

Zone 4 gathering – Trakai – July 24th - 31st 2010

Report of International Helpers area 2

We arrived on Friday, one day earlier to discuss our agenda. Trakai is a small village amidst several lakes and our resort was a spacious hotel with a spa and conference areas. We started with morning latihans. Thanks to the great work of the organising team we had plenty of space available.

From the very beginning we found ourselves challenged by “the Youth” in a very positive way. Extra Latihan and testing was needed to check about the roles and similar issues. There were about 30 young people with many questions. We were happy to be able to find enough time and space to cope with most questions. Some questions were:

“What means responsibility in our everyday life?”

“How does our responsibility feel in my Subud job, such as ...”

“How does it feel if being in the right place during that meeting?”

These questions seemed also very appropriate for other functions in Subud as well. We tested them with zone4 rep Robiyan Easty as well as with Luke Pensoney.

The first “open circle” meeting started a bit bumpy, since there were many different expectations. Some wanted to start the kedjiwaan day right away with smaller groups and Latihan and Testing, others wanted to speak first and discuss the agenda. In the end we managed both, leaving the bigger group divided by 4. These groups discussed topics like “fear”, ... It was then decided to split up those groups again, so that men and women could start doing latihan and testing separately. This satisfied all.

We also felt it would be right to do “country testing” within our zone, since there were 15 countries represented by delegates and we had to get to know each other. So we did 4 countries each day after general latihan, starting with Ukraine and ending with Austria Thursday night.

Luke arrived during the meeting and gave some reports to the plenary and later to the council. After a bumpy start here as well, we did many tests especially with Luke and how to best support him. Testing included questions like:

“How does Luke fulfil his role as a WSA chair, and how should it be”

“What is the role of a WSA chair, and how God wants it to be for the time being?”

“How much time should Luke spend for his job as WSA chair?”

Some more personal questions were also tested to help Luke's understanding of the right way to approach his role.

Later, Luke was invited by the Youth and shared a whole afternoon with Latihan and testing about similar questions.

Amalija Thomson on her way to Great Malvern's WSA meeting came from Australia and gave an important presentation on her valuable work securing the archives for the future. In this work she is so near to the source of the truth that it is leading her very close to God.

One big issue for us all was the question of how to meet expectations from the members to us, being active in various functions. It always seemed to give us one answer: First stay within yourself and decide from this inner source, rather than quickly jump from one proposal to the other. This task was challenging insofar as zone4 seems to have so many different qualities and needs, having countries like Norway, Germany, Austria meeting Ukraine, Moldova and Latvia to name a few. Country testing showed the enormous variety in the feeling of each country.

The questions tested for each were:

What is it that (this country) needs from the Zone?

What is the quality that (this country) can bring to the Zone?

Everybody had the opportunity to share their receiving after Latihan in the daily Open Circle.

It was generally felt that this gave members a much deeper understanding of each other.

Personal testing needs were all met. It felt as if all were working together but taking responsibility in there roles.

It was very impressive that members from all previous Soviet states had huge commitment, understanding and energy. Still more so in that many had been opened only in the last 1 or 2 years. The Lithuanian group had strongly demonstrated their abilities in their faultless organisation of the practical matters of accommodation, travel, excursions etc.

It was a wonderful coming together and of course people were not wanting to depart from each other.

Moldova, a country of less than 10 active members offered to organise a zone 4 kedjiwaan day in October because they want the membership to become stronger in there country. This shows the courage and commitment there is for the development of Subud and was welcomed by all.

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