

AREA 3 INTERNATIONAL HELPERS REPORT

To the World Subud Council Meeting

August 2010

The Canadian Eastern Regional gathering at Camp Kawartha, Ontario

Luke Pensenay, WSA chair, said that he would like to meet with the IHs and other WSC members who might be able to attend the Eastern Canada Regional gathering at Camp Kawartha.

Subsequent testing indicated that Grace Hodgson, Elaina Dobson, and Hamilton Schragen should attend this gathering, primarily to meet with Luke and the other WSC members who were expected to be present. Hamish Barker, an IH from area two, who spends some time each year in Canada was also expected to attend.

Hamish and Hamilton did extensive latihan and testing with Luke (primarily concerning his WSA role). We also tested with Mauricio Castillo (zone 9 rep) and SYA rep, Miguel Bocanega about their respective roles. Elaina and Grace also did some testing around various issues. The four IHs present also took the opportunity to meet together as well as to meet with the other WSC members who were present. The main focus of the meeting was about preparing for the WSA meeting in Great Melvern in August.

These three days seemed to be productive and were quite full with latihan and testing. This seemed especially useful because Luke does not ordinarily have easy access to latihan and testing with IHs.

The 2010 Subud USA National Congress

Elaina Dodson and Hamilton Schragen attended the Subud USA national Congress which took place from June 28 to July 5 in Vancouver , Wash. USA.

Day 1 was designated a kejiwaan day for helpers: In the morning there was latihan followed by testing with the NHs and RHs. In the afternoon there was latihan and testing with all the helpers. Day 2 was a kejiwaan day for all members. The rest of the days were about Congress business and various workshops, although two Latihans a day were always scheduled.

In addition, WSA chair, Luke Pensenay and Zone 7 rep , Dave Hitchcock gave presentations outlining and explaining their respective roles as well as reporting on the functions of WSA and Zone 7.

Also at this Congress we were able to witness the testing in of the new SUSAC committee and to meet with them at a Zone 7 meeting. Another meeting that we attended included several WSC members who were attending the Congress.

One of the most important outcomes of our attending this Congress was getting to meet and do latihan and testing with the new group of USA NHs who we will probably be working with on and off over the coming four years.

Subud Argentina

Manuel, Grace, Reinaldo and Daniela visited Argentina and Chile in April, for two weeks.

Subud Chile

We were only able to visit the two groups in Santiago – La Providencia, and La Florida. We were there for several days, and our agenda was full every day and evening (except one), with latihan, group testing, personal testing and meetings with helpers and committees. Everyone was so welcoming, and enthusiastic about our visit. It was an opportunity for us all to share our experiences, and deepen our latihan. Chile has a lot of young members, and we could feel the life and energy that they bring to Subud. Many of them were at the World congress in N.Z. and have valuable talents and experiences to offer to Subud Chile. There are also many long-time members in Subud Chile, dedicated to preserving Bapak's advice, and doing things the way they have always been done. So there may be a little healthy 'friction' in Chile's future, as older and newer adapt to living and worshipping together. We felt as though Subud Chile has the potential for great growth. La Florida has recently acquired their own Subud Hall, and this gives them further opportunity to work, and grow, together. La Providencia already owns a magnificent Subud Hall, with many large rooms. A huge potential for Subud activity in the future, if financial constraints allow.