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AWAKENING!

WSA Chair 2010 2nd Quarter Review for the World Subud Council

Witnessing a sense of renewal and awakening to our responsibilities throughout Subud

As we approach the 6 month mark (or two quarters) since the end of Congress, and as we approach the all-important first full World Subud Council (WSC) meeting of this new administration, it feels as though we, your WSA team have reached the first plateau.

We have worked very hard together and achieved a full understanding and performance of our duties as both WSA chair and the WSA executive chair/team. We have now fully engaged with these duties and Congress resolutions/mandates.

This then is your second or Q2 2010 written by the WSA chair with input from the executive. As we continue to commit to regular updates to the WSC and all member countries.

1. THEME: REAWAKENING - SEEDING THE NEXT PHASE

Just recently, July 1st in fact, Ibu Rahayu sent a letter of welcome and blessing to Subud USA's national congress in Vancouver, Washington, in the Pacific Northwest of the USA. In this 'reawakening letter' Ibu refers to several key issues of significance to us all:

- *our willingness to represent the Subud community as delegates and at our Congresses*
- *our need to work in harmony from both the kedjiwaan and organisasi sides*
- *to follow Bapak's kedjiwaan guidelines in running our organizations*
- *with rising economic pressures it's now time for the organization to reawaken enterprises to fund Subud's activities*

After the traumas of past projects, we need to start again – to make stronger new efforts (*this letter is attached in its entirety at the end of this Q2 Report*). Ibu's letter captures the spirit of what has been apparent to your WSA team this first six (6) months of work as your new team: we are all 'seeding' the next phase of Subud's development in the world. The time has come to collaborate and work hard to build new enterprises that will have the scale and strength to fund all that Subud needs to be doing in the world and there should be fewer separations now as we look for viable, needed projects to collaborate on – nothing less.

This will be at the heart of your WSC meeting at Great Malvern in August – **how we now work more closely together on key projects/initiatives for the development of Subud in the world.**

2. WSA CHAIR ROLE

The theme emerging from the first six (6) months of our work as the new WSA team of WSA chair and executive chair/team, is **seeding the organizational aspect of our inner development.** As WSA chair I have increasingly and more deeply experienced my role as being centred in the kedjiwaan and supporting/embracing the organisasi. This role is about the kedjiwaan first, the organisasi enfolded within that, supporting the action of the latihan at the heart of the Subud organization. This became very clear and strong in testing with the international helpers about my role and relationship with the WSA executive during the Subud Canada Congress in May.

This translates into several areas of responsibility:

- Opening the way for the organisasi as a whole to develop in response to the kedjiwaan
- Overseeing/guiding the work of the WSA executive
- Supporting the wing-affiliates in their work and development (particularly MSF and SDIA on whose boards I am an ex-officio director/trustee as well as nurturing the 'new' SICA, SES and SYAI teams and of course the evolving SIHA)
- Supporting the work of the zone representatives both as active, supportive, diligent and responsible directors of the WSA board – the legal entity responsible for Subud's actions in the world, as well as in their representing their member countries' interests within the WSC and to the WSA
- Working alongside the international helpers to support their work with the membership - especially where there are challenges/difficulties; becoming more coordinated in both organisasi and kedjiwaan in the way we respond to crises or difficulties
- Identifying and encouraging leadership to step forward and take up projects/challenges aligned with congress resolutions – supporting that leadership personally from day one
- With this in mind my activities have been varied - and far more time consuming than imagined!

3. WSA CHAIR ACTIVITIES

After my return from the World Congress via Indonesia/Kalimantan, East/South Africa and the UK in mid February, I didn't travel again until mid May (a plan my wife supported with firm resolve) at which point I felt to embark on a series of European and North American congress visits. 2010's second half appeared to be about the Northern hemisphere, implying travels to the Southern hemisphere in 2011. So I look forward to being in Australasia, Africa and South America next year, God Willing.

I visited two (2) European Congresses and had a WSA-MSF meeting in Vienna; then attended both Subud Canada and Subud USA Congresses. This covered the period May 12th until July 4th.

Congresses/Conferences:

Germany:

I arrived first at the German Congress in Sonnenburg in the Harz Mountains and upon arrival I immediately felt a huge sense of returning home. Totally unexpected having spent more than half my life now in Canada/North America. But my mongrel Flemish Huguenot, Highland Scot, Italian and English west country roots came flooding in. Back in Europe at last!

On May 13th I was met and picked up from the airport by Hilma Wolf-Doettinchem. I spent 2-3 days of the Congress alongside approximately 140 German brothers and sisters reviewing Subud Germany's status. This included SD updates, international overviews, the experiences of the past national dewan, many latihan and meals together and testing for new officers. Immediately apparent was Subud Germany's renewed interest in regrouping, **rebuilding its strength** after a somewhat quiet period where donations and participation had weakened.

Even though Subud Germany, with approximately 450 members, now has a ratio of two women for every man (!) and an aging demographic where younger members less than 35 years old are the minority – there is new energy. This was exemplified by Leinhard Berger, Viktor Bohm, Hilma and other's initiatives around reviewing Subud Germany's commitment to a stronger Subud Germany focused on 4-5 Subud groups/houses that form a strong focus for group life (Germany has no regions organizationally). Also to a stronger Zone 3, as well as a renewed interest in the international organization and its renewed sense of purpose and activities (which I was invited to speak about during an international plenary session).

There grew **a sense of renewed purpose** – especially during the very strong and committed Susila Dharma Germany project updates, also the international session – and the entertainment! All provided a sense of renewal. Renewed energy that became a common thread as I visited subsequent congresses. Almost as if Subud Germany was rediscovering itself – its energy, strength and new visions.

Holland:

On May 15th I set off by train from Sonnenburg to Amsterdam and then near the North Sea where I was picked up by Reimbrand Visman, an old friend and recently retired Zone Representative for Zone 3. I was taken to the very clean, peaceful well appointed Mennonite retreat centre used by Subud Holland for its four (4) day Congress. Fair spring weather greeted about 60 members gathered of a national membership of perhaps 220 currently.

The first night in the meeting hall set among cabins near the dunes set the tone. Latihan with the men in a small room as not everyone had arrived yet, the latihan felt a bit sluggish. Afterwards talking with myself and Lawrence, the Area II International Helper, some felt we had been cramped. But gradually it became apparent that we had needed to be somewhat cramped so that we could get closer in our feelings – as I felt – more like true 'caballeros.'

Photo: Osanna and Luke



The discussion led to renewed interest among the men in social projects within Holland – less so overseas as had been the case before; perhaps even an interfaith centre in Amsterdam..

Shortly after I talked with the women who had been testing about how much they needed to ask God for gifts of help, support and inspiration. To not seek God's gifts had felt a bit like being nuns – waiting...waiting...to ask to receive enormous bounty from God of every type. I could also receive it and it felt like it was ecstatically beautiful. It also felt as if the women had been waiting for the men to awake from a sleep; a quieter time where they had not been so fully active. Once both were awake and supporting one another – then new energy, new projects.

The testing for new chair to succeed Karolina Prins somehow mirrored this process. It centred on only one candidate – another woman, Hannah de Roo! It seemed as if nurturing was to be further strengthened by Hanna and all supported this next growth phase where both men and women were supporting one another more fully.

Again a **deep sense of renewal emergent** was felt strongly by all. This was especially apparent among some of the youth leadership present who had been catalysts for the Youth retreat at the Subud Hamburg house in April - a breakthrough for the youth that could be felt by everyone.

Vienna:

Photo: Hassan, Amalia, Samuel, Luke, Farah, Fredric and his wife

On May 17th I flew to Vienna into rainy late spring weather to meet with Samuel Simonsson, MSF chair, Amalia Rasheed, WSA External Relations Coordinator, Frederic Richard, past Deputy WSA Chair, and Hassan Czwiertnia, International Helper Area II. We met for one full 12-hour day on WSA and MSF issues as related to the WSC including SDIA and the wing-affiliates.



Our discussion centred on key topics: Congress resolutions; wing-affiliate relations; WSC structure; WSA strategy and operations; WSA-External relations; MSF development; the roles of the WSA chair, executive and wing-affiliate leadership.

The core of our discussions centred on how the WSA and wing-affiliates can collaborate more fully. To continue the breaking down of some past walls that have separated us and now seeking to open up to **greater collaboration**.

After our full day discussing WSA, SDIA, MSF, the WSA Forum on International Issues, the operations of the WSA, also the development of the new SESI, the new SICA and restructured (6) person SYAI team, evolving SIHA etc. we went for the best Veinner Schnitzel around in the old city. Both Fredric and Hassan's wives joined us and we had a grand feast together! Next morning, May 18th, Fredric took me to the airport to fly home directly to Canada. Where a day later Dave Hitchcock Zone 7 Rep,

Hamilton Schragen IH, Elaina Dodson and later Mauricio Castillo would all arrive on my doorstep (the men staying at our house) for the Canadian Congress!

Canada:

Photo: Grace, Hamilton, Elaina, Luke, Miguel and daughter, Mauricio and Hamish

May 22nd marked the traditional Canadian Queen Victoria day weekend when Subud Canada always meets since its membership is squeezed into the western and eastern edges – east or west, to have its congresses. This year it fell to Eastern Canada and we met (as usual - since this is my ‘own backyard’ as they say) 150 kms Northeast of Toronto in lakes country – The Kawarthas. The weather was warm, the comradeship splendid with approximately 60 members meeting at the lakeside retreat.



The focus was keenly on **renewal and projects**: SD Canada reports/projects; the testing in of a new chair; the presentation of an international overview by myself and a mini-WSC team meeting that included: International Helpers Grace Hodgson and Hamilton Schragen from Canada and Elaina Dodson from Connecticut; Dave Hitchcock (outgoing Subud Canada chair) and Mauricio Castillo, Zone 7 and 9 Representatives; Virginia Thomas, SDIA executive director; Miguel Bocanegra, SYAI Youth Representative for the Americas (paired with Alex Woodward of NY) and myself as WSA chair. So **an awakening** of sorts for Subud Canada and all its international connections via myself, Grace. Hamilton, Kumari (not present), Virginia and Dave.

We did some long sought testing re: roles and potentials. A good opportunity to get to know each better – especially as Mauricio cannot be at the WSC this summer.

The testing for new Canada chair although long, was thorough and all were satisfied by the very collaborative, egalitarian process where everyone had input so that the first woman chair for many years, Michaela O'Leary, former chair of Subud Ottawa. stepped up and was warmly welcomed.

USA:

Finally, most recently on June 27th I travelled to the Subud USA Congress in Vancouver, Washington, via Vancouver, BC (Canada where I visited SD Canada and Geraldus Formosa). ‘The other Vancouver’ as Canadians like to call it, is near Portland, Oregon, on the Pacific NW coast of the US.

Subud USA has met here previously at the smart The Hilton hotel. This year there were fewer than usual with approximately 200 present instead of the usual 350-400+. Economic hard times, big distances to travel. The theme, somewhat like Germany, Holland and Canada - was that of **renewal**. **An awakening** from something of a quieter time. A period as Ibu's call to arms letter to the SUSA Congress noted when we need to move on from the hurts of past enterprise disappointments. Recall Bapak's guidelines for us (that haven't changed).

Work harmoniously kedjiwaan and organisasi and place a new spirit of enterprise supporting the needs of Subud at the centre of our collaborations. And this is what emerged from within the SUSA

Congress. After a time when the past chair had to step down due to a sudden change in his life circumstances and when the treasurer also felt he needed to step back. A new spirit of renewed intention, commitment to drawing together while working with renewed focus to strengthen the structure and content of Subud in the USA.

Rasjidah Franklin, formerly of the SUSA Endowment Fund, Sonya Conrad, Past SUSA SYA chair, Shoshanah Margolin, past IH within the Americas, became the new core of a team including Marston Gregory as treasurer, Lucian Parshall as Committee Councillor and Rosetta Narvaez, SES. New purpose. The meetings were thoughtful, profound, supportive, respectful. So that much was accomplished – without there seeming to be huge effort involved.

Sadly Sebastian Tedrow as a sparkingly enthusiastic, compassionate and organized Congress Chairman succumbed to a virulent flu on day 3. But Rifka as his co-facilitator and the new national committee team stepped up to the plate.

Topics covered included: SD USA; new Subud centers; The Badger Seven Circles retreat centre in California; Creative Cafes for open forum discussion; SUSA national Endowment Fund; discussion re: **collaborations with international organizations** such as MSF; Subud Youth meetings.

Your WSA chair managed to: continue his weekly skype calls with WSA executive in Australia; also MSF chair Samuel Simonsson in Spain; a meeting with 17 Subud youth at SUSA Congress - and what an agenda; a mini World Subud Council meeting comprising 8 of the total 39 WSC members with chairs of SDI/Kumari Beck; SICA/Latifah Taorima; Dave Hitchcock, Zone 7 Rep.; ayouth rep. Alexandra Woodward; two IHs Elaina Dodson and Hamilton Schragen and MSF administrator and Executive Director, Lillian Shulman and Rayner Sutherland, Susannah Rosenthal, co-vice chair of SICA, and myself as WSA chair. An achievement whereby we discussed issues of importance to us ahead of the WSC meeting in August.

The sense of SUSA's latent, now reactivated competence and inner and outer and material strength grew visibly as **the momentum changed**.

Upcoming Assignments:

So now a break for almost three weeks to try and regroup in my other life/day job (strategic review for mining companies) before setting off for the next visits.

These are to Vilnius in Lithuania for the Zone 4 gathering that includes the countries of central and Eastern Europe and CIS states. From there I will travel to Great Malvern for the Zone 3 gathering July 30th-August 1st when the Subud Britain gathering begins. The WSC follows also at Great Malvern August 2nd until 8th. While Subud Britain's Congress runs August 5-8th in parallel. After which we will be exhausted inwardly and outwardly. So the WSA team will adjourn to Loudwater for a day of meetings/debriefing. Then the WSA team all make our way home to Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Indonesia, the USA and Canada.

These visits I find begin with a deep sense of being 'switched on' inwardly to the potential within each situation. I feel strongly the kedjiwaan guiding me on your behalf. I have been deeply moved repeatedly by not only what God gives plentifully, but what you all offer in terms of your trust and your willingness and intention to follow new opportunities opening before us now.

4. WSA CHAIR-EXECUTIVE RELATIONSHIPS:

WSA chair-WSA executive: This relationship has evolved as Maxwell and his team and my own work have developed in parallel. Where the WSA chair needs to work with the big picture, opening the way for the WSA executive, the Zone Reps., the wings and supporting the IHs; the role is about managing policies and ensuring follow up on Congress resolutions.

This involves guiding the work of the WSC, the WSA executive and each of the wing chairs or the teams in the case of the SYAI. Testing I did with the IHs in May indicated that the WSA chair needs to be centred in the kedjiwaan and enfold/support the WSA executive in every way.

Maxwell and I have known each other for 30+ years so we are already close – by which I mean as absolute brothers; Maya and I have developed a strong, respectful, collaborative relationship given her immense experience within the WSA and the organization as a whole; likewise with Julia, and Silvana as the secretariat supporting all of us and Hammond as treasurer.

As the WSA chair I am keen to be connected to all parts of the organization so the everyday working relationship with Maxwell, Maya, Julia and Silvana, as well as (less frequently) Hammond is important and we already have a strong, supportive, respectful relationship that is a strong foundation for the balance of our terms until 2014.

What we do have to work on is to be sure we are clear (approximately since it is not an exact science/job description!) where our roles end and that of the others begins! Of course there is overlap – especially when organizing a WSC meeting as we are now.

The WSA chair attends to overall strategies and policy; usually co-managing special projects such as due diligence on Indonesian projects; or possible donations from new donor foundations such as The Yarallumla Foundation; the complete restructuring of the Archives; particular issues arising in countries or regions that require coordinating support from different sources etc.

In contrast, the WSA executive chair/team attend to procedures, day-to-day operations around supporting membership services (websites, distribution, letters to wing, national and zonal organizations), wings support, special projects around the External Relations and Archives sub-committees, also the budget, Wisma Subud and new, collaborative initiatives around translations, SES support for SDI or SICA projects etc.

5. WSA OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Corporate Governance Progress: MSF continues to develop our corporate governance capabilities including: legal; finance; taxes and donor management; disclosure and investment activities. This not only on behalf of MSF in support of the long term funding of Subud projects, but also on behalf of WSA and increasingly other parts of the organization including SDIA and SICA and SES projects. MSF strategy is gradually shifting from primarily supporting new Subud houses to a more broad-based support for longer term and seeding projects in Subud.

WSA-External Relations and SDIA relationships stabilizing: This area of prior debate has calmed to the point where WSA, SDI and MSF have had two (2) 3-way discussions involving Kumari beck chair of SDIA; Samuel Simonsson chair of MSF and Luke WSA chair; these took place in June and July focusing on the way in which the relationship can develop through collaboration on joint ventures. Much progress has been made towards an initial Memorandum of Understanding around basic shared aims and intentions in projects collaboration.

Completing confidential reviews/due diligence: This covers areas that necessarily are fully or partly confidential in terms of the development of the organization and includes the resolution of challenging or conflicted situations. Needless to say the development of Subud over the past 50+ years has inevitably created sometimes contradictory activities.

WSA chair and the MSF chair collaboration: We have in particular worked closely on addressing (3) areas: Subud international projects; new sources of funding for the Subud organization; the development of support for Bapak's legacy in Indonesia.

WSA Archives major mission: One of the major initiatives coming from Congress, a complete restructuring of the existing written and spoken legacy of YM Bapak, starting with the handing over of the immense SIllem family legacy of tapes and databases on thirty years of Bapak's Talks, next the rejuvenation, rehabilitation and where necessary, cleaning, restructuring, copying and then storage along with new access systems so that Bapak's legacy is fully available to all members for all time.

New policy guidelines for receiving funds: Familiarization and due diligence around Yarrallumla Foundation (YF): this project undertaken by both Samuel as chair of MSF as well as Luke as chair of WSA using the emergent Yarrallumla Foundation in Australia (founded by Subud members and with similar aims as the WSA itself) as a case study in how best to go about receiving new funds from external sources and conform to new US laws under which WSA/WSC operates.

WSA working at improving consolidated accounting; i.e. to develop processes to enable WSA to consolidate the many and varied accounts of its various wings, sub-committees, etc. more swiftly on an annual basis.

Final consolidation and rationalization of the World Congress accounts: The COT team under Hammond's watchful guidance has just recently completed its wrap up of the Congress 2010 accounts.

WSS – New Web Services Shop: The WSA executive decided to provide start-up capital for an online Subud-wide Web Services Shop that can design, build and develop websites, assist in setting up networks and communications; support collaborative IT ventures, etc. for all parts of the organization at competitive prices through being run in parallel with Ruslan Morris' ClubBali enterprise IT services team in Jakarta.

New generation of websites and communications: the WSS initiative has served to emphasize how important it is that we work towards coordinated, harmonized websites for representing the work of all the parts of the organization.

WSA-endorsed/unendorsed websites consolidation: Maya has spearheaded a process whereby sites such as the Pewartas Database developed by a Subud member in the US can start to collaborate towards a WSA-approved website that respects the trademarks and guidelines regarding access to Bapak's Talks.

6. WING ACTIVITIES

Wings development: Strongly supporting continued development not only of 'established' wing organizations (SDIA, MSF) but also and seeding/supporting the restructuring/revisioning of renewed WSA wing organizations (SESI, SICA, SYIA and SIHA): an area of real progress and some exciting developments.

MSF revitalization: We have mentioned above that MSF is also undergoing a transformation not only operationally with new a investment team, and finance and tax teams; but also in focusing less on Subud houses only and more on long term development projects generally. MSF also seeks to build its network of national MSF Representatives and to collaborate with national organizations and fellow wing organizations in new international fundraising initiatives - to emerge from the WSC meeting.

SDIA maturing: Growing from strength to strength with its multitude of projects and accreditation with UNICEF and ECOSOC at the UN, a prime objective is building greater strength in national organizations beyond the core of SD USA, Britain, Germany, Canada, Australia, Indonesia etc., also in becoming more centred in member's awareness in terms of sharing stories and the growth of projects. Like MSF, SDIA seeks to become an integrated part of new international fundraising initiatives emerging from the WSC meeting.

SESI resurgent: Both Maxwell and Luke stay closely in touch with the burgeoning new SES team via Ruslan. SESI now has a team of five (5) each of whom has committed to supporting key areas: International Projects and WSS/Ruslan Morris; Lessons Learned/Stuart Cooke; Micro-finance Project Support/Rashad Pollard; Endeavours Support/Marcus Hamilton; Projects Database/Harris Madden; new national SES Representatives/all.

SICA arising: Now has a more-than-ever committed team built around Latifah Taormina with visioning plus project coordination: Susannah Rosenthal/projects development/TalentBank and new initiatives; Helena Casbolt/mission design/marketing.

SYAI awakening: Luke has met with Alex in the US; Skyped with Chris in the UK; emailed only with the rest of the gang. Maxwell has links with Roland (his son) and Theresa in Australia; Maya with all on a general communications basis. SYIA is gradually developing its plans as a new six (6) person / 3 pair network supporting youth activities across the three Areas of the Subud world; the need now is for a core SYIA plan around funding gatherings (similar to the very successful Hamburg Youth Gathering in April managed almost totally by the youth themselves) plus travel, communications, cultural activities and fundraising.

SIHA stretching: SIHA has been quiet. Luke and Maxwell (past chair) are generally aware of Rachman Mitchell's plans around websites and regional Subud health practitioner contacts etc.

7. CORE 'SUBUD LIFE' PROJECTS

Subud Centres/Houses is the other of three major themes (alongside Archives and Coordinated International Fundraising) emerging from Congress.

This project mission has recently emerged following a joint session with the Congress-formed WSA-Forum group at their planning meeting in Lewes in June as, 'Developing Subud centres, sacred spaces as vessels for the manifestation of the latihan in the world' (worship; enterprise; social events; culture; community outreach; counselling, health development etc.) an open door for the growth of Subud in the world.

The team has formed around its new leader Osanna Vaughn, past WSA chair, with Haris Wolfgang (Portland)/visioning and SDIA links; Marston Gregory (Seattle)/green housing/community renovation new Subud USA treasurer; Santa Raymond (UK)/design/architectural audit plus advisory; possibly Hamid Kaber (Cost Rica)/finance plus start-ups to build and share their considerable experience internationally.

Subud Projects: Harris Madden continues to receive project and enterprise profiles for the www.subudprojects.net site. The goal is to have our top 100 projects and enterprises profiled there.

Subud Census: Valentine Narvey (Toronto) and Julia Hurd (WSA Secretary/Bellingham) continue to build on existing data and incoming information. The goal is to better define who and where our approximately 13,000 registered members are and what is an 'active member'.

Lessons Learned: Dave Hitchcock (Zone 7 Rep) will present his Task Force to build on 'Lessons Learned' at the WSC meeting this August; the focus being on 'what came out of Congress for all of us in terms of what worked/didn't, why and how we can improve'. This arose from a working party that met towards the end of Congress.

WSA Membership: The new Task Force has been set up under Maya's guidance since it involves primarily Spanish-speaking Zone Representatives and is being set up to deal with concerns around WSA membership – i.e. around defining rights, privileges and responsibilities.

Wisma Subud/Africa Subud Houses - Garrett Thomson continues to be the point person contact for WSA concerning the Wisma Subud Heritage program (WSHPP). He has also accepted to follow through with the support that WSA/ MSF have agreed on for the buying of a Subud House in Kinshasa in D. R. Congo 7 rental of a house in Calabar, Nigeria;

8. WSC MEETING

We are expecting 38 members of the WSC's 40 members to attend the meeting at Great Malvern August 2-7 inclusive. The missing members are: Maurico Castillo due to work commitments and sadly Rida Liobo Loote in the D. R. Congo who has now twice been refused a UK visitor's visa.

Subud Britain had graciously offered and have followed through on their partial sponsorship and extremely generous hosting of the WSC in parallel to their own Subud Britain gathering August 1-4 and Congress August 5-8.

9. WSA WING PERSPECTIVES AND COLLABORATIONS

WSA-MSF Perspective: This relationship goes from strength to strength through the collaboration of the WSA and MSF chairs on several projects involving due diligence around Subud projects and responsibilities. With the WSA chair being on the board of trustees there is regular exchange on matters of mutual interest; MSF National Reps.; donor policies; international collaborative fundraising; corporate governance and new higher standards of NGO behaviour arising from new US laws impacting NGOS, etc.

WSA-SDIA perspective: The initiation of the 3-way WSA-SDI-MSF conference calls between the three chairs has been very positive resulting in new perspectives and initiatives for greater collaboration on international fundraising and MSF support for SDI project funding. This strong triangle of experience and mutual respect is a deep foundation for the next phase of projects that we seek to collaborate on together.

WSA-SESI perspective: With WSA seeding the SES-backed Web Services Shop based alongside Ruslan's Clubbali resort operations in Jakarta, the WSA has established the first enterprise of its term! SESI chair Ruslan and Maxwell and Luke regularly interact with Ruslan effectively reporting to Maxwell on the progress of this Subud web and communications services company.

WSA's closer links to SDI and deep ties to MSF supports SESI project support for SDI micro-finance projects and web-based development.

WSA-SICA Perspective: WSA chairs Luke and Maxwell keep reasonably regular contact to the new emergent SICA via Latifah, Susannah and Helena. Maxwell has monthly skype calls with Latifah and Luke tries likewise; Luke met with Latifah and Susannah at the Subud USA Congress 'mini-WSC meeting' to map out collaborative efforts arising out of the WSC meeting in August.

SICA is again being supported by SESI in the implementation of its new strategy via a renewed website seeded both by SESI and WSA funding of SICA's new developments.

WSA-SIHA Perspective: WSA executive maintains contact with Rachman Mitchell since Maxwell was prior chair of SIHA and Rachman is based in Perth, Australia.

WSA-SYIA Perspective: WSA chair met with Alexandra Woodward at the Subud USA congress and mini-WSC meeting; Skyped with Steven Martin and Lucinda Young. Still has yet to Skype with all six (6) of the new youth reps! WSC will be an opportunity to get an update from and plan ahead with Steven and Theresa Boyd, SYIA Reps in the UK, acting as liaison for the whole group.



Luke with input from Maxwell and the executive team



Brothers and sisters of Subud USA and guests to the Congress, whom I respect,

I praise and thank Almighty God that at my advanced age I can send a message to the Subud USA National Congress in lieu of being there with all of you.

I pray, even though Bapak is no longer with us and I am not able to join you, your enthusiasm for holding national congresses in each country will not decline. The activity and growth of Subud relies on the willingness of the delegates, who represent the Subud community, to work on the organizational and kejiwaan sides. I ask for your understanding to run the organization in line with guidelines set by Bapak based on the guidance Bapak gave on the kejiwaan side. The activities of the organization and the kejiwaan should complement each other so that their efforts to develop Subud do not impede each other.

As time passes the economic pressure we face increases, so it is time for the committee to reawaken enterprises to fund Subud's activities.

It is true that enterprise is hard to do and in the past created trauma in Subud circles. But when are we going to start again? Even if we pray all the time, we will achieve nothing without effort, as it is only then that God will provide the way.

This is the written message that I need to send to you. Have a good congress and I pray it will produce a meaningful result for Subud USA in particular and Subud in general.

Sincerely,

Ibu,

Siti Rahayu Wiryohudoyo