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## About the Zone

This article was devised by Julia Hurd based on Zone Reports.

**ZONE 1 and 2: 3,500 members listed. Approximately 3000 active, 127 groups in 17 countries with 24 Subud houses.**

Zones 1 and 2 consist of countries in Australasia and Asia. While each of the seven zones worldwide is unique, this is certainly true for Zones 1 and 2, which includes a wide range of cultures, economies, beliefs, and numbers of members in each country, not to mention the geographic distances, ranging East and South from New Zealand and West to Iran. One thing of special note is the fact that Subud began here, with the founder, Bapak Muhammad Sumohadiwidjojo, being born in Indonesia in 1901.

Today Indonesia has the largest Subud membership in the world along with the longest history. Subud was first registered with government officials in 1947 in Jogjakarta. In 2007 approximately 500 Indonesian members along with foreign guests commemorated their 60th anniversary at the World Trade Center in Surabaya. This included a beautiful wayang-dance drama based on Bapak's life, amidst other celebrations.

Other countries with well-established organizations are Subud Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. Subud India is thriving. In 2006 a hugely successful international Gathering was held in Bangalore, with attendance from Subud members across the globe. This was also an opportunity to listen to Ibu Siti Rahayu Wiryohudoyo, Bapak's daughter, who visited and gave talks. Malaysia, Singapore, and Sri Lanka also have long established membership bases, though smaller, while the arrival of Subud in Thailand and elsewhere is more recent. Sri Lanka celebrated its 50th Subud anniversary in December of 2007 and Japan in May of 2009.

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## WSA Zones

Thank you to [Subud.org](http://Subud.org) for this information.



For organizational purposes, the World Subud Association is divided into nine zones. To be able to coordinate the work of the WSA, each zone has a coordinator who represents their countries on the World Subud Council between world congresses. Zone Representatives also chair councils for their zone, are directors of the WSA, and form the voting body of the WSC, along with the WSA Chairperson.

The WSA is also divided into three geographic Areas for assisting individual members and groups in the practice of the latihan. Each Area is represented by six international helpers, making a total of 18 worldwide.

Currently Zones 1 & 2 as well as Zones 5 & 6 are represented by only one person each. The Zones are roughly geographically split in the following manner:

- Zone 1** Oceania
- Zone 2** Part of the Middle East and Southern Asia
- Zone 3** Western Europe
- Zone 4** Eastern Europe, Northern Asia and part of the Middle East
- Zone 5** English speaking African Countries
- Zone 6** French and Portuguese speaking African Countries
- Zone 7** North America, Cuba, Suriname, and the Caribbean
- Zone 8** Central America and the Northern part of South America
- Zone 9** Southern part of South America

### Seeking Zone 1/2 Representative

We are still looking for candidates for the responsible position of zone representative.

The zone representative represents the zone member countries at the World Subud Council (WSC) meeting and they are the voting directors of the World Subud Association (WSA) between congresses.

A job description is available on the ISC pages of [Subud world News](http://Subud world News) and in the organisation pages of "The Subud Way", the new version of the helpers guide.

## Zone 1/2 Countries

Anishia Foundation,  
India

BCU, Kalimantan

Country	Group / Centre	Members/ Active
Australia	Adelaide, Adelaide South, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Cairns, Canberra, Darwin, Melbourne, Melbourne North-East, Perth, Sydney, Sydney Northshore, Tasmania, Wollongong, Wollumbin.	630/470
India	Bangalore, Chennai, Coimbatore	135/95
Indonesia	Cabang Medan, Ranting Baru, Ranting Stabat, Ranting Tanjung Pinang, Ranting Bukit Kemuning, Cabang Palembang, Cabang Tanjung Karang, Ranting Pringsewu, Cabang Jakarta Pusat, Cabang Jakarta Selatan, Cabang Jakarta Timur, Ranting Bekasi, Ranting Pamulang Ciputat, Ranting Pasar Minggu, Ranting Utan Kayu, Kelompak Cinere, Kelompok Dana Reksa, Cabang Bandung, Cabang Bogor, Cabang Cimahi, Ranting Cilegon, Kelompok Depok, Cabang Kudus, Cabang Magelang, Ranting Pedan, Ranting Cilacap, Cabang, Batang, Ranting Cepu, Cabang Japara, Ranting Kedungjati, Ranting Klaten, Cabang Pekalongan, Cabang Purwokerto, Cabang Purwrejo, Cabang Semarang, Cabang Surakarta, Kel. Mojoloban, Ranting Tawangmangu, Cabang Temanggung, Cabang Yogyakarta, Ranting Wonosobo, Cabang Kulon Progo, Ranting Ngombol, Ranting Banyu Urip, Ranting Salatiga, Cabang Pati, Kelompok Sragen, Cabang Purwodadi, Ranting Sasak Karang Asam, Ranting Bangkalan, Ranting Bangi-bali, Ranting Banyuwangi, Ranting Blitar, Cabang Denpasar Bali, Ranting Jember, Ranting Kediri, Ranting Kemunuh Bali, Cabang Madiun, Cabang Malang, Ranting Pasuruan, Cabang Probolinggo, Ranting Saradan, Cabang Sidoardjo, Cabang Surabaya, Ranting Wungu, Ranting Tuhung Agung, Kelongok Pemekasan, Cabang Mojokerto, Ranting Porong, Kelompok Mataram Lombok, Kelompok Pamekasan, Cabang Mojokerto, Ranting Porong, Kelompok Mataram Lombok, Kelompok mganjuk, Cabang Balikpapan, Cabang Bajarbaru, Ranting Bajarmasin, Ranting Handil2, Cabang Kolaka, Ranting Manokwari, Ranting Sorong, Cabang Jayapura, Cabang Ujung Pandang.	2000
Japan	Kyobashi, Saginuma, Saitama, Tokai, Wakayama	158
Malaysia	Kepong, Kuala Lumpur	95/38
New Zealand	Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Nelson, Wellington	211/150
Singapore	Singapore	25
Sri Langka	Columbo, Kandy	35

There are also active members in Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Pakistan, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and three additional countries. *Note: The two figures of membership numbers represent approximate total membership and active members.* For country contacts, ask your local chairperson, visit "Contacts" under the Subud World News website, or click [here](#).

## There's still time to join us...

Thank you to Subud World ENews for this article.

World Congress is less than a month away...We are happy that many last minute decisions are being made by members around the world to come and join us. This is great because, in truth, this meeting is very important for us as a world wide collective organization. It is our opportunity to be together, to do latihan, share experiences, and build a vision for the future of Subud.

If you are still hesitating, you should know that there are still many good airfare deals available. Check with your travel agent, or search google for flights from your country to Christchurch. There are also all types of accommodation still on offer within 5 to 10 minutes walk from the main congress venues. Check the website for details, and if you're having difficulties please contact us.

If you've made the decision to come, please help the

hardworking organising team, by registering immediately! If you have difficulties to pay now, there is an option to pay on arrival, but consider that this will slow down your check in process and create extra work. Day passes are now available for purchase on the website. For those who wish to offset their carbon footprint, we have set up a fabulous carbon offset programme here in Christchurch, with an organization dedicated to planting indigenous trees.

Some great tours are now available – Come and Experience New Zealand, before, during and after congress with many excursion possibilities. For information on registration and day-passes, accommodation and tours, carbon offset program and all the other exciting events happening at Congress, check out the website

[www.subudworldnews2010.com](http://www.subudworldnews2010.com)



## 13th Subud World Congress

4-18 January 2010

The World Subud Association holds a Congress every four years to elect new officers and to set objectives and policy for the forthcoming period. All national Subud bodies are members of the WSA and can send an official delegation to the World Congress and exercise its voting rights. Each national delegation has one vote. Proposed resolutions may be brought to Congress either by a national body or by the World Subud Council (WSC). If an individual Subud member wants to

make a proposal to Congress, he or she would do so through his/her national committee.

Official documents about the World Congress are available online at the new website [www.subud.org](http://www.subud.org) under *Resources for WSA Members/useful resources* or as always, on [www.subudworldnews.com](http://www.subudworldnews.com) under WSA on the 'ISC/WSA' page. Country reports are posted here as well. Congress information and documents are sent to all national committees.



*Paul, Ramzi and Maynard in front of the new hall*

## Welcome to the new Christchurch latihan hall

*Thank you to Renata Peek for this article.*

After 5 years of effort we are now enjoying our newly completed hall (photo with Emma and Renata). It looks absolutely beautiful and it is so warm! Those heaters took 30 years to arrive but boy are they worth it!

Prior to doing group latihan there for the first time, Maynard Macdonald led the group in a prayer, thanking Almighty God for the life of Bapak and for the gift of the Latihan. He thanked the builders for the strength and vision to complete the building that had been made strong for the future,

generous in its proportions and filled with light, ending with the wish that the new hall would be a symbol of the strength, generosity and inner light that he prayed Almighty God would bless us with.

Then the ladies did Latihan in the new hall. It was as if all the things we had planned had come into being, the interior is beautiful with cool modern lights and white self striped satin curtains. The sound in there was quiet because of the thick new carpet and there was no sound from the "Grand Hall" next door where the men were. The ceilings

are high and big triangular windows let the light in during the day. With the view out the high windows we feel like we are doing latihan amongst the trees. Afterwards we walked out onto the deck and followed the lit up verandah around to the front and then along the new paving to the house kitchen for a cup of tea. We all felt so happy!

The members have done such a tremendous job working on completing the decks, the new curved paving and painting the exterior. New handrails have been

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### The prayer

*This building was built to be strong,*

*It was built with generous proportions,*

*And it was built to be filled with light.*

*My prayer on behalf of all of us is that this building will be*

*An outward, visible, sign of an inward, spiritual,*

*Grace:*

*That we too may become strong,*

*That we too will be generous,*

*That we too may be filled with light.*

## Susila Dharma International

Thank you to SD ENews for these articles.



### ICDP collaborates in Australia and the Philippines

The International Child Development Program (ICDP) promotes and delivers training for childcare givers around the world. Since its inception, the focus has been in Europe, Africa and Latin America. After two ICDP training sessions in Australia that were

delivered in April and October by Lailah Armstrong of the UK, ICDP is now working on several new collaborations. In Australia ICDP will work with Morningside Care, a long time foundation linked with Susila Dharma. This project was founded and run for many years by the late Munowaroha and Labisir English. ICDP will seek funding to deliver their training program to childcare givers of low income families and children at risk at the Sina Cera project near Brisbane.

ICDP will also be running a pilot project in the Philippines collaborating with the Grameen Bank. This well-known microcredit program with an extensive network will provide ICDP with a completely new way to reach disadvantaged and low income people who want to learn about the psycho-social development and care of children. Congratulations to ICDP for these new initiatives to develop a greater presence in Asia. For more information [www.icdp.info](http://www.icdp.info)



### Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta (YTS), cleaning up the environment!

Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta's focus is village development and governance and recently has also delivered public education on mercury cleanup in Kalimantan. Last year they got a grant from the Blacksmith Institute, which has released a new report *12 Areas of Cleanup and Success* with its partners at Green Cross Switzerland. Richard Fuller, President and Founder of the Institute writes:

...This report proves that we can effectively save lives through remediation of toxic sites no matter how grim the outlook may once have been. We hope it will encourage everyone concerned about environmental quality, and that it will persuade governments and NGOs to step up their involvement in similar remediation programs. We did it before—we can do it again!

You can read and download the report at <http://www.blacksmithinstitute.org> and go to *Recapturing Mercury – Indonesia*. Congratulations to YTS!

### Supporting the Work of Susila Dharma

No matter where you live, there are ways you can support the work of Susila Dharma...locally or abroad. All SD national organizations need volunteers to serve on their Boards and SDIA also needs translators, especially those who can translate from Spanish and French into English. As we are

coming up to Christmas, Hanukah and the end of the New Year, you can also consider making donations to [Susila Dharma](http://www.susiladharmaindonesia.org) as a gift to family and friends who already have more than enough stuff! SDIA will send you a gift card in return.

## Ibu Siti Rahayu's talk to MSF at Innsbruck

*MSF Report Meeting, 12th World Congress, Innsbruck, 29th July, 2005*

*Recording 05 INN 3; Final Translation by Raymond Lee.*

*This talk was recently published in MSF ENews, November/December 2009.*

Brothers and sisters, I apologise that I am not able to give my speech in English, so I have asked Raymond Lee to translate for me.

Brothers and sisters, my fellow trustees of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation have asked me to say a few words to you at this meeting. But, before I tell you what I have to say, I want to remember our late brother Varindra Vittachi, who took the initiative to set up a foundation in Subud which we have today - the Muhammad Subuh foundation.

After Bapak's death, Bapak's idea, or hope, or proposal became a reality for Varindra, because Bapak had told Varindra to set up this foundation long before Bapak died.

This was not easy to do, because Subud is an international organisation whose members are spread over many countries.

When it was set up, Varindra and I became lifetime trustees of the foundation. But not long after that Varindra died, and I was left as the sole lifetime trustee. In my experience as a trustee, and knowing all the things that this foundation has done, I realise we need a foundation like this in Subud - an international foundation that promotes the vision and mission of Subud.

From my experience, I realise that it is essential we have a foundation like this as a vehicle to hold Subud assets and which helps fund Subud projects and the needs of Subud over the long-term. And in this respect, because Subud is still developing and because it needs all kinds of things to support its growth and development, we have to work fairly, with complete surrender, and we have to ensure that we work without any self-interest, and that we don't represent any particular group or country.

This is how we have worked as trustees. And each trustee has a limited term of

service during which they serve the activities of this foundation. What the trustees have achieved so far is something we can be really proud of, even though the results aren't fully satisfactory and have not met the needs of the members in every country.

Why can't this foundation do all that we want it to? It is because the foundation is not strong yet, it does not have the capacity to meet all your hopes and aspirations.

We invite all of you to help this foundation develop, because the strength and success of this



*Ibu Siti Rahayu Wiryohudoyo,  
former lifetime trustee*

foundation depends on your involvement to help protect and support it, so that the foundation will serve and assist the growth of Subud, and we can become one large family, and we can look after our needs out of our own resources and strength.

And the last thing I want to say is that, at my own request, I feel I have served long enough in working for the vision and mission of this foundation, and so I submit my resignation as a lifetime trustee. Why? Well, I feel that I'm getting older, and there is not much I can do to help with the foundation's activities, so I don't think I need to wait until I die to resign.

But, as a Subud member I will be ready and willing to assist the foundation whenever I am needed, as long as I have the capacity to do so.

Thank you for your attention in listening to these words.

# WSA INTERNET COORDINATOR REPORT TO THE 2010 WORLD CONGRESS

From Matthew Weiss, Ireland



I first would like to apologize for not being able to attend the World Congress and having to report in written form. I work for AOL and big changes are happening at the beginning of the year making it necessary that I am around.

In Innsbruck 2005, I took on the Role as WSA Internet Coordinator. There was a long list of initiatives that were passed on from the previous period and the workshops added a few more. Without going into too much detail, I would like to review the major milestones that were achieved and the status of those that still are not complete at the time of writing.

## The Past...

### 1. *Offending site SubudTruth*

There was an Offensive site which Subud had previously removed by going to court in the US and this was in our possession but pointing to Subud.org. This was unintentionally a mistake, since it was linked to by various sites of inappropriate content. I properly terminated this

domain so that it points nowhere.

### 2. *Google Listings of Subud attached to inappropriate listing*

DMOZ is run by AOL, I used the internal contacts to find the person responsible for DMOZ and had Subud removed from the listing. This eventually removed the inappropriate listing. (Oddly enough, four years later, my work now is being responsible for DMOZ.org).

### 3. *WSA copyright and Subud Symbol*

I took on the task of insuring that every domain and every site on the Internet carried the Registration mark on the Subud symbol and the phrase "Subud® and the seven circles symbol are registered marks of the World Subud Association". With the help of all the webmasters around the world, this was accomplished with 100% success.

### 4. *Subud.com*

This domain was in the hands of some notorious domain squatter in 2005. One of the major tasks was to get back this domain. We started a WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) process to get it back. Finally in April 2007, the domain Subud.com was surrendered to us.

### 5. *Subudlibrary.net* became a WSA site thanks to the hard work of Vernon Contessa.

### 6. *Subud.tv* is live with content with the hard work of Pierce Vaughn.

### 7. *SubudWorldCongress2010.com* went live and was a large undertaking by many people both to service the current world congress and as a template for the future congresses.

### 8. *Rationalisation of Domains*

We made a plan of how the domains would be used, which was accepted by the WSA and we tried to implement this.

- a. *Subud.com was to be used for the public site.* Complete. (It may be that more work should be done here, to make it more sensitive, more spiritual in places, and with a more "special" quality that illustrates what is possible with the Latihan).
  - b. *Subud.org was to be used as the Organizational site.* Complete. (There is still need to improve and add content which is an ongoing process).
  - c. *Subud.net* was to be re-directed to SubudLife with a special landing page and essential functionality of the current subud.net being moved – Incomplete. (This still needs definition and agreement with SubudLife.)
  - d. *Subud.Eu* points to Subud.com
  - e. *Subud.info* points to Subud.org
  - f. *Subud.biz* does not point anywhere. This registration is held by John Daly on behalf of WSA and we need to move these few domains to the same registrar to simplify renewals and hosting changes.
  - g. *Subud.tv* is registered by Stewart Horthy and should be moved to a WSA registration.
  - h. *ISCMedia.com* is still hosted and this content should be moved to Subud.org. There is very interesting and valuable information there and it should be archived and preserved. Information on the early successes on Subud Houses should be accessible to everyone.
9. *New Shorter Oxford Dictionary*  
One of the blocks to registering the word Subud as a trademark in the US was that the New Shorter Oxford listed Subud as a word. I contacted them and the latest edition now contains the notice that this is a propriety name. This now allows us to reapply for registration of the name in the US.
10. *Subud US Copyright Registration*  
The two objections to the registration were that the internet contained many un-attributed uses of the word Subud and the Shorter Oxford listed it as

a word. These are now answered and we have asked the lawyer to reapply on our behalf with this new information. We should have a response early in 2010 or before.

### The Future...

There are a few small details above that need completion. Nothing critical, but important. What I feel is not done is the SICA aspect of all that we do on the internet. When I started, I looked at subud-sica.com and had such a nice feeling about how we presented ourselves. A special quality, a special something, a scent of the orient, something that makes one want to investigate further. Something of this nature is what we need for our public image. We have done all the detailed work over these 4 years and created a space, but now is the time to put quality into what we have created. That is the challenge.

Finally I should really thank all the people that have helped over the last 4 years. There are so many that I will miss many individual webmasters that shared their ideas, their help, and their time. This rich tapestry of content is the currency of the internet and in our case, Gold, and represents the hard continuous work of many people. Rashid Butte, webmaster for Subud.com and technical support, Hassan Czwiertnia, webmaster for Subud World News and the new Subud.org, Stewart Horthy, webmaster for Subud World Congress and Subud Life, Vernon Contessa, webmaster for the Subud Library, Oliver Zielke, webmaster for Subud.net, Julia Hurd, Lester Sutherland, John Daly, Maya Bernardes, and Garrett Thomson are just a few of the people that need special mention for their help and support to get accomplished all of what we did. Thanks to all and let's continue with making things even better.

*There is also an online office or document site under development thanks to Roger van der Matten in the UK. It will improve continuity and provide a needed resource for those working on behalf of the WSA. It will contain all major WSA documents in one location.*

# WSA Update

Thank you to WSA News October/November 2009 for this information.

## The Latihan in New Countries

Since the Innsbruck Congress, members have been opened for the first time in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and Tanzania, and the latihan has been revived in Nigeria, Congo Brazzaville, and Trinidad. At the same time, some countries no longer have members that were original signers of the WSA constitution. The latihan and Subud continue to flourish in some areas, but face challenges in others.

## International Officer Nominations

We ask that countries please think about persons (in any country) that they would like to do the work of WSA chairperson and ISC Chairperson and who they believe would be good for this work. Please contact the person and nominate him or her.

To date, proposals for International Officers are Ruslan [Reynold] Feldman, for WSA Chair supported by Subud USA and Osanna Vaughn supported by Subud Australia. Subud Serbia proposes Garrett Thomson to re-present for WSA Executive and there is a proposal from Subud France that the current

international team of WSA Chairs and Executive team re-present.

## Helper Cards

A total of 266 helpers have received cards since the Innsbruck World Congress. Eighty-two are from Asia and Australasia, [Area 1], 78 from Europe and Africa, [Area 2], and 106 from the Americas, [Area 3]. While the majority of cards were issued to new helpers, some were also distributed to existing helpers who previously did not have one. A uniform world-wide policy for card distribution continues to be implemented by the international helpers.

## 2008 WSA Financial Audit

The 2008 WSA Audited accounts have been distributed to National Committees and are also available online.

## 2014 World Congress

Four countries are preparing proposals for the 2014 World Congress: Brazil at Aguas de Sao Pedro, Canada at Vancouver, Mexico at Puebla, and Norway 1.5 hours from Oslo on the coast. A decision will be made at the upcoming World Congress.



## WISMA SUBUD

### HERITAGE PROTECTION PLAN

Following a consensus among the stakeholders in Indonesia, an advisory committee has been established which is co-chaired by Mas Haryono Sumohadiwidjojo and WSA appointee, Josephine M. Bacikin Hadiwinoro. The aim is to develop a plan agreed on by all the stakeholders for the preservation of Wisma Subud or part of it, as well as the houses where Bapak was born and where he first received the latihan, first as a World Heritage Site, and if this is unsuccessful, to identify and pursue other avenues.

Wisma Subud was first established as an international Subud center in 1960. It is a mostly Subud-owned complex in Jakarta that includes a large latihan hall built for the 1972 World Congress, the Adi Puri cultural center, a guest house and restaurant, and several Subud related offices and private residences. There is an understanding that the site is threatened by outside development companies due to its increasingly desirable commercial location. The stakeholders would like the site to be developed and preserved in a cohesive manner and the houses protected.

## NOTICEBOARD

### SDIA Nominations

SDIA is seeking candidates with development experience who would like to stand for nomination as SDIA chairperson. Contact the main office at [info@susiladharm.org](mailto:info@susiladharm.org).

### New Email Address for Ibu Rahayu

With the passing of Ibu Rahayu's long-time secretary, Muti'ah Lestiono, she is now using a new email address: [ibu.letters@gmail.com](mailto:ibu.letters@gmail.com). Please use this address in the future.

### World Latihans

*Jan 2, 2010*

22:00 (New York)  
19:00 (Los Angeles)

*Jan 3, 2010*

03:00 (GMT)  
03:00 (London)  
04:00 (Paris)  
10:00 (Jakarta)  
14:00 (Sydney)  
16:00 (New Zealand) 6.2

Welcome...continued from page 5 installed, new grass seed has been laid and new plants added. We know there are still some finishing touches needed – and regular working bees are dealing with those.

Already our new hall has proudly hosted a Subud wedding (Matthew & Maya Weaver), a national committee meeting, as well as a visit from the international helpers.

Maynard Macdonald took over as group chairman in October after I stepped down having done my 4 year stint chairing the group.

We have changed the feeling of our wonderful Subud property to a place of light, warmth and with our generosity of spirit we are creating a space that both New Zealand and overseas members will appreciate and enjoy when you all come here in January, during our upcoming Subud World Congress. We in the Christchurch Subud Group welcome you, and we look forward to hosting you, wherever you will come from.

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