

ZONE 3 MEETING
28th April - 4th May, 2014
Las Alpujarras, Granada, Spain



Zone 3 Counselors. Andrea Vivit, new Zone 3 Rep. the one with glasses between Paloma and Margo van Maris

The meeting took place in Orgiva, a beautiful place in the Alpujarra Valley, South of Granada, where God blessed us with excellent weather and a cheerful, fun and especially harmonious environment.

If originally we were going to be some fifty people, there were days we were over eighty. The latihan and testing were mainly organized at the Jaramuza latihan hall and in a huge marquee erected in the garden of the Haitzmann family.

Lunches were also prepared by the Haitzmans, helped by many Subud members of the Alpujarra group, and dinners were cooked by a great chef who left everybody amazed with the excellent quality of the food. The terrace of Carla Moreno's house became for the meeting days a great *****restaurant. So, surrounded by so many good things, the meeting was very light and with a profound Subud content.

There were four candidates for Zone Rep., all with wonderful qualities and great skills. Andrea Vivit, the current chair of Subud Italy, was unanimously appointed by testing as new Zone 3 representative.

Due to the fact that all the 7¹ countries had sent their reports prior to the meeting, we could start the first plenary talking about the proposals for World Congress. We became aware of the need for having all the official issues well prepared in advance in order to shorten the WC plenaries

¹Some members in Belgium are working at present to set up a National Committee in order to become an official Member Country at World Congress. A member from this group attended the Zonal meeting.

which is in line with the decision taken during the WSC meeting in Poio last year to reduce the WC business to 7 days.

The zonal members would like to see a different kind of Congress where the spiritual side and the relationships between Subud members should be the core of the Congress.

Zone 3 countries are preparing a common proposal where they will try to express the needs and wishes of their members to see the latihan "alive" in our lives and feeling its vibration; to find a clear vision for the future, at least for the next 4 years, based on the advice and guidance of Bapak and Ibu Rahayu. We also talked about the need for enterprises and to learn how to work together. During the meeting we had a space dedicated to Susila Dharma, SICA, enterprise and youth and it was decided to provide this space for the "Wings" as an integral part of our Zone for the future.

It was agreed to provide financial and moral support to Subud Voice to guarantee its continuity, also to set up the Zone 3 Archives following Solihin Garrard's (Subud Britain Archivist) proposal. These Archives will be located in UK.

I informed the meeting about the International Archives and mentioned that during the meeting held in Adi Puri (Wisma Subud) in November 2013, Ibu Rahayu told us about her proposal to WSC/WSA to set up a "Sekretariat" in Wisma Subud especially to keep safe both Bapak's and Ibu Rahayu's correspondence regarding all the questions and answers from/to the members asking for advice. It was especially mentioned the importance, for the non-English speaking membership, to have all Bapak's and Ibu Rahayu's DVD talks subtitled in different languages.

The Orgiva project has been ratified as a Zone 3 project due to the fact that it is clearly showing the efforts to become a European Subud centre, which eventually may become international.

Subud Britain made its presentation of the bid to host the World Congress in 2018, which was very much appreciated and applauded by the audience.

On Friday we were very lucky to listen to a very nice and special concert, offered by a group of musicians of different nationalities who are offering concerts of classical music in very amazing and unusual places in the middle of the countryside such as valleys, around lakes and mountains. It is always for free. On this occasion there were voluntary donations of which a percentage will go to Susila Dharma International and the other to the "Music in the Mountains."

Before closing the meeting, Hassan talked about his experience in Africa and told us that it is not only the financial support which is important but also to feel the nature of the African people to be able to be inwardly close to them.

Our last night ended with birthday greetings to several members and gratitude to the organizing team, finishing with the rhythm and dancing of Salsa music!

We give infinite thanks to God for the beautiful and intense days full of this special joy we feel when we are together sharing the latihan and our lives as human beings.

Paloma de la Vina, Zone 3 Rep
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