

WSA CHAIR 4th QUARTER 2011 REVIEW

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being together - Subud Colombia congress

1. MSF-WSA CoW ON ARCHIVES CORE PROJECT

WSA and MSF have drafted an initial Contract of Work (CoW) that defines the core requirements and responsibilities in terms of processing and restoring the core Bapak Talk tapes in phase I of the 2011-14 Archives project. This process has involved a great deal of work and numerous revisions for both Maxwell on behalf of WSA and Bachtiar on behalf of MSF. It is expected that the contract will commence early in 2012.

2. SICA-WSA FORUM PROJECT

SICA's Latifah Taormina and WSA's Osanna Vaughn are collaborating on a new format for what was known as the WSA Forum. This will enable SICA to provide the framework for this exceptional World Congress 2010-launched global issues interest group to continue its work with input from world class expertise in Subud as well as via connections outside Subud. The emphasis from the Zone Reps has been on having leading experts and enthusiastic individuals in Subud take the lead on this process now, rather than the WSA.

3. WSA KIC SHARES TRUST

With the dissolution of Kalimantan Investment Company (KIC) and the transfer of members' shares into Kalimantan Gold Company (KGC), many shares required reuniting with their owners given name changes, relocation or member's passing. MSF felt it best to not be directly responsible since they would be the ultimate recipient of any unclaimed shares. WSA suggested that a trust be formed, overseen by WSA to match shares with owners, and for any unclaimed shares (after a suitable hiatus) to be passed to MSF in trust as the KGC project developed. At this time the trust has been established and the WSA BoD has approved the final structure.

4. WSA COMMUNICATIONS POST EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Congress 2010 resolved that there be not only an ER function for Subud members to be connected with interfaith groups and activities, emergent WSA world issues forum, etc., but also a 'Toolkit' for all internal and external media and communications.

This would include information to be established for use by all members in their countries in the period up to Congress 2014. WSA executive has publicized a request for all countries to share what information they are using to define Subud and in general internal/external communications. This can then be organized in a database for use by all. Related efforts include unique creations such as Mikhail David's 'Subud Overview' PowerPoint to be made accessible and a WSA slide show for use by international and national organizations – these two are in process of being released with the initial draft 'What is WSC/WSA?' released in January to national committees 'Subud Overview' to follow soon - stay tuned.

5. WSA FINANCES AND FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During the Rungan Sari WSC meeting it became apparent that the WSA Finance Team needed strengthening given a) our weak income picture with rising operating costs; b) the need to approach fundraising with a new enterprise spirit under new leadership; c) the need to continue to improve our financial reporting across the whole WSC. With this in mind Stuart Cooke has been appointed by WSA in the role of fundraiser alongside Hammond Peak treasurer. This is in addition to the whole WSA executive team providing support.

The first steps have included the core WSA fundraising team approaching a group of the stronger national organizations with a view to asking their members and enterprises in these countries to meet an initial 2011-12 targeted \$65K. In fact talking to Subud Britain, Canada, USA, Germany and Australia, WSA has already received valuable input and feedback on a more simply structured program. This is to offset a current deficit of approx \$125K due to higher International Helper, operating and member services costs.

The end of the year saw a surprise donation of over \$50K from a leading enterprise that took a large bite out of this 2011 deficit. Another large enterprise donation is imminent as the organization's need become apparent to members internationally.

KEY ISSUES

6. INTERNATIONAL CENTRES AND PROJECTS:

Wisma Subud and its heritage protection project/WSHPP; Amanecer and its restructuring around CorAmanecer enterprise engine, Rungan Sari as a unique frontier community and enterprise base.

We are making progress - challenging as these assignments are! Nothing less than Bapak's former home as the first international centre or Amanecer first in the Americas. Even Rungan Sari bearing Bapak's imprint as the frontline in Kalimantan - all need our awareness and commitment in terms of project support. The emphasis from your WSA chair is that we preserve and develop what we have. This was echoed in what Ibu said to Maxwell and I at the beginning in Christchurch: 'Ask God's blessing, work hard; build on what you have- don't reinvent too much!

In many cases we have neglected these embodiments of Subud in the world to our detriment. Accumulated back taxes at Amanecer, a significant non-Subud ownership in Wisma Subud (something Bapak had not encouraged.) and the need for the Kalimantan enterprises to move to the next level of national and international prominence after many years of gestation.

WSHPP The Wisma Subud Heritage Protection Project co-chaired by Pak Haryono and Josephine Bacikin having received support from Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace (GHFP), WSA, SICA and the Wisma Subud residents at a recommitment meeting in July, now faces the need to create a development plan towards both heritage designation and site development under a protective umbrella that ensures our Subud heritage is sustained.

This will mean we need to raise funds for the development planning process as well as the heritage designation process with Indonesian and eventually perhaps international authorities. Initially we need to protect what we have by purchasing properties under threat of being lost to non-Subud ownership/developers. At present the WSA is preparing a Concept Paper to be followed by a more in-depth Concept Plan coordinated by WSHPP-SICA.

Amanecer has moved from being in dire straits a year ago to a situation where a new national committee has restructured the national organization to draw together planning and development support from the ten groups in Colombia alongside the national committee. Through this process members who drifted away during the difficulties have returned and monies have again begun to flow into/through the national organization.

This renewed national council has empowered Luqman Rivera Ismail and others to have Jorge Bustillo and Samuel Marcks begin the process of building new enterprises within the enterprise 'engine' CorAmanecer. A new atmosphere of trust and willingness to move forward in a more collaborative way is being fostered after past disharmony.

7. SUBUD CENTRES AND SACRED SPACES

This project has focused on the 'space for grace' initiative led by Osanna Vaughn alongside Haris Wolfgang; Simon Milan; Paloma de la Vina; with prior support from Hamish Barker and recent moral support from myself. This has reminded us how vital is our need to open the space literally and metaphorically in our Subud centres and community meetings and gatherings for the latihan to guide us; to take the time to open the space before we begin anything. Like saying 'Allah ou'akbhar' preceding any action.

Meanwhile the WSA is encouraging SESI to develop a new Subud Communities website complimentary to the 'space for grace' process that includes profiles on Subud centres, bed and breakfasts and Subud-run hotels! The key issue here is to encourage the rejuvenation of our existing centres and to encourage appropriate development of new centres/Subud houses around the world.

Bapak's comment in Talk 11 in Melbourne 1968 [68 MEB 2] was to emphasize that all houses are for latihan, committee, etc. but also for members/visitors to stay in! Including Bapak (who was unable to stay in Subud Melbourne at that time as it was full up with Subud members!).

It is time once again for us to:

- a) rejuvenate what we have
- b) to start anew with new Subud houses where possible and
- c) collaborating with MSF to support our international and national centers in their rejuvenation and growth.

8. AREA DEVELOPMENTS

Area I has hosted both the Wisma Subud 40th anniversary of Cilandak Congress as well as the WSC preliminary meetings this past June.

- In Area I/Australasia the International Helpers have visited Vietnam, Thailand, Iran and Bangladesh
- In Area II/Europe and Africa there have been IH visits to Nigeria, Lebanon, Angola, Ukraine, Hungary etc
- In Area III/The Americas there have been both IH and WSA chair visits to Northeast USA, Colombia, Argentina and Chile (see separate WSA chair report/diary on Nov.11-21 visits) WSA Chair more recently to Australia, New Zealand and Japan (Feb.08 report).

Your international teams have been hard at work helping open the way for members to experience the Latihan more deeply and to build their Subud centres and national organizations to serve Subud.

9. SESI, MSF, SICA DEVELOPMENTS

SESI continues to evolve; the new website is a potent and inspiring buffet of guidance from Bapak, profiles, discussions blogs, ideas and exchanges initiated by the core team of SESI directors. They continue to drive key projects including: a virtual finance company; building the national SES rep network. Much needed SESI skills database and SESI 'MarketPlace' for buyers and sellers of services/seeking investment are in the works. For 2012.

10. WSA CHAIR and EXECUTIVE PLUS WINGS and ZONE REP COLLABORATION

The WSA chair continues to meet/Skype with the WSA executive on a bi-weekly basis as well as the WSA deputy while the WSA executive itself meets via Skype weekly. As WSA chair I am encouraging all parts of the organization to try and meet/Skype on a quarterly basis to improve communications and collaboration. We have restarted the WSA-IH updates every 2-3 months.

11. UPCOMING GATHERINGS: Americas 2012; Africa 2012/13?; Subud members at Rio Earth Summit 2012

2012 is shaping up to be a seminal year for gatherings, not only national congresses, beginning with those I just attended in Australia and New Zealand, but also the mid-year June 18- 25 WSC meeting and June 26-July 03 Americas Gathering Zones 7, 8 and 9 in Vancouver followed by the July 04-07 Subud USA Congress just south of Vancouver.



The Americas Gathering is a celebration of culture and harmony among the members of the Americas, hopefully 300+ of whom will attend in Vancouver. It is also in part a preparation for Puebla, Mexico, World Congress in August 2014 where we hope 2500-3000 might attend.

12. TRIPS: South America: Colombia-Argentina-Chile; Australia; New Zealand; Japan;

Colombia emerging from a period of trials around Amanecer and the past year has seen the national committee anchored by Luqman and Ismail rebuild trust and courage to start anew with Amanecer and a revitalized, stronger national council.

Argentina looking ahead to its next development phase as Mina Clavero and Nono groups gradually reconcile. There is a feeling of great potential in this next phase around the

extraordinary Mina Clavero community. The members are strong and committed – there is a new sense of purpose for the next phase building.

Chile rediscovering its strength as WSA chair visit felt the significance of visiting the Zone 9 Gathering in November in Chile (see separate report in SWN). Santiago well endowed with a good balance of young and older members as well as two groups/Subud houses. There is also the potential for seeing growth in smaller groups up and down the 4500 km long Chilean coast in parts near Santiago in particular.

Australia is rediscovering its depth and nature as one of the strongest countries in Subud. Although widely dispersed with approx. 400-450 active members across approx. 10 groups and having had challenges with harmony in 1 or 2 groups, a renewed national dewan has recommitted to a new teams approach, strong finances, renewed wings and support for international projects such as the YES Quest in Kalimantan which Subud Australia is a major patron of alongside GHFP and others.

New Zealand with 150+ members in three main groups is regrouping after the earthquakes that devastated Christchurch, the largest and strongest group now of 50+ members. Continuing to deliver 11,000+ aftershocks since February 2010, then occasional Richter 5+ quakes. Auckland and Wellington have provided moral and inner support evident at the recent summer camp (see WSA chair's Australasian Diary).

Japan also experienced trauma, although with Subud members less directly affected. It has nevertheless been experiencing a new outlook on family, community, government (and its limitations) alongside healing and support. It feels as though Japan is awakening and starting to look ahead at strengthening its members, helping groups to grow. Even one day perhaps take on a national enterprise involving healing, aging and community. All things in which Japan is a world leader with expertise.