

REPORT FROM THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SUBUD HUNGARY

23-25 NOVEMBER 2007

Balazs, chair of Subud Hungary, fetched me at the airport and took me to Alex's cosy house in Budapest. The weather was sunny and a short walk to a typical fish restaurant showed me how wide is the breath of this wonderful town crossed by the largest Danube I have ever seen calmly flowing under the beautiful bridges on its way through the many towns of Europe.

We walked, sat at a table with Fanny, telling stories and could get a taste of our sense of humour and cultures.

That evening we were joined by Farah – who had come after a three-hour journey from Wien by train – at Silvia's for a general latihan and testing, in particular about the quality of the latihan, and how it would be for the development of Subud Hungary if they had their own premises. Silvia welcomed us in her beautiful house – and very polite cat – serving dinner for all of us.

One would never stop walking in Budapest and that's what we did enjoying the elegant wrought-iron gates, the antique shops and the 19th century palaces.

The following day the Congress was hosted in Alicia's villa on a hill about twenty-minutes' drive from the centre of the town. Everyone had prepared some food to be shared and there was a richness of flavours, delicacies and sweets of all kinds which really showed how close and how loving and caring our Subud brothers and sisters from Hungary are.

Around 30 members (ca. 20 ladies and 10 men) came, we started with latihan and had a testing session on the role and contribute which each of us could bring for a fruitful outcome of the congress, about our attitudes when guided by our inner and the meaning and content of the congress. Then we all sat to listen to the chair and treasurer reporting and planning for the future. At a time after a break we could go and do some tests about the functions and relations of the committee and helpers and how they can support one another. The ladies tested several questions on the theme of Subud premises, about priorities in life, love and joy. A new candidate helper for the ladies was tested which will help the situation. The national helper and the councillor kedjiwaan (ladies) stepped back because of private reasons, the nomination for the new national helpers male and female, will be postponed until mid next year.

The congress decided to rent a place to have latihan and also to start a fundraising to have their own premises: it was felt how good it would be both for the inner development and also on the material side as the premises could be rented to help paying back a loan. As the Latihan is done in private homes in the moment, the necessity was expressed to look for big enough rooms, where both women and men could meet at the same time. The importance of doing helpers and committee latihan / meeting on a regular base was discussed and stressed on.

A feeling of union and harmony was the result of the Congress and everyone was happy and trustful, through the Grace of Almighty God.

Sunday morning was devoted to personal testing for those who wanted to. We did testing on our surrender and body testing starting from our own ego when guided by our inner, an inner journey through the different parts of our body. Following the need of one brother we also tested the different forces within ourselves, how we feel when they are displaced and how when they are in their proper places. Then more private testing until it was time to leave.

We are very grateful to our brothers and sisters and pray God they may be blessed in their endeavours and their life. We also feel close to them and keep a happy and joyful memory of the time spent together.

Saroni and Farah