

WSA Executive Functions – Reports to WSC Meeting, June 2013**WSA Care Support, History of Subud, SPI, Translations of Bapak and Ibu's Talks****WSA Care Support Program**

2012 Activity Report

Arnaud Delune, Coordinator

Aims: To give financial support to Subud members and their families meeting personal difficulties (Emergency Fund) or needing support to undertake an educational project (Education Fund).

Principle of operation: Initially, the local helpers test whether it is right or not to make a request to the CS Programme. Then, they forward the request and attached documents to the CS Team who examine them, and do the final testing with helpers who are working with them.

For the **Education Fund**, criteria include: academic or professional results, quality and consistence of the project, educational or professional benefit for the interested person as well as for the community, personal and/or family financial participation, involvement in Subud and/or the community. Then further testing is done whenever the CST deems it necessary. Grants vary between \$200 and \$2000.

For the **Emergency Fund**, each case is tested as to whether it is right to give financial support or any other kind of support (e.g. advice); the amount is tested too. Grants vary between \$300 and \$3000.

In both cases, it is a once only grant, but there may be exceptions for outstanding requests.

The Team: There is now a single CS Team, contrarily to before, when there were both Emergency and Education teams under a CS Coordinator. Now the members of the CST handle both kinds of requests.

Coordinator: Arnaud Delune - France (requests in French)

Claire Wells - UK

Constanza Hudson - UK (requests in Spanish)

Hakeem Naibi - Nigeria

Many thanks to our former members for their dedication: Annabella Ashby (former CST Coordinator), Sarah Becker (former Emergency Fund Coordinator), Sabariah Van Beek and Renata Dunn.

Testing is done by us accompanied by helpers of our groups or who are willing to support our work.

Funding: Till 2010, by a direct grant of the MSF's; now, out the MSF's grant to the WSA.

Activities:**Education Fund - 2012:**

- DRC: \$ 6,000 (3 primary, 8 secondary, 5 university, 1 professional education grants)
Deferred: \$ 1,000 (4 secondary education grants) paid in January 2013
Note: 2 of those students got expelled from school for unpaid fees.

- Colombia: \$ 1,000 (1 university grant)

- Ukraine: \$ 575.5 (1 vocational grant)

Education Fund – 2013 (May 31st):

- DRC: \$ 2760 (1 preschool, 4 secondary, 2 university grants)

Emergency Fund - 2012:

- DRC: \$ 3,000 (4 medical/surgical treatments)

Deferred: \$475 (1 medical treatment) paid in January 2013

- Germany: \$ 1,300 (personal hardship case)

- Tunisia: \$ 1,572 (training to become self-employed)

Deferred: \$650 paid in January 2013; the beneficiary is now living and working in Morocco.

- Tanzania: \$ 500

Emergency Fund – 2013 (May 31st):

- DRC: \$ 3,000 (3 medical/surgical treatments)

- Denmark: \$ 2,000 (dental surgery not covered by local insurance)

Financing - 2012: \$ 12,000 plus \$ 2,500 in June from the WSA, out of their 2012 MSF grant.

\$ 1,490 as donations to the CS Programme (2 WSA translators' fees).

\$ 2,700 in private donations directly given to the beneficiaries.

Financing - 2013: \$ 12,000 from the WSA, out of their 2013 MSF grant.

\$ 1,640 as a donation to the CS Programme (WSA translator's fee).

Pending cases:

Several hardship cases are currently being investigated (Colombia, Indonesia, Pakistan) and one scholarship grant (Ukraine, to be given before September 1st).

Difficulties met:

- Because of reorganization, no grant to the Education Fund could come from the MSF for 2011, as their new policy is now to give grants only to organizations and not to services of an organization. The CS Programme is now receiving its grant through the MSF's grant to the WSA. It was therefore not possible to pay the education grants for the 2011-2012 school year before June 2012, that is the end of same school year, and this out of the 2012 MSF grant to the WSA, so there was very little money left for the new year starting in September 2012. We should be able to give most of the education grants between December and January, in order to avoid having students expelled from school or university for unpaid fees, which occurs every year in the DRC.

- The number of requests for helping to bear the cost of medical/surgical care is increasing (mostly in the DRC).

- Two grants to the same person are still the exception; it is therefore almost impossible to support a deserving student along his/her whole studies.

- It was regretfully discovered that the WSA Directors are ex officio barred from any grant, even in case of hardship; this situation is most unfair.

- It recently occurred that some helpers of a group were uncomfortable at the idea of testing for people they did not know. Happily, it was easy to find other helpers willing to assist the CS Team.

Accomplished:

- A young lady from Kalimantan who was helped in 2009 and 2011 by the Education Fund, thanks to the MSF grants, is now a Registered Nurse – and a happy mother. Her dedication to her studies, at a personal cost, is not only commendable, but justifies the setting up of the Education Fund. There are a few outstanding cases like hers.

- Prior testing by the local helpers is now part of the procedure for the Education requests, as it has always been for the Emergency requests. This does considerably reduce the number of testing sessions the CS Team must do.

- Requests forms were revised and are available in English, French and Spanish.

- A letter was sent to the Zone Reps in 2012, asking them to publicize the availability of the CS Programme in their zones.

- Contact was made with the Bright Future Programme, to which we can refer outstanding applications needing support during several years.

- Sharing files between all the members of the CS Team, plus the WSA Secretary, is now done through the Dropbox. The Virtual Office is not too user-friendly, as it demands a password each time you try to consult any file, which becomes rapidly tedious.

Recommendations:

- That a special \$7,000 request be made to the MSF by WSA to compensate the request made by the Education Fund in 2011 and that could not be satisfied then. This would allow beginning the school year with enough money available for grants.
- In case of vacancy, the WSA Executive should appoint an Interim Coordinator as soon as possible, instead of having to wait several months for the IHS to do the formal testing.
- We encourage countries to set up Almoners Teams wherever possible.
- For a smooth working of the CS Programme and especially the Education Fund, anticipated payments should be allowed; the payments done in January 2013 had been in fact requested in November or December 2012, thus the beneficiaries would have been spared several weeks delay. There exist accounting procedures that allow making an expense during the current year, and transferring its amount to next year's accounts.

History Of Subud

Harlinah Longcroft, Canberra: 26.04.13

History of Subud, Book 3.

A recent word count for this book showed that in 2012 and early 2013 I doubled the size of the work done so far.

Since the start of 2013, I have been checking to make sure that all available source material for the book so far, has been accessed, and usually included. As I am planning to sell my house this year, this work can be done while I am packing up the HOS material in preparation for the move.

History of Subud Interviews – digitisation project.

This work is being done professionally, and is about to be restarted in early May. Last year good progress was made, however this year we are only now about to continue because the man doing this work has been working full time on another project.

Moving house.

I have been planning to sell this house - which is large with lots of stairs - and move to a smaller place with no stairs. By doing this I hope to cut down the risks to my health while at the same time increase my rapidly shrinking bank balance which is now uncomfortably low. I will be looking for a place with enough room to continue working on the History Project from my home – thereby avoiding the cost to WSA of outside rented office space. So far this year, there seem to have been a lot of little devils about, and one minor problem after another has prevented me moving ahead with the sale process, however, God Willing, progress now will soon begin.

Subud Publications International (SPI) – 2012 Progress

Leonard Hurd – 5 April 2013

SPI had another active year during 2012 with sales of *Bapak's Talks Volumes 1 to 24* amounting to 535 copies – \$11,700 (44% of our total 2012 sales turnover). Our other 'best sellers' were *Bapak's Recorded Talks* in MP3 and video DVD formats and video DVDs of Ibu's talks – amounting to \$2,816 (11% of our total turnover).

Bapak's Talks volumes project

The English language edition of *Volume 24* was published in May.

Additionally the translations for *the Video Talks edition* were in progress for Quality Control checking during 2012, for publication in 2013 and translations for *Volume 25 & 26* were also carried forward to 2013 for processing/checking.

The SPI board recognises that whilst we must always try to produce as many translations per year as possible, quality of translation is far more important than quantity. And we are moving as fast as we can with the present quality level.

These new translations are disseminated by our sales of published editions and also made freely available via 'A Talk a Week' housed on our www.subudbooks.net site, and also via the subudlibrary.net site.

Many of these talks have never been translated and published before.

'Video Talks' edition

This edition covers 12 talks that are available as video recordings – given by Bapak in the 1980's. The Spanish translation team are subtitling these video talks in various languages.

For this they require definitive Indonesian transcripts and English translations as source text. Therefore SPI is supporting this initiative by producing a special *Volume* outside of our chronological sequence.

Translations for eleven talks were processed during 2012. The remaining talk and quality control to be completed during the early part of 2013.

The first subtitled talk DVD (81 NYC 4) was received by SPI in the latter part of 2012.

Russian editions

The Russian language translation team also made good progress during 2012:

Volume 20 was published in August. Translations were completed for *Volumes 21* and *22*, and translations were in progress for *Volume 23 & 24*.

Spanish editions

SPI completed the pre-press preparation for the Spanish language edition of *Volume 5*. 100 copies were published in June and distributed to Spanish speaking countries.

Work then commenced in preparing *Volume 22* for publication in 2013.

French editions

In the latter part of 2012 SPI commenced the pre-press preparation for the French language edition of *Volume 6*.

e-books

During the latter part of 2012 SPI commenced the process to convert the printed editions of *Bapak's Talks Volumes* to e-books format (for iPad/Kindle) – starting with *Volume 1*.

Spanish Translations and Video Talks

Elisa Sánchez Caballero

Activities listed below. A more detailed verbal report will be given at the meeting.

From May 2012 to May 2013 we have:

- Translated into Spanish and distributed via email, 24 Bapak's talks that correspond to Volume 10 and Volume 11 and 3 Ibu Rahayu's talks (12 BDO 1 / 12 CDK 1 /12 TLK 1).
- Publish Volume 5 Indonesian/Spanish and we are about to publish Volume 22 Indonesian/Spanish.
- Produce 11 Ibu videos talks: 3 in Spanish, 3 in English, 3 in Indonesian, 1 in French, and 1 in Dutch.

- Thanks to SPI and the English translation team we have definitive translations of Bapak's video talks and we produce 7 Bapak video talks (from 2 talks 81 NYC 4 and 81NYC 5) 2 in Indonesian, 2 in English, 2 in Spanish, 1 in Dutch and we are currently working with 81 YVR 2.
- Cuba is printing Bapak's and Ibu's talks thanks to the help of Zone 7.
- We add Dutch as a new language to the video talks and that makes 10 languages: Indonesian, English, Spanish, French, German, Russian, Serbian, Vietnamese, Japanese and Dutch.
- We publish Volume 5 in Indonesian/ Spanish and we are about to publish Volume 22 in Indonesian/Spanish.

On behalf of the Spanish Translations Team, we want to say thank you for all the support we are receiving from so many members and we wish the WSC a fruitful meeting in Poio.