

WSA Chair Review Q1-2 2012

Re-awakening & seeds bearing fruit

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Abstract:

The theme for this quarter has been about preparation, continuing to accompany the Reawakening process as we transition into the 2nd half of our 2010-14 term of office. Preparing also for the WSC & Americas Gathering in June/July in Vancouver.

It feels as though we are at the fulcrum..the tipping point! I felt in latihan here in Vancouver recently, that not only are we halfway through our 2010-14 mandate (whose 4 1/2 year journey ends in Puebla 2014), but also we are at a tipping point as we transition to what unfolds next! A receiving in November made it clear that part of my role is to witness a re-birthing of Subud's presence! A profound process.

As the seeds we have planted & nurtured since January 2010, the evolving projects we have nurtured, all start to bear new fruit.

Overview:

To continue the 'gardening' analogue, we your international teams have 'prepared the soil' for so many of our 5-major initiatives. Enterprise; Subud Communities; Heritage/Culture; Rebuilding Finances; Organization & Communications development. So now seeing the fruits of our labours. As we truly feel the reality of the need to 'begin afresh..' as Ibu exhorted us in mid 2010. Bapak's worship + work as twin duties in the world, we can begin to realize the results of our latihan in action in the world.

This period of reawakening has a more challenging side. We all realize just how cautious we had become following failures of large enterprises in the 1990s/early 2000s. Ibu advised that we need to ask for courage to help us pass through these anxieties. To renew our pledge to the latihan and its impact on our lives.

Ibu's encouragement to 'begin again..to put past difficulties behind us & renew our commitment to the latihan & putting it into practise'. To 'revisit Bapak's advice & guidance around worship & work'. This met with some skepticism after the difficult times past. For many of us in our local groups, there feels to have been a lethargy, a reluctance to ask God for more courage to step forward, to

have new courage to receive more clearly & strongly in our lives.
It is sometimes difficult to comprehend that it is a quarter century since Bapak left this world in 1987.

Australasia Tour – January 2012:

2012 began for me as WSA chair with an Australasia tour.

First with my attending the Australian Congress in Sydney Dec.31-Jan.05; then the early part of Subud New Zealand's healing gathering in Marahau, N.Island Jan.06-09.

Finally a first visit to Subud Japan Tokyo, Osaka & Kiyoto Jan.09-13.



With all three (3) countries passing through a reawakening phase: NZ profoundly so in its healing, following earthquakes & continuing after-shocks. Japan post tsunami/Fukushima nuclear crisis dealing with a loss of confidence in its public institutions. Subud Australia awakening from a period of lower energy..to one of renewed commitments.. Everywhere seemed to be going through variations of outwardly emerging from the economic crisis of 2008-2010. Inwardly recovering confidence & courage. A cautiousness born of unexpected events.

Mid Term Review:

We had our 2-part WSC Mid.Term Review over 4 hours in mid.March. First WSA meeting with the Zones Reps/IHs. Then WSA with the wing/affiliate chairs/IHs, in separate meetings for practicality. These marked our shared awareness of how much seeding and nurturing of various projects/initiatives has already been accomplished since we took office in Christchurch Jan.2010. We shared news of our current work together & plans for the WSC, as well as tasks ahead for the balance of our terms until Puebla Congress in 2014;

UK/Austria - Zone 4 visits – April 2012:

Needing to visit my father Simon at Wisma Mulia I travelled to visit him with daughter Alexandra 23 (with her new career unfolding).

We spent several days getting up to date with the 15 or so Subud members at Wisma Mulia – average age 91 years! Patricia Lacey, Maryse Lawry, Simon Penseny etc. Also time with David & Emma Barker who oversee Fountain Housing that owns & operates Wisma Mulia.



Then off to Bad Vöslau/Austria to the Zone 4 Congress attended by 120 members from 16 of the 24 countries in Zone 4. From Norway; Sweden; Finland through Germany; Austria; Denmark; Lithuania, Moldava; Poland; Hungary; Serbia; Switzerland; Russia; Greece; Lebanon & Israel!

Possibly the most diverse Zone with an extraordinary array of members whose gathering was led by Robiyan Easty & the Zone 4 team, hosted by Subud Austria.



WSC Meeting/Americas Gathering/SUSA Congress – June 18-July 08

Preparing for Vancouver June-July 2012;

- As we draw closer to the WSC and Americas Gathering meetings in Vancouver closely followed by the Subud USA national congress 2 hours south in Seattle, we look forward to a busy summer here in the Pacific North West (my home group is Vancouver);
- With this 2010-14 WSA administration now at the halfway point, we still find that such gatherings address the realities of our work & worship in Subud;
- The WSC meeting is the third since 2010 Christchurch Congress, we all feel needs a new, more open format with short plenaries morning/early evening less dictated by agendas, more by themes & leaving the way/space open for a clearer way ahead;
- The WSC & Americas gathering will be followed in close proximity by Subud USA' Congress in Seattle 2.5 hours to the south! So a busy summer in the Pacific NW.

WSA Top 5 Areas of focus – Enterprise; Archives/Heritage; Organization & Communications Development; Finances/Fundraising; Centres/Communities;

- Your WSA teams have continued to focus on these core areas of our activity in Subud internationally;
- **Enterprise** is undergoing a reawakening via WSA-supported SESI focusing on three (3) areas: a) reminding us of Bapak's advice regarding the worship-work axis; b) seeding larger enterprises internationally; c) supporting small/micro-enterprise that members work at with their talents in their daily lives;
- **Archives/Heritage**; WSA continues to support MSF' working with Memnon on the first phase of the Bapak Talks tapes restoration project; fundraising for this project has begun with a major initiative during the June WSC in Vancouver;
- **Organization Development** Recent support for SIA – The Sinar Investors Association working with Kalimantan Gold to represent shareholder interests and represent KGC' progress reporting to members is developing well;
- **Finances/Fundraising**; with almost \$150,000.00 in recent enterprise sponsorship for the WSA budget; the deficit has been reduced substantially alongside expenditures that are down 5%; by late 2012 WSA' budget could once again be balanced and renewed enterprise support for WSA programs (IHs; Ibu; translations; care support/education funding; administration and wing support as well as archives & operations maintenance etc.) could be more fully established;
- **Centres/Communities** the space for grace initiative led by former WSA chair Osanna Vaughn and her team has made progress working with national committees and a number of groups in Europe and N.America; reminding us of the value of support and respect in our meetings and in our Subud communities; in addition the WSA continues to support the work involved in developing:
- **Amanacer** – via Elias Dumit as WSA Deputy Chair supporting international centres* working with Subud Colombia, CorAmanacer enterprise development team and Zone 8 rep Rodrigo Madurra supporting the audit and planning for the next development phase at Amanacer as both a national & international centre;
- *Elias not only lives in Brazil, but is also a resident of Rungan Sari & visits Wisma Subud regularly so becoming our WSA deputy chair/liaison for international centres;
- In **Wisma Subud** WSA supports the work of the WSHPP – Wisma Subud Heritage Protection Project now preparing a Concept Outline prior to a Concept Plan to address a) the heritage protection/development of Wisma Subud (WS) as a centre of learning & culture; also b) the development of WS as a community demonstrating the values of Subud & Bapak's work;
- **Rungan Sari & the Kalimantan-based projects** embody the last remaining elements of Bapak's vision for Kalimantan & Subud's role there..; the community & the pioneering

enterprises there including: KGC; The School; YUM outreach projects; Eco-Village; Borneo Film Productions; Kalimantan Riverboat Tours; etc. ;

- **Other Centres** such as Usaha Mulia Abadi near Puebla in Mexico, or Seven Circles in California, Amadeus Centre in London, all represent the combination of work & worship; enterprising within our national Subud communities; some in time may choose to play a larger international role;

Archives/Heritage – MSF-WSA Archives Contract & associated fundraising now started;

- MSF having taken on the phase I Bapak Talk tapes restoration project has forged a fundraising strategy + team ready to be officially launched at the June WSC;
- Meanwhile the first phase of the restoration has begun with archives experts Memnon of Belgium with whom both Armand Bisson as Project Coordinator & Bachtiar Larot as MSF chair are coordinating, assisted by WSA archives advisor Amalijah Thompson of Australia;

WSA Finances – good news on the WSA deficit down significantly with \$175,000 of new enterprise contributions over the next 2-3 years;

- With \$175,000.00 in enterprise sponsorship from 3-4 different sources over the past six months; as we continue to keep a tighter rein on expenditures, the WSA Treasurer can now help us to work towards a balanced budget by the end of 2012. In addition Stuart Cooke, WSA
- international fundraiser/SESI Advisor plans to continue to build on this, encouraging other enterprises as well as zones/countries to follow these examples.
- To focus on encouraging 5-6 of Subud countries with larger membership (USA; Britain; Australia; Indonesia; Canada; Germany) to increase sponsorship for the WSA; For the 8 Zones to really make strong commitments to contribute in proportion to the kedjiwaan & organisasi support they receive;
- WSA 2011 deficit down to \$60K from \$140K; with new enterprise, some Zonal contribution increase & lower overall expenditures across all parts of the WSA;

WSA Executive Team – new developments; new WSA Secretary appointed; new WSA Fundraiser hitting his stride;

- **WSA Secretary** - Silvana Caradoc Evans appointment as new WSA Secretary (congratulations!);
- **WSA Archives Coordinator** - Armand Bisson grows into the Coordinator role;
- **WSA Translations Coordinator**; congratulations to newly appointed Elisa Sanchez Caballero (formerly of the Spanish Translations Unit), the WSA team evolves;
- **WSA Care Support Coordinator**; Arnaud Delune appointed in May 2012 and will continue as Education Fund Coordinator alongside his new role as overall Coordinator.

International Centres

- **Amanacer** is now moving ahead with CorAmancer an enterprise incubator collaborating with Subud Colombia, Fondation Amanacer etc. to audit/review, plan & develop Amanacer in its next phase of development;
- **Wisma Subud** heritage protection/development is being led by WSHPP the heritage protection project and forming a new yaysan to embrace MSF, WSA, WSHPP, GHFP, local residents & other stakeholders in the process of heritage protection for Bapak's former home and a renewed community/conference centre as well as defining Concept Plans for future development;
- **Rungan Sari** as the Kalimantan enterprise hub and frontier community has seen good news from KGC the mining company as the twin drilling programs in Central & Eastern Kalimantan get started; for the BCU school growing again to accommodate more pupils eager to join!; for the Eco-Village that may become the site of YESQuest's new centre & a new resource for community development/conferences; YUM, and Rungan Sari's Phase II development including a number of members owning plots who wish to now develop them

are all signs of further growth here at our Kalimantan frontier.

Special projects –

- ‘space for grace’ led by Osanna Vaughn past WSA chair continues to encourage all parts of the Subud organization to adopt an inner/outer code of conduct that enables our meetings & collaborations to proceed more harmoniously & effectively on all levels;
- WSA/wings communications strategy;
- WSHPP – Wisma Subud Heritage Protection & Planning Project progresses..;

Ibu Talks – February Talk in Yogyakarta; Talk has been distributed via MSF & to national committees;

So for now please send all your prayers & support for our time together during both the WSC June 18-28th and the following Americas gathering (Zones 7, 8 & 9) followed by Subud USA’ Congress in Seattle July 04-08 –

With much love, respect & asking God’s blessings on our work together –

Luke

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