

World Subud Council Meeting Held at Malvern St James Girls School in Great Malvern, England August 3 to 7, 2010

First opportunity for the members of the World Subud Council (all of whom are new in their positions) to be together and to start to get know each other:

- Zone Reps (6 of the 8)
- Representatives from the Wings & Affiliates - SDIA, SICA, SYAI, SESI, SIHA & MSF.
- International Helpers (15 of the 18)
- WSA Chair

Plus:

- WSA Executive (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Admin Assistant, External Relations Officer).
- WSA Accountant
- Archives Coordinator
- Others - periodically during the meeting

Total of 30 - 35 at the meetings that generally went well - a learning process!

We began with a kejiwaan day of latihan and testing around our respective roles, our relationships to each other and how should we be during the meetings.

I received to:

- listen carefully and learn.
- listen to my inner and only speak when I have something to say.
- try to be be positive, constructive and open-minded at all times.
- represent the countries and members in Zone 7 to the best of my ability.
- have fun!

There was a very (too??) full agenda starting with latihan at 8.00 am each day and finishing at around 9.00 pm - for 5 consecutive days.

The WSC meetings took place during the Subud Britain Family Gathering & Congress. There were limited opportunities to join in with these festivities, including:

- Opening Ceremony with lit balloons lofting into the sky.
- Cream tea in the quad.
- Being with Subud Britain members for some latihan and meals.

Some of the Highlights, Achievements & Outcomes:

1. An opportunity for the new Zone Reps, International Helpers, Wing & Affiliate Representatives and WSA Executive (in groups and all together) to start to get to know each other, and determine how we can collaborate and work best together as a Council. I think this was one of the most important outcomes of the meeting,
2. The Zone Reps shared a little about what is happening in their respective Zones and some of the challenges we face.



*Some of the Zone Reps: Harvey Peters,
Dave Hitchcock, Robiyan Easty & Hadrian Fraval*

3. There was a lot to learn from interesting presentations/reports by the respective Wings & Affiliates. ("Re-emergence of SICA" under the leadership of Latifah Taormina)

4. The 8 Zone Reps and WSA Chair are Directors of the WSA. We learned about our legal responsibilities.
5. The WSA is an international organization and it was agreed that there is a need for better translation of written communications, simultaneous translation at future World Congresses etc. Zone Reps (Paloma de la Vina, Mauricio Castillo and Pavel Mudarra Michelena) to form a team to investigate the needs and how they can best be met. An initial seeding expense for translations will be included in the 2010 budget and reviewed for subsequent budgets.
6. More attention and funding is required to adequately preserve our WSA Archives.
 - (i) Zone Rep Dave Hitchcock to join the Archives Team to ensure improved liaison and communication between this function and the WSC.
 - (ii) \$55,000 allocated in 2010 Budget.
7. Osanna Vaughan (past WSA Chair) presented a report, on behalf of a working group, suggesting how we could encourage and foster community in our Subud houses/centres/groups. The group formed around a vision from the World Congress where many felt a wider capacity, deeper connection, and a sense of purpose as a world community, but found that when returning to local groups it is challenging to convey these feelings or aspirations. From this idea of exploring ways to empower Subud communities arose so that the reality experienced at congresses and gatherings might become part of our daily lives- stay tuned!
8. We watched a most interesting DVD (compiled by Mikhail David) chronicling Bapak's life. This will eventually be part of a DVD available for sale.
9. Additional Reports received with discussion, including:
 - (i) Care Support
 - (ii) "Lessons Learned" from the 2010 World Congress. (being compiled by Dave Hitchcock)
 - (iii) Organization Task Force resulting from World Congress resolution.
 - (iv) What is happening with Kalimantan Gold?
 - (v) External Relations and the WSA Forum
 - (vi) Wisma Subud Heritage Protection Plan
10. Zone Reps to action the resolution from 2010 World Congress to develop appropriate resources that will assist members at all levels to help explain Subud to various audiences with various purposes.
11. 2010 WSA Budget approved.
 - \$125,000 surplus (unaudited) from New Zealand World Congress.
 - Commitment to retain \$150,000 as an ongoing Congress reserve for early payments/deposits.
 - "Full Stretch" (seeding) Budget approved - close to \$1/2 M.
 Some major components:

(i) I.H. Travel -	\$80,000
(ii) Archives -	\$55,000
(iii) Remunerations/Honorariums	\$75,000
(iv) Grants to Zones	\$25,000
(v) Translation of Talks	\$30,000
(v) Care Support Team	\$20,000

 - Need to encourage the member countries to provide their contributions to the WSA throughout the year. (monthly or quarterly)
 - Break out-group brainstormed fundraising ideas. Fundraising team created. Commitment to support international fundraising for the WSA Archives and other specified needs.
12. Agreed, following presentations and testing, that the 2011 WSC Meeting would take place at Rungan Sari in Kalimantan - likely at the end of June.

These are some of my impressions and highlights from the meeting. Please refer to the official minutes for what actually happened!!

Dave Hitchcock
Zone 7 Rep