



SUBUD Deutschland e.V.

To

World SUBUD Association

Dear all,

This letter contains a nomination and a proposal from Subud Germany. We are sorry for being a bit late but sometimes there are developments you can't plan in advance.

- 1) We, Subud Germany nominate **Ismanah Schulze-Vorberg**, currently chair of Subud Germany, to test for **WSA Executive chair**. We are also very positive to be able to complete the team with vice chair, treasurer and secretary.

- 2) We also would like to propose to host the 15th World Subud Congress in 2018 in Germany.

The beginning of our process was a personal spontaneous inner indication which Anwar Ziesel (Councillor Kejiwaan) happened to experience on the last day of our National Congress 2014. It was clear and straight forward that we should envision the possibility to host the World Congress in 2018. It was shared within our delegates, later within the National Team, then within the groups throughout Germany. Some members have already had similar indications; the feedback was mostly very positive and supporting. In different groups there were meetings incl. Kejiwaan activities about the WC-proposal, there is a wide support for the whole process.

What we experience here wasn't expected at all; even though it came to us quite late it feels like at the right time. What happens feels like an awakening of Subud Germany, a new generation is coming. The basis was laid down by our pioneers, and it feels like a strong vessel which now is getting filled with new content through the Latihan.

Our way of looking at this 2018 World Congress is that of a development process over the next four years. This led us to decide (after testing) to make a proposal to host the World Congress 2018 and at the same time to put ourselves forward to have the WSA Executive team in Germany as part of the Zone4. It is connected.

We feel that our proposal as Germany should be embedded in the Zone4 to which we belong. This feeling comes a long way but was strengthened through the last Zone4 gathering which was held in Wolfsburg last year.

Our Zone is one of incredible diversity: it covers central and eastern Europe, Scandinavia, northern Asia and part of the middle East – with Scandinavia in the North and Greece, Israel, Lebanon and Turkey in the South to Russia and Ukraine in the East, 25 countries all in all. This extraordinary diversity of cultures, languages, faiths and religions is the asset of our Zone. Most of the zonal countries were connected in one form or other with Germany, we all share a common political history. Some countries of Zone4 currently find themselves in very complicated and even quite dangerous political circumstances. A strong inner connection and understanding to overcome these differences is needed so very much.



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Through Subud and the Latihan we are able to overcome all these boundaries and show to the “outer world” that it is possible to live and work together harmoniously. What better place and way to support and show this by taking the responsibility and host a vibrant and lively World Congress.

We checked the possibilities in Germany for an ideal Congress venue and city. Fortunately we didn't have to look far: the ideal place (and a good alternative) was found in places with Subud Groups - all within two weeks, everything seems to fall into place very easily, step by step.

Subud Germany is situated in the heart of Europe and our Zone4. It would be wonderful to involve at least some of the Zone countries in the preparation process of a World Congress. And like our Zone4 the city of Bonn (where we visualize the next world congress) symbolizes the diversity of cultures, languages and religions. It hosts the UN campus right next to the “World Conference Center Bonn” amongst other international companies and more than 150 NGO's. Bonn – being the birthplace of Beethoven - has become a multicultural city and is very easily accessible from all over the world – one international airport being only 15 minutes away by car and Frankfurt international airport just 50 minutes by train. In addition to Bonn we are also investigating one or two other places.

We are working on the proposal and a presentation for Puebla.

It would be wonderful to welcome all of you in Germany in 2018.

With love and respect to all of you

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