

Annual Report 2019, Zone 3

New country delegates most of whom started their term in the fall of 2018, got to know each other better through the monthly zoom calls and of course at our zonal meeting that took place in May, in Spain. Prior to the zonal meeting international wing chairs came together for a joint wings session, and Susila Dharma International had its annual meeting at the same location. The zonal meeting itself seemed effective, in spite of a modest attendance, and was concluded with a visit to the thriving Subud Centre at Orgiva.

There is a strong awareness among delegates and members in general, of the shrinking and ageing Subud community. However, this doesn't seem to affect the willingness to keep building on past efforts and take a constructive approach to the future. The concept of Centerprises and how we can best use our existing Subud houses, is an important topic for the national councils and many groups throughout the zone. Progress in this area requires time, but there is a growing awareness of the joint responsibility to make our properties sustainable and profitable. Subud Portugal for instance, is making efforts to re-activate their property at Bucelas and at the same time bring more energy into the house at Lisbon.

Annual congresses are very important, especially in countries with a small and scattered membership like Italy and Ireland, where visitors from abroad help to make these events celebrations of inspirational closeness. In Brussels, the first 'Belux' meeting took place and confirmed the potential of this small but very dedicated membership. The need to reach out to surrounding countries and integrate with our international Subud community, was clearly felt by all. In France they had "the best congress ever", with lots of music and cultural elements that lifted the spirits of young and old. Britain has a dedicated national team that meets every two weeks, dealing with all the many issues in one of the oldest and most active Subud countries in the world, with 13 properties and fully active wings.

Visits by the international helpers have been very much appreciated and almost all the groups in the Netherlands, Spain and Britain had the honour of a visit on location. Kejiwaan councillors sometimes visit neighbouring congresses, helping to build stronger relationships throughout the zone.

At the Zone 4 meeting in Kaliningrad, a proposal to organise a joint Zone 3 & 4 gathering for 2020 in Assisi, Italy, was accepted and preparations for this event started soon after.

At the WSC meeting in Jakarta, the European and African zones, together forming Area 2, expressed their willingness to support each other with more frequent communication, such as monthly latihan, and by inviting the African Zone representatives to our joint Zone 3 & 4 gathering in 2020.



Zone 3 delegates and guests at the Subud house in Orgiva, May 2019