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2013 World Subud Council Meeting ZONE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Name and Zone	Robiyan Easty, Zone 4
ZONAL DEVELOPMENT How has your zone been functioning as a Zone?	<p>There has been considerable development in communication between countries. From the beginning of this term I set out to foster greater horizontal activity and responsibility. One thing that grew out of this was substantial financial help from some individual members for members in poorer countries to attend zonal meetings, adding to the help we give from the zonal funds.</p> <p>I don't see the zone, with its huge diversity, as a functional unit. The borders we create are both necessary and artificial at the same time and I have worked to foster more inter-zonal cooperation and communication, realistically starting within Area 2. See below.</p> <p>A significant development is the creation of the Z4 web site by the wonderful chair of Germany, our sister Ismanah. Developed for the meeting, this will continue and develop, as will the effort to get people using Box (mostly superior to Dropbox and also free) to post reports, do project brainstorming and such, even anonymously if desired.</p>
ACTIVITIES What activities have been especially important in your Zone?	<p>The zonal meetings are the focal point and the measure of development. In Lithuania in 2010 we had an open agenda (apart from the necessary things like the budget) as the important thing was not business, just 6 months after WC, but to connect and feel. Testing was done about what each country needed from the zone and what each country had to offer to the zone. We did several countries every day after latihan and then shared. This was very valuable.</p> <p>Last year in Austria we had to seriously address the voting/consensus issue in a real situation because of the controversial nature of the support that had been voted to myself and Harina (team member) in the 2011 meeting and whether to continue it.</p>

	<p>With council's agreement I changed the nature of our newsletter from purely informational, giving each issue over to a different country to showcase itself. We have had three so far, which I also hope to post on our website.</p> <p>Then the buzz in the air about re-energizing being enterprising was developed at the kejiwaan meeting in Budapest (a surprising but important confluence) and taken up by the great new German team for our meeting this year in Wolfsburg. The feeling at this meeting was one of love and closeness. It is of great significance that we had participants from Z3, Z7, all 6 area 2 IHs' plus Mauricio, Latifah and Bachtiar. Huge kudos to the German team and in particular to Ismanah. I am writing about this separately. Indeed, Ibu in her message expressed the hope that this meeting would touch other zones.</p> <p>Prior to this I had visited Orgiva in Spain, ostensibly to promote the enterprise and projects venue in Wolfsburg, but feeling that there was something unexpected in the air. Leonard Hitchcock, chair of Britain was there and Paloma and Harvey also came. We made a report on SWN on the developments there and in particular how this event that grew spontaneously stimulated the group to take the next step with their projects from ideas to implementation.</p> <p>Perhaps we Subud members have a role to play in preserving the hard-earned unity of Europe in these fractious time.</p>
<p>COUNTRIES Are there any developments that have occurred in your countries to report?</p>	<p>I cannot go through 24 countries, but individual country reports are available. To mention a few highlights: Austria initiated the enterprise venue idea by putting one on the end of their annual AGM. Moldova (Anna Hiora and team) ran for the third year their successful EFL summer course (free) with support from SDIA. On the negative side, many Z4 countries have weak economies. Greek members continue to experience great stress and hardship owing to the destruction of its economic base by cruel austerity measures imposed from outside. Most of Europe is following suit, hence the urgent need to develop money-earning projects.</p>
<p>ZONE STRENGTHS/WEAKNESSES What are the strengths and weaknesses in your zone?</p>	<p>Strengths: Strong togetherness within great diversity. Organisational strength in bigger countries. Project ideas and initiatives in smaller countries Weaknesses: Many countries lack premises and the money to do anything about it. No medium to large enterprises</p>

ANY THING ELSE	
WSC MEETING What would you like to see addressed at the 2013 WSC meeting?	<p>This meeting should have prioritized activities.</p> <p>Top priority is the role and function of WSA and MSF in the light of Ibu's advice., together with SICA and SESI. First and foremost we are meeting to address policy and direction and should make the best use of our time together. Accordingly we should prioritize and give all the time necessary to achieve a harmonious and courageous outcome to this reviewing and renewing process.</p>