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Country Report For World Congress 2014

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Membership – Total:

TOTAL Membership 141 (including 19 brothers & sisters not registered in the organisation)

52 Men	41 active	+	11 inactive
89 Women	75 active	+	14 inactive
141 members	116 active 82%	+	25 inactive (18%)

Groups:

Group	Total	men	women	active	inactive
Bad Vöslau	44	18	26	15+26=41	3+0=3
Vienna	62	22	40	17+29=46	5+11=16
Lilienfeld	7	3	4	0+4=4	3+0=3
Innsbruck	3	0	3	0+3=3	0
Linz	5	2	3	2+3=5	0
St. Pölten	3	3	0	3+0=3	0
Isol. Members	17	4	13	4+10=14	0+3=3
TOTAL	141	52	89	41m + 75f =116	11m + 14 f = 25

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Spiritual / Kejiwaan / Helper Situation:

TOTAL Helpers 51

20 Men Helpers	14 active	+ 5 inactive	+ 1 Hon. Helper
31 Lady Helpers	14 active	+ 15 inactive	+ 2 Hon. Helpers
51 Helpers:	28 active	+ 20 inactive	+ 3 Hon. Helpers
3 Helper-Probationers: 2 Men + 1 Woman			

Situation in the groups:

The two larger groups Bad Vöslau and Vienna offer regular kejiwaan activities and also opportunities to hear Bapak's Talks. Quite often members meet also for social events in the Vienna group. As the group in Bad Vöslau has no room for socializing activities communication between the members is limited. From time to time one or the other of the larger groups do not have a local organisation. At the moment the Vienna group has no committee, therefore the Dewan of Local Helpers has to run the committee activities.

The following key aspects were mostly reflected from members to us during our activities:

- The Latihan and the development of a strong kejiwaan basis as the centre of Subud life
- The need of regular kejiwaan gatherings on the local, national and also international level

A quite often expressed demands are:

- Financially support for Int. Helpers travelling
- Publishing of Bapak's Talks and preserving Bapak's words in the Archives.
- Only a smaller part of members are interested or willing to support financially additional projects of the international Subud Organisation.

Members Concerns are: that on the international and partly also on the national level the aspects of organisation are put above the aspects of the kejiwaan. In the last decades it has become nearly a full time job when taking up a committee function in Subud even though the membership did not increase very much. In general we recognise a lack of willingness in membership to take over committee positions.

Helper Activities:

On each level men and women helpers and committee members meet on a regular basis and there is good team work between committee members and the helpers.

On the group level regular kejiwaan meetings for members and regular helper meetings took place. Since 2012 annual kejiwaan meetings for all members and meetings for all helpers were organised on the national level and also during the last Congresses. Austrian helpers could participate at the first "Zone4 Helpers Meeting" in Hungary, Oct. 12. Sharing and testing about our duties as Bapak's helpers brought us closer to the feeling of being one big family.

The national helpers participated repeatedly at the local helper-committee-latihans in the two main groups and at the regular Nat. Committee Meetings. Monthly the national lady helpers met for their helpers' latihan. In Vienna the lady helper's group is quite small; therefore the nat. lady helpers assist in local helper's duties when required. During our visits to the groups quite a great focus was on testing with the local helpers about their helper's duties.

Critical Subud issues are differing views on Bapak's guidelines concerning the structure of Subud and functions in Subud, even the helpers in Subud Austria value and appreciate Bapak's advices in general.



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Bapak's Talks:

There is a Library in Subud Vienna, possibility to lend and buy Subud literature in English and German, regularly used. The German translations of Bapak's and Ibu's Talks are available.

Organisation:

Subud Austria is formally registered as "Subud Österreich – Verein zur Entwicklung wahrer Menschlichkeit" in Austria and is a founding member of WSA.

The national committee consists of chair, vice chair, treasurer, secretary and councilor committee. They meet every 6 weeks at a local group. Once a year there is a national congress.

A "Mexican Evening" was organized to subsidize the delegates for the WC.

Finances: Income 2014:

Income from groups and isolated members	3.324,00 €
Zone4 - Exec-Contribution	1.392,00 €

As all our Subud premises are rented we have no possibility to create money out of it. The place in Vienna is let sometimes for seminars, but unfortunately not often enough to have a monthly income.

Zonal and International:

The exchange on the international level improved a lot, informations are more transparent through the use of websites of the international organisation like www.subud.org. On the Zonal level communication between the countries and the zone rep would be preferable.

We have hosted several international meetings including World Congress 2005.

Subud Austria sends delegates to national congresses, zonal meetings and world congresses.

Communication:

Subud Austria runs a website: www.subud.at, national and international news are sent regularly to members by email. There is a national newsletter. The national committee uses the email- and internet- domain subud.at.

Publications / Translations:

The national newsletter "Ö-News" is published by email every 2-3 months.

Susila Dharma:

Members do donate to various project or aid appeals.

Culture / SICA:

No representative at the time.

Youth / SYA:

The contact between young people is quite vivid, they meet sometimes after latihan. When international visitors come they are looking after them, there is a good networking worldwide. Family and Youth camp in the mountains organized for August 2014. Quite a number of members participate regularly in Subud events wherever they are. Young members from 2nd generation are partly involved in active Subud life, but also very much in their studies or developing their profession. No representative at the time.



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Enterprises / SES:

No SES representative at the time.

There are about 12 **small enterprises** run by our Subud members.

Several Subud Members are freelance therapists.

Archives:

National Archive - The Nat. Archive is hosted in the premises of the Vienna group and is looked after by Osanna Waclik. For more information please contact: Osanna – osanna.w@gmail.com.

Difficulties, Problems and Potential Solutions:

- Austrian members are quite vocal voicing their concern about procedures in the organization. Yet we feel that there is a willingness to overcome differences and work together.
- The lack of a Subud House makes it difficult to organize gatherings
- Communication between the groups is on a low base, the only possibility to meet with the members is the national congress which is mostly used for organizational issues.
- Not many members are ready to take over a Subud job especially on the organization side

Specific Issues Subud Austria wants to be put forward at the World Congress in Mexico.

- Starting the process of possible change of the country of registration of WSA

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