

Recommendation from Subud Australia to World Congress

1. Appointment of Incoming Office Holders

That the incoming team of international helpers and international committee members, including the WSA chair, the new chairs of the wings and affiliated bodies such as MSF, be appointed as early as possible in the World Congress.

That the newly appointed office holders immediately “shadow” (start working with) the retiring office holders for the duration of the Congress.

That part of this joint effort would be for the departing office holders to consciously reflect on how they operated and what worked /didn't work for them, and share their understanding with the incoming office holders.

That during World Congress the international helpers and international committee, including wing chairs and WSA chair, come together and look at how the helpers and the committee can work together and support one another in the coming year.

Background

It has happened that new office holders have been appointed at the end of a world congress, leaving little time for the new team to get to know one another and establish how they will work together once they return to their countries. The first WSC meeting, one year later, has then been the first opportunity to do this in a meaningful way.

2. The Work of National and International Helpers

That the work of national and international helpers includes additional focus on working with the helper dewans – national with local, and international with national – alongside the current pattern of national helpers visiting groups and testing with members, and the international helpers doing the same in the countries they travel to.

Background

Bapak and Ibu Rahayu have stressed on many occasions the importance of the role of the helpers. “Subud would not exist if there were no Bapak. Likewise, Subud will not grow if there are no helpers.....So clearly, the responsibility for the increase or decrease in the number of members rests on the shoulders of, is in the hands of, the helpers..... Members leave Subud, firstly because of lack of attention. The result is that many members leave because they do not know what Subud is and they do not know what the aim of Subud is.....” Bapak
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Ibu Rahayu has also addressed the wish expressed by some members to “bring Subud up-to-date”. In Pamulang this year (14PAM 2) she said “..It is now time for the helpers to bring themselves up-to-date. This is the bringing Subud up-to-date that some have requested. But to get up-to-date does not mean to change things: it means to develop the truth that you receive. Unless you have the courage to do that, you will not develop.”