

HISTORY OF SUBUD
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History of Subud Vol 1 Book 3.

Progress is being made, and the source material for this book so far is very good – so good in fact, that it is quite difficult to keep this book to a reasonable size.

World Congress: History of Subud workshop.

This workshop was allocated two rooms, but in fact we only had one until about two thirds of the way through the workshop when technicians arrived to take down the partition between our room and the one next door. The room had been so intensely crowded that quite a number of people who had wanted to come, could not get in.

Because of this situation, I was actually unable to do what I had intended to do for this workshop. The post congress result so far seems to have been that only one Centre has taken up my suggestions.

My aim was to encourage groups to interview their own members, share these interviews with their group, and built up both a history of their centre as well as recording and sharing the experience of the latihan in the lives of fellow Subud members. By doing this, of course there would be an archival result, however, perhaps more importantly, the sharing of latihan experience would, I feel sure, both inspire and I hope encourage an awareness of the latihan in daily life. In some instances, it might even lead to the establishment of enterprises.

After circulating an example of the cover sheet I use for History interviews, and showing my latest very small professional recorder, I gave some examples of the kind of thing one might record, by using one or two stories of “the latihan in daily life” that I, myself, had experienced. By doing this I also hoped to give the idea to newer members that they could, and indeed should, experiment for themselves. This was taken up by several helpers present, who wanted me to give the same or similar talk to Subud Youth – but there was no time to fit this in before Congress ended.

When I next come to a point where I could pause in the writing of Book 3, I may perhaps write something along these lines for *Subud Voice*.

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