolution states under '12. SESI AND SYAI': "That WSA develops a position paper that summarizes and embodies a common understanding of Bapak's advice regarding the meaning, importance and role of Enterprise to Subud. That WSA, guided by this understanding, review the activities of the membership and wings to determine what actions are needed in order that Bapak's advice can be realized more completely".*

3. WSA ARCHIVES

Dave Hitchcock, as the WSC liaison for archives, and Hadrian Fraval, as a member of the director's archives sub-committee along with Dave, have been working with Amalijah Thompson, who has decided to be a team member rather than continue as coordinator of the Archives.

The priority now is to get started on the Archives restoration project endorsed by World Congress in 2010. This includes initiating the fundraising necessary to meet the approximately \$100K in scheduled expenditures in 2011.

Meanwhile the WSA is working toward forming the new International Archives Team focused on: a) operations on the major talks/tapes restoration project; b) fundraising for the same; and c) liaison with Memnon, the professional archives services company in Belgium. Major sponsors will be contacted before the World Subud Council (WSC) Meeting in June, but the full campaign will begin afterward.

4. WSA/SDIA CHRISTCHURCH AND JAPAN QUAKE APPEALS

- The evolving WSA Care Support Team (CST) alongside SDIA appeals/donations raised approximately \$43,700+ in the space of the first 30 days, plus additional funds through some National Organizations. These monies are being distributed through Subud NZ and Subud Christchurch.
- Then on Friday March 11th the terrible Japanese earthquake and tsunami struck. The scale is huge. SDIA is again receiving monies for the immediate appeal for SD Japan. No Subud members have been injured or worse. The WSA published a 2nd Quake Update on both disasters.

5. WSA EXTERNAL RELATIONS (ER) UPDATE

- Following the World Subud Council mandate in 2010 for the WSA executive, WSA Board of Directors and External Relations teams to review and recommend new directions for the ER; they have had a number of discussions. Unfortunately these discussions have not made the progress hoped for in presenting a full review and plan of action to the WSC. The ER team, led by Amalia Rasheed, stepped down in early March. Osanna, as a previous advisor, has agreed to continue as WSA-ER Liaison up to the WSC meeting in June in order to sustain the ER responsibilities in international fora, the UN, interfaith groups and the nascent WSA Forum.
- This does not mean that ER has stopped work, nor does it imply that its funding has substantially changed at this point. The WSA Chair and Chief Executive, after discussion with the WSA BoD and noting their concerns, have elected to compromise in sustaining existing WSA, MSF and GHFP budgetary/sponsoring commitments until the upcoming WSC meeting at which time there will be testing on the mandate and significance of the ER team and process as linked to public relations and our internal and external media/communications strategies.

6. WSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BoD) EVOLVES

- The ER review process has made it clear to all participants that the WSA BoD, having been activated following the WSC meeting last August, now needs to undergo a process whereby its mandate, role and responsibilities are reviewed by the entire WSC.
- The WSA BoD, comprising the (8) Zone Representatives and the WSA chair, nominally has three (3) responsibilities. These are: a) representing the interests and concerns of the members of their respective countries to the WSC/WSA; b) representing the interests and activities of the WSC/WSA to members in those same countries; and c) being legally responsible for the name and actions of Subud and embodying legal responsibilities required under US law applying to the WSA as a US-registered non-profit organization.

7. WSA INTERNATIONAL CENTRES AND PROJECTS GROUP (ICP)

As WSA chair I have asked that a new International Centres and Projects (WSA-ICP) Advisory Group be formed. This team would comprise key international representatives; its purpose is to support and anticipate challenges for international projects and centres. Its specific role would be to identify and appoint professionally competent individuals to support and advise international projects and centres such as Wisma Subud, Rungan Sari, Amanecer, and perhaps smaller projects such as Usaha Mulia Abadi and others. The ICP Group would report to the WSC. I have asked Maxwell for WSA, Olivia Reksodipoetro for MSF, Hamida Thomas for SDIA, Garrett Thomson for GHFP, and Rashad Pollard for SESI to be its founding members (governors) along with myself as WSC/WSA chair. In time, others can join or replace us on this team, with a vision that it may even become part of SESI reporting to the WSC. Our first appointment has been Elias Dumit of Brazil for Amanecer (see below).

8. AMANECER AND SUBUD COLOMBIA

- The February 19/20th extraordinary meeting in Colombia of the National Dewan, Group Chairs, Subud Colombia members and international representatives went well. Its primary rationale was the selection of a new chair and proposing a new plan to review the existing operations and strategy for Amanecer as well as initiating a possible mini-audit. This is to clear up operational issues in preparation for a new strategic and operating plan. The WSA has appointed Elias Dummit of Brazil as WSA international project advisor to Subud Colombia/Amanecer.
- WSA ICP is supporting Elias' work alongside the new Subud Colombia chair, Luqman Rivera, the National Dewan, and Muchtar Martins as Subud Colombia-appointed honorary Vice Chair and project architect alongside the new Amanecer planning team.

9. KALIMANTAN ROUNDTABLE, APRIL 2011

- The WSA Chair and Executive have felt the need to revisit the Kalimantan visioning process initiated in 2008 to build collaboration and unity of purpose in the Kalimantan developments and to mark 30 years since Bapak's vision was first established. The first step was to bring the stakeholders together to share experiences, strengthen vision, and of course address the unfolding strategic plan.

- The executive approached all stakeholders to clarify the intention of the meeting which took place from April 7-9 at the Adi Puri conference centre (Bapak's former home) at Wisma Subud, Jakarta. This is a prelude to the WSC meeting in June. Harvey Peters was facilitator, with Maxwell and Maya attending for the WSA. Participants were positive about the extent to which new trust and openness developed from this.

10. WSA/SESI SINAR INVESTORS ASSOCIATION

- Ruslan Morris, SESI Chair, with the support of Luke and Maxwell and on behalf of the WSA has formed Sinar Investors Association (SIA) comprising a board of Governors and an executive to address the needs and operation of the new Kalimantan Gold Corporation (KGC) Subud shareholders association. The first SIA report has been published; one of the next steps will be to contact all shareholders to discuss how SIA might operate. SIA will make a presentation to the WSC following an update from KGC in June.
- The SIA mechanism was created with the intention that it may serve other international enterprises in the future.

11. WSA FINANCE TEAM

Following the earthquake in Christchurch, Hammond had to step down and will return May 23. Hussein Dickie has been interim Treasurer. Elwyn is now the WSA Accountant, but recently discovered he needs surgery during the WSC meeting period. This means he will not be able to attend the WSC meeting as originally planned. Leonard van Willenswaard has agreed to continue as temporary advisor in view of the fluctuating circumstances.

12. SESI ENTERS NEXT PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT

- Ruslan and his team are ramping up SESI for its next phase focused on 4 special projects: a) a new virtual financial corporation (VFC); b) international projects/enterprises – lessons learned, (as mentioned above); c) an enterprises database and other initiatives feeding into (d) a new SESI website being developed by SESI's Web Services Shop (WSS) in Jakarta. The intention is also to revive an international network of SESI representatives in larger countries to begin with.
- WSA's Web Services Shop (WSS), developed by SESI, is creating a WSA database that will assist the association and its affiliated activities once complete. This is a significant undertaking and will take time.

13. SICA DEVELOPMENTS

Helena Casbolt's relocation to her family's new home necessitated her stepping down as one of the two co-vice chairs supporting Latifah Taormina, SICA Chair. Meanwhile SICA continues to evolve under Latifah and Susannah Rosenthal's guidance; Susannah being the sole vice-chair is also very busy as Subud LA Chair working on their projects. Emmanuel Williams is editing the new SICA website. SICA is exploring a new grant-based program and an international media

project utilizing handheld flip-cams worldwide. Based on 'What's in a (Subud) name?' alongside a WSA initiated 'Day in the Life of Subud..' Stay tuned!

14. BOD BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SYAI

The WSA BoD has recommended SYAI modify their budgeting by splitting their budget into two (2) parts: a) SYAI's day-to-day work around gatherings, fundraising and communications with b) travel costs. The International Youth Travel Fund (IYTF) will be a separate line item. WSA and SESI will be working with SYAI to build these two funds to support youth activities.

15. WSA AFRICA STRATEGY

- Having had our first Africa Strategy meeting in November we are planning a follow-up before the WSC meeting with the focus on what Africa needs by way of support as well as capacity building for its helpers and members. The core countries to focus on include: DRC; Congo Brazzaville; Nigeria; South Africa; Angola; Tanzania, and Algeria. We can build on numerous WSA/MSF supported Subud groups, houses and property rentals especially in DRC and Nigeria and look at what specific support all the countries need. But as Rida, Zone 6 Representative, said, the need is not only about help with groups, helpers and getting Bapak's guidance across, but also about helping enterprises flourish, however modest.
- There is a plan for a pan-African meeting in September in Zambia. Harvey Peters as Zone 5 Representative is looking into this and WSA's and WSC's support will be needed. Harvey and Rida will initially work with Luke, Maxwell and the WSA executive to develop a plan.

16. WSA COUNTRIES FACING PARTICULAR CHALLENGES

There are member countries working through certain challenges that the Council as a whole might be aware of and hold in their prayers. In addition to Japan and New Zealand for obvious reasons and Colombia/Amanacer, already mentioned, France, Cuba and, uniquely, Geneva each face challenges that their respective Zone Councils may be involved with. The good news is that circumstances in Argentina have greatly improved to the point that they will host the next Zone 9 Meeting.

Luke – Chair WSC/WSA

Following is a sampling of the extraordinary Mexico visit – enjoy!



The Zone 7 Council + WSA international team/IHs pose in front of the Puebla convention centre main halls/terrace



Fernando (Puebla COT team 2014); Maya (WSA Chief Ops. Officer) and a Puebla city facilities manager outside the Puebla International Convention centre



A typical 17th century church forming part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site in downtown Puebla; 10+ small-mid size hotels nearby; larger hotels further out.



Luke checks out an older traditional hall in the Puebla convention centre (traditional brick ceilings.)



Typical meeting facilities within 200 metres of the Puebla convention centre



Elias (WSA international projects advisor) on the convention centre terrace overlooking the downtown gardens, archaeological site and nearby off-site (left) meeting facilities



A Zone 7 meeting in progress in the Subud Puebla house courtyard! We had the best hosts!



Subud Mexico Congress attendees. WSC International team/IHs; (Popocatepetl volcano behind obscured by clouds..!)



Subud Mexico/Puebla 2014 COT team: Luthfi Becker (KC Mexico); Karimah Towle (KC Mexico); Fernando Fatah(COT hair); Mariamah Flores (new Subud Mexico chair); Arif Rivero (CC Mexico/COT vice chair); Jesus Sánchez (COT team member); missing Stella de Jassan (COT treasurer)



WSA team on site at Subud Mexico Congress – Luke; Maya and Elias



Zone 7 Council (Canada; Cuba; Mexico; Suriname; USA; Caribbean) and WSA international team/IHs visit Usama Mulia Abadhi 2 hours south west of Puebla – Subud Mexico’s national/ international centre development (Popocatepetl volcano again behind us and obscured by clouds..)