

## **ZONE 3 REPORTS 2012**

### **Subud Belgium**

No news from the National Committee since two years ago. Individual members have let us know that there is no relationship with the “official” group and that they cannot go there and do the latihan.

International and KC’s helpers feel that it is better not to interfere in the situation and let things improve by themselves.

### **Subud Britain**

Leonard Hitchcock (Chair):”Subud Britain’s membership has remained fairly static over the past few years, new members are opened and some become committed members, but others leave, and while some groups grow others shrink. There is nevertheless enormous enthusiasm for the latihan and our Subud life.

Our treasurer anticipates that income in 2012 is unlikely to be very different from 2011 despite the present economic difficulties.

Subud Britain has always been a registered charity, which has many benefits, including tax refunds on donations, but due to recent legislation our charitable status is being questioned by the Charity Commission. SB is working with them on this, the process is on- going and no final decision has been reached.”

### **Subud Holland**

Hannah de Roo (Chair): “Over the last 2 years, we have worked through quite a few conflicts. We had changes of people in the team, changes in the content of roles as well, and the whole process has been leading to where we are at the moment: a group of people trying to do their jobs the best way they can, but without forming a coherent national team. It seems almost a reflection of our 8 local groups, where none is left with an official committee nor a harmonious/sufficient functioning helper’s team. This may sound negative and indeed it is quite painful to conclude

What is needed in each country to break the walls of separateness and create more human connection, love and understanding within the brotherhood? If committee and (national) helpers are not setting an example then who will?

Enterprises can only be successful if we are working from within, willing to listen, appreciating the personal differences and use them as possibilities to work together in various ways.

This is a challenging process but not impossible! If we focus on our strengths, rather than our weaknesses; if we learn to express our appreciation and gratitude, rather than criticize and blame, and most of all if we begin to have FAITH (instead of fear), we can make big changes.”

### **Italy**

Since January 2012 Subud Italy has not a National Committee due to conflicts between some members.

Lusiyah Bassi- KC- wrote: “There were some (men) openings and two took place in Florence. That was great because we were only a group of 4 women since the last 4 years. On the women side there is a sort of fatigue to be really present and a feeling to be one in Subud Italy is missing. A big individualism is present.

Nobody seems concerned that we are without a president or committee since 5 months ago and I believe that this situation is one of the causes of lack of unity.”

### **Ireland**

Michael Heaslip (Chair): Membership list shows - 23 women and 16 men - Total 39. A few new members opened this past 12 months.

Of this total 20 are helpers though not all active as helpers

Enterprise - Endeavour Aide, with about 30 shareholders, and majority owned by Irish Subud members continues to support enterprise start ups and expansion worldwide though to a limited extent.

### **France**

George Ivanoff (Chair): “Very few people are willing to take on committee roles, and only 2 of our groups have a Chairman and a committee.

There is a strong feeling of apathy towards the organisation.

As in most other countries, the state of Subud life and the latihan is not really meeting the needs and the expectations of the members at present in France.”

### **Spain**

Lucas Quero (Chair): Experience and feeling of our members is showing us that representation at International levels as well a solid organization doesn't make Subud grow. On the contrary, too much organization may be negative and may separate us from the spiritual meaning of Subud.

Let's focus on the groups as the basis for the development of Subud and Subud Projects.

Proposal: to have a Gathering in Poio 2013 and to host the next Zone 3 meeting

### **Portugal**

Miguel Bothelo on behalf of Muchtar Martins (who could not assist) said that the youth in Subud Portugal is very active now and that little by little Subud Portugal is “awaken” again. The youth is repairing the building in Bucelas and they would like the help of other people. They are planning to have a youth camp in 2012.

There is a request to WSA about to have an arbitrator to help in cases as the one which happed in Lisbon years ago and causes a big suffering between the members.

## **Zone 3 meeting**

From 31st May to 1<sup>st</sup> June we meet in a beautiful place called: Monastery Beukenhof in Biezenmortel, Holland. About 40 people were present. Unfortunately no one rep. from Subud Belgium and Subud Italy could come.

Once again the slogan of our meeting was “Back to Basics” and since the beginning we all felt the need to be in this wonderful space for grace which allows us to talk from our inner, respecting each other without interruptions and without criticisms.

In such nice and harmonious space and being aware that most of the countries reports reflected that the members are asking for a reality in their kejiwaan life, the first day was dedicated to test about what is the “need” of our members and how can both the helpers and the committees can serve that needs.

We also test again about the reality of our different roles.

From the test we realised that to start with, we need to first of all look at ourselves and check about the reality of our latihan and the reality of our roles. We realized that we are all Subud members, just Subud members (without labels) that need to feel a real unity in our groups and to do something together through the gift of the latihan kejiwaan in our lives.

To serve our members means to be sincere and humbles. To give them the space they need. Listen to them and take care of them. We know that the vibration of the latihan is sometimes... low and that it would be necessary that the helpers review their work as “helpers”. For that it was proposed to have a countries helpers meeting to check the situation.

The youth-represented by Regina Rodenburg- had a big impact in all of us when Regina asked us to be sincere and authentic. They don't know what is the example to follow due that they frequently see us fighting and having a behaviour far from a Susila Budhi Dharma one.

About enterprises/projects there were 3 projects presentations: **France** explained the possibility to buy land near Tolouse to build a multifunctional centre and houses for members. The project needs a study of viability made by experts. They will contact SES people. They propose that the project be a Zone one.

**Spain** presented the Orgiva project which consists in a multicultural/multifunctional Centre surrounding by members houses. The proposal is also that the project becomes a Zone project.

**Ireland** talked about the possibility to buy a Subud house now that prices are very low and this house could also be a multifunctional centre. They need the help of the Zone and people willing to be involved in such a challenge.

Due that the three of them are complementing each other it was decided to study the way to work together –as Zone- in all of them. This is the proposal in which we will be working during 2012.

Friday night we saw the video- subtitle in English- that Ibu Rahayu gave in Jogjakarta February 2012.

Bachtiar Lorot, MSF chair presented the film about the process that Memmon is doing with the digitization of Bapak talks. It was very well accepted.

Following the proposal from Spain it was unanimously decided that the next Zone 3 meeting will be in POIO (Galicia-Spain) just before the Big Gathering that will take place the first week of July 2013. The place will be “El Monasterio de Poio”, where we have just booked rooms for about 200 people.

During two full days we work really hard but we back home with the feeling of being one family that love and respect each other and that now have a work to do together: to serve our members and to develop and implement the 3 projects in our Zone.