

WSA chair Q3 2010 Report to WSC, countries & members:

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WSA chair's Q3 Report:

Gatherings attended:

SUSA Congress, Vancouver WA, USA

- A watershed congress that saw a smaller than usual SUSA gathering of 200+ members renew itself organizationally with a new team: Rashidah; Shoshanna & Sonya with new SES chair Rosetta; treasurer Marston; committee clllr. Lucian, etc.
- Visioning supported this new era of awakening for Subud USA..; there was a new commitment to the spirit of enterprise at the heart of the organization; this was sparked by the receiving of Ibu Rahayu's exceptional call for members to put the past trials behind them, work more closely together & read Bapak's spiritual advice closely and put it into practise..;
- Exceptional SD fundraising; youth sharing/lessons learned & many other workshop meetings really galvanized SUSA..;

Zone 4, Trakai, Lithuania, Europe

- A gathering of members from approx. 14 of the total 25 countries in this the most diverse zone internationally; from Norway to Israel, Greece to Russia and down through Germany/Austria to Italy..; A very well organized gathering 20 kms outside the capital Trakai; at a very comfortable, reasonably priced resort that easily accommodated 150 of us..; excellent circle meetings of the zone's members & Council; IHs did a great job of testing with many different combinations of members and committee; members gained insights into the roles of committee at all levels..; also the nature & needs of each & every country in the Zone!

Zone 3, Great Malvern, UK

- This amazing meeting was squeezed in just before the Subud Britain Gathering, then Congress alongside the WSC! Probably never again will we all try to manage (3) gatherings in parallel..; Paloma da villa as Zone 3 Rep. managed to guide our group of 70+ members from W. Europe (UK; France; Spain; Holland; Ireland; Belgium; Portugal etc.) through 2 full days of meetings

after a day of latihan & testing; we had exceptionally frank & close big circle meetings in the Music Room of the Gt.Malvern Girl's School while enjoying amazing meals at our own hostel nearby; we tested about each & every country its needs/characteristics; we discussed many issues including fiancés; honoraria for Subud officers; isolated members & countries requiring extra support etc.; an intimate, respectful & profound gathering..;

WSC meeting (reported on already in SWN):

- **This meeting achieved a number of goals:** drawing us together as a full Council of 38 out of a total of 40 from all over the world following Congress; establishing a quiet focus for our worship & work; focusing on key issues + projects; developing resolutions/plans for our priorities which were: Archives; Approved Budget; Fundraising; Subud Communities; Tangible/intangible recognition of Subud; capacity building of the WSA Board; a renewed Translations Unit; received reports from wings/affiliates/WSA teams: (MSF; SDIA; SESI; SICA; SYIA; SIHA; CST; SPI; WSS; etc.);
- **An amazing 6-days** that enabled us to really come to terms with the core issues facing Subud in the world & the initiatives ahead arising from Congress resolutions and our own new insights from testing & discussion;
- (see **SWN WSA chair's report**; also **'The WSA budget made simple'** by Hammond peak, WSA treasurer)

WSA-SDIA WSA chair's attendance @ SDIA Board Retreat..;

- **An extraordinary event;** more than a simple Board retreat; this was as much about the rediscovery of the inner significance of both SDIA & the WSA; the bonding of WSA & the SDIA teams/goals as about receiving reports on SDIA activities, key projects; procedures & policies; latihan & testing laid the foundation for a renewed sense of purpose for SDIA & a deepened, renewed relationship with the WSA; we latihan, tested, discussed, reported, ate together with members of Subud Montreal; even managed a walk through the neighbourhood together..; a great foundation for the year ahead..;

Ongoing initiatives..(Subud Communities, KGC/KIC review, International Fundraising planning,..):

- **Subud Communities/Groups** headed by Osanna Vaughn past WSA chair has defined its focus on supporting the development of Subud houses & communities and has assembled a team comprising an architect, former planner, green houses retrofits expert, Subud house chair/acquirer, realtor/social projects developer and Osanna herself! The challenge now is to structure the support/advisory available to groups/communities in transition. Already they have a blog/website developing so that as they make groups aware of their support more people will seek support/advice; as WSA chair I am supporting Osanna in her work;
- **KGC/KIC** – following the WSC – backed call for greater transparency and involvement of the Subud organization as well as members in the development of KGC/the Kalimantan mining project a majority of KIC shareholders voted to disband KIC as the holding company in favour of holding more liquid and potentially more valuable KGC shares instead. The WSA has called on MSF & YMS to encourage shareholders large and small to consider forming a shareholder association to remain more fully engaged & informed about KGC's development;

- **WSA Finances/Fundraising** – the WSA treasurer and executive following the WSC meeting where international coordinated fundraising was broached following a Congress resolution to this effect focused on all parts of the international organization collaborating to raise funds that can be applied more fully across all parts and diverse needs; this is now gaining in momentum with a review being prepared based on WSC recommendations e.g. a simultaneous international ‘Market day’ with sales of goods/services simultaneously; or a simultaneous ‘Group Meal Evening’ with funds raised for Subud youth travel & projects;

Initiatives arising..(Subud Governance, Subud Communications, Africa Strategy, WSA-External relations review..)

- **World Congress 5-part commitment** made to members at the end of Congress
- a) ‘A more professional organization; b) improved governance; c) greater presence for Subud activities in the world; d) renewed commitment to enterprises; e) support for stronger Subud groups & communities’; with these in mind I have supported several initiatives linked to Congress resolutions/recommendations:
- **Subud Governance** – a team (Samuel Simonsson; Maxwell Fraval; Luke; Maya) has been established and met for the first time on skype to review our progress in dealing with new legal requirements for WSA, MSF & SDIA in particular; also how we manage our projects internationally; also the need for a Code of Conduct in our communications across the organization; the need for clearer guidelines on wikis, websites, use of copyrighted materials etc.; sounds dull but in fact is a mark of our growing maturity as a small international NGO in the eyes of international jurisdictions (UN; US government agencies; NGOs; aid agencies etc.);
- **Communications** also a new initiative meeting for the first time in November; with a wide assortment of communications needs both internally for Subud as well as with external organizations during a period with more than the usual number of mis-quotes in the media on Wikipedia, some impending copyright infringements (usually based on lack of knowledge of WSA responsibilities); coverage of Subud by various media without adequate background or research (many remember the ‘barking dogs’ article during Congress..) or even basic PR from within the Subud organizations. So the WSA executive and I decided it was time to address this..; the framework needed will cover: Strategy internal;/external; team; use of existing media/materials; the new framework; timelines/budget etc.; stay tuned;
- **Africa Strategy** after almost 50 years of Subud activity initially in S. Africa, more recently in DRC, Nigeria; Algeria; Tanzania; now Zambia & Angola – it is clear that we need to once again draw together our lessons learned especially based on SDI’s extensive experience in the DRC, but also from the IHs past 2-3 decades in Central & East Africa.. With perhaps 500 Subud members across these 6 countries widely dispersed supported only by two zone reps Harvey Peters in Zambia & Rida Loote..in DRC with infrequent IH visits due to budgetary constraints, the time has come once again to have an ‘Africa Strategy’; the team of Harvey/Zone 5 rep.; Sharifin/SDIA; Annabella/Care Support Team ; Rayner/MSF & Luke; had its first inaugural meeting in early October; the SDI team + IHs will join us for the next meeting;

- **WSA-External Relations Review** initiated by the WSA BoD & the WSA executive during the WSC this process is one of helping the WSA-ER not only develop its international functions around the WSA Forum (global issues forum) but also interfaith dialogue support through UN agencies & most pressing now linking with the newly emergent Subud Communications & Public Relations processes outlined above.; a team comprising members of the WSA executive, zone reps & the existing WSA-ER coordinators (Amalia Rasheed; Osanna Vaughn, Frederic Richard) is working on this for a report due at year's end.;
- **WSA Kalimantan Review Team** – the WSC endorsed a review by MSF & YMS on behalf of the WSA identifying the need for greater clarity & participation by members in the Kalimantan project focused on KGC the exploration company; recently a majority of shareholders voted for the dissolution of KIC the prior holding/support company; so that now MSF + YMS on behalf of WSA are contemplating forming a shareholder association in order for members to more fully participate in the next phase development of KGC & Kalimantan mining;
- In addition there is now a need for members to be more fully involved in the next phase development of Kalimantan beyond Kalimantan mining i.e. Rungan Sari, adjacent development (including plots held by members), the BCU school, & the other various enterprises and projects in Kalimantan;

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- **SES now active in developing a new virtual financial institution** - has involved discussions with Ruslan & Rashad about new initiatives around forming a new Subud VFI –Virtual Financial Institution; SESI has formed a team around Ruslan & Rashad that will report back to the membership over the next few months; there is already strong support forming for the VFI to support both micro-finance-based investment activities as well as a move towards building larger Subud enterprises once more – based on lessons learned & new approaches;
- **SICA keeping us updated** re. its website developments and restructuring as the new SICA.; other positive funding developments involve MSF support for the website;
- **SYAI gathering momentum post WSC** with its new fundraiser plans around Dinner for The SYAI Travel Fund between now & the end of the year;

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- Q3 travel summary - in literal terms started July 01 (in Vancouver, Washington USA with my attendance @ the US Congress) & ended Sept.30th with my birthday attended by visiting Simon Guerrand in Toronto area.; In between I visited:

1. SUSA Congress Vancouver/USA; Vancouver/Canada;



Vancouver USA: me, Elaina/IH; Kumari/SDIA; Rayner/MSF; Hamilton /IH; Dave/Z7 rep.; Susanna/SICA; Alex/SYAI; Latifah/SICA; Lillian; enjoy a 'mini-WSC' meeting during SUSA Congress, Vancouver WA;

2. Zone 4 gathering/Lithuania;



Trakai, Lithuania: me, edge of Regna/IH; Solihin/Subud Moscow; Hassan/IH; Dorinda/IH enjoying a party during the Zone 4 Congress in Lithuania;

3. Zone 3 gathering + Subud Britain gathering + Congress



Great Malvern, UK: Reaching for the sky... two dynamic Subud youth leaders...during Zone 3 gathering in Great Malvern;



Great Malvern, UK: The now-famous Subud Britain opening ceremonies hot-air balloons-release!



Great Malvern UK: Zone reps.+ WSA exec.chair cluster!: front: Dave Hitchcock/Z7; Robiyana Easty/Z4; back: Pavel;/Z8 Hadrian Fraval/Z5; Maxwell WSA exec.chair; Harvey Peters;



Great Malvern UK: Bed & Breakfast buddies during WSC in Gt. Malvern, UK: Isti da Silva/IH; me; Tuti/Subud Lewes; Rachmaniyah/ Subud Lewes;

5. Loudwater post WSC debriefing:



Loudwater UK: me; Silvana; Julia; Asmaniah; Maxwell; Maya; outside Loudwater Farm after our 1.5 day debrief following the WSC.;

6. SD International Board weekend retreat @ Subud Quebec/Montreal



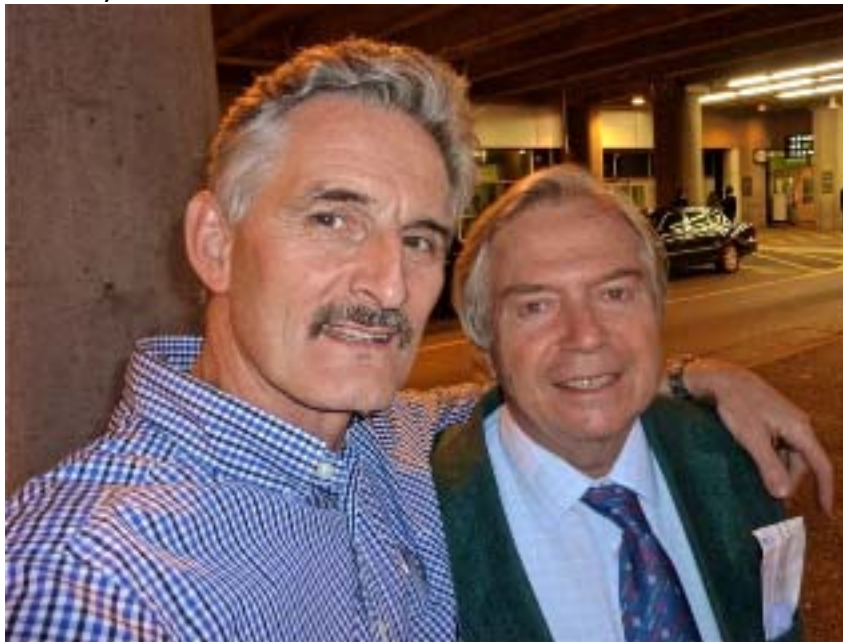
Montreal, Canada: Romina/SD Germany; Rashidah/SD Mexico; Hamish/IH; Lorna/Subud Britain; Lawrence/SD Germany/MSF; Luke/WSA chair; Bloom/SD USA; Raphael/SD France; Virginia(Hamidah)/SDIA Exec.Dir.; Grace/IH; Mardiyah/SD Aus.; Kumari/SDIA chair;

7. Visit to Subud Boulder to stay with the fire-orphaned Evan's family..;



Boulder USA: Roland; Orianne Evans; me; in Boulder on Firefighter Celebration Day after terrible fires destroyed the Evan's home + 140 others north of Boulder in early September..;

Birthday visitor – Toronto!



Simon GH visit for Luke's birthday Sept.30th – last day of the quarter;

So a very busy 'quarter'!..