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2010 Subud World Subud Congress COUNTRY REPORT

NAME of COUNTRY	SURINAME
GENERAL FACTS such as number of members and groups	At present Subud Suriname has about 93 active members in 3 groups. The largest group is in Paramaribo with their own house. For the time being the second group (with their house in renovation) has their latihan premises at a member's house. The membership has a steady growth over the last four years with 20 openings in 2009. The number of probationer is 5 at the moment.
GENERAL CHANGES in the last four years	<p>There has been an increase of activity since Subud Suriname became part of the Zone -7 group of the Americas, 4 years ago. With knowledge acquired at the gatherings and the council meetings in the zone area,</p> <p>a) the national council and the kedjiwan group have been able to promote, establish and coach the wings (e.g. Youth) and other Subud Groups.</p> <p>b) Group meetings and monthly grand meetings and latihan of the total Subud council, kedjiwan and all the wings has been part of Subud activity</p> <p>c) The kedjiwan group travels regularly to visit and do latihan with the other groups and consult if necessary.</p> <p>d) Information about Subud and the latihan to the general membership has improved with explanations about the talks of Bapak and with periodically held workshops.</p> <p>e) There are extra or special sessions with members if there is a need to.</p>
IMPORTANT EVENTS in your country since 2005	In 2007 Suriname host to the zone-7 council meeting. It was the first time in 40 years of Subud existence that Suriname was part in organizing a meeting of such importance. We celebrate 40 years of Subud in Suriname in 2008. The honouring of the Subud couple Rachman and Etme for their lifelong achievement in Subud by the president of Suriname 2007.
WORK OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE in the last four years	The national committee has worked to improve the participation of the membership by stimulating volunteer work for the monthly general maintenance and upkeep of Subud houses, the renovation of Accaribo house and the facilitation of adequate latihan spaces and has carried out a big project of replacing the entire roof of Subud house Paramaribo. The national committee was also part in events of getting acquainted with the neighbourhood.
HIGHLIGHTS of MEMBERS' PROJECTS	No members project at the moment.
IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES and HOPES for the future	An important object is the renovation of Accaribo house so to facilitate the members with adequate latihan premises and to make good use of the property we like to start enterprise in Accaribo for eco-tourism with a guesthouse and outdoors sport facilities.
NATIONAL FINANCES	The financial situation in Suriname is moderate. Since financial contribution of the members has been voted away at a general members meeting, we finance our cost with the income of small group of members. Thanks to the MSF we are able to finance the renovation of Subud house-Acaribo
ANY OTHER THINGS to report	