

PROPOSAL by SUBUD ITALY - January 2014

CONCERNING 'COUNTING MEMBERSHIP'

WSA has recently (December 2013) sent to National Committees worldwide a request to proceed to a membership census as follows:

'Before World Congress, the WSA Executive collects information and data on the membership of Subud. The purpose of this 'head count' is to give a 'snapshot' of the Subud membership at a given time. The information gathered can be used to determine the strengths, weaknesses and needs of our Subud community and enables informed decisions'.

*'So that the 'head count' is uniform we would like you to assess the following information using **1st January 2014** as the 'Count Day' and use **'has attended group latihan at least once in the past 3 months'** as the definition of a member. Although this definition may not be universally acceptable, we have chosen it simply to give a general idea of the number of members worldwide'.*

SUBUD ITALY HAS DISCUSSED THIS MATTER DURING ITS LAST NATIONAL CONGRESS IN 2014. MEMBERS FOCUSED ON THE REQUIREMENT OF HAVING ATTENDED A GROUP LATIHAN AT LEAST ONCE IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS ("WHO HAS ATTENDED A GROUP LATIHAN AT LEAST ONCE IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS"), WHICH APPEARS TO THEM BEING IN CONFLICT WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF STEADY PERSEVERANCE IN LATIHAN PRACTICE AND EXPERIENCE.

THE RESULT OF APPLYING THE ABOVE STATED REQUIREMENT MIGHT BE THAT TOTAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS WOULD BE HIGHER THEN THEY ACTUALLY ARE, BUT TO THE DETRIMENT OF REAL AWARENESS OF THE SITUATION, WITH MANY PEOPLE COUNTED AS PART OF SUBUD DESPITE THEIR SHALLOW AND OCCASIONAL PRACTICE.

ON THE CONTRARY, IN ORDER TO BE A STRONG AND POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR WORLD NOW AND IN THE TIMES TO COME AND TO BEAR A CLEAR AND RELIABLE WITNESS TO PEOPLE APPROACHING SUBUD IN THE FUTURE, WE SHOULD ATTAIN TO OUR CORNERSTONE: COMMITMENT TO LATIHAN AND TO SUBUD ORGANIZATION.

HENCE, SUBUD ITALY PROPOSES TO THE INCOMING WORLD CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE YARDSTICK TO IDENTIFY SUBUD MEMBERSHIP, WHICH WOULD BETTER ACCOMPLISH THE ABOVE STATED PREMISES, WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS: SUBUD MEMBERS ARE ALL THOSE WHO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE RESPECTIVE NATIONAL SUBUD ASSOCIATION BYLAWS, PLUS THOSE WHO RECEIVE LATIHAN AT LEAST ONCE MONTHLY.

I HOPE THIS EXPLANATION IS HELPFUL AND CLEAR.

ON BEHALF OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SUBUD ITALY, HELD IN S.SEVERA (ROME), JANUARY THE 25TH 2014.

Andrea, Chair, SUBUD ITALY

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CONCERNING 'WSA MEMBER COUNTRIES'

As stated by World Subud Association (WSA), the current criteria for WSA Membership are as follows:

- *At least 10 Subud members;*
- *Is able to form a National Committee, minimum requirements are: National Chair, Committee Councillor and 2 Kejiwaan Councillors;*
- *Agrees to accept the by-laws and objectives of the WSA;*
- *Pays minimum membership fee of USD 1 (currently being reviewed).*

SINCE IN THE PRESENT TIME THERE ARE SOME SMALL-SIZED COUNTRIES, COUNTING ON A VERY SMALL MEMBERSHIP, IT SEEMS IMPORTANT TO SAFEGUARD THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO FEEL THEMSELVES TO BE FULL CLAIMED AS A PART OF THE BROTHERHOOD, SUBUD ITALY SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ABOVE STATED CRITERIA:

- At least 6 Subud members;
- Is able to form a National Committee, with a National Chair and two Kejiwaan Councillors;
- Agrees to accept the by-laws and objectives of the WSA;
- Pays minimum membership fee of USD 1 (currently being reviewed).

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CONCERNING 'LOCATION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF WSA (FORMER 'ISC')'

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

SUBUD ITALY, AFTER DEBATING AND VOTING THIS ISSUE DURING ITS NATIONAL CONGRESS, PROPOSES THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF WSA BE LOCATED IN THE SAME COUNTRY WERE IT WILL BE CELEBRATED THE NEXT WORLD CONGRESS.

IS TO SAY THAT THE SEAT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL CHANGE EVERY FOUR YEARS SETTLING ITSELF CLOSER TO WORLD'S CONGRESS

ORGANIZATION AND TO ALL ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH IT.

THIS RESOLUTION COULD MEET BALANCE TARGETS AS SAVINGS IN TRAVELLING EXPENSES, AS WELL AS SIMPLIFY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND PEOPLE ENGAGED WITH CONGRESS ORGANIZATION (NATIONAL COMMITTEE, SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND SO ON). FURTHERMORE, DUE TO CLOSENESS'S CONTINUITY DURING THE ENTIRE CYCLE OF FOUR YEARS, IT COULD HAVE VERY POSITIVE SPIN-OFFS ON THE GROWTH IN THE HOST COUNTRY'S MEMBERSHIP OF A HIGHER AWARENESS AND COMMITMENT IN ORGANIZATIONAL AIMS AND DUTIES.

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