



Zone 9 Subud Congress Report

19th to 24th of November 2010
Florianópolis - Brazil

Thanks to God Almighty there were 49 persons from ten different nationalities attending the Zone9 Subud Congress held in the island of Florianopolis, Brazil. The Congress venue was the Hotel Sao Sebastiao located in a touristic beach area of the island. Many of the Subud members attending the congress arrived few days earlier to enjoy the city, the beach and the sun.

The Congress' attendance per country was as follow:

Brazil	12
Argentina	9
Chile	15
Peru	1
Colombia	4
Canada	4
United States	1
Venezuela	1
Spain	1
Austria	1

Total participants 49

Delegates who were present:

Subud Argentina:

Macario Conti	National Chairman
Adela Conti	Women Kejiwaan Councilor
Efrain Gemesio	Men Kejiwaan Councilor

Subud Chile:

Fauzan Valenzuela	Representative of the National Chairman, Renato Sotelo, who could not attend this congress.
Susilowati Davanzo	Women Kejiwaan Councilor
Marius Troncoso	Men Kejiwaan Councilor

Subud Peru:

Eduardo Mazzini	Men Kejiwaan Councilor
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Subud Brazil:

Eleazar Luft	National Chairman
Mariana Coragem	Women Kejiwaan Councilor
Sebastian Coragem	Men Kejiwaan Councilor
Mauricio Castillo	Zona 9 Representative

During the Congress we had with us the six international helpers of the area 3 who could meet all together, for the first time since they were nominated in January 2010 in Christchurch, New Zealand. The presence of the international helpers was felt strongly and it was a great support for the Congress and for all the members in this meeting. We also had the opportunity and privilege to welcome Luke Penseny from Canada, Chairman of World Subud Association (WSA); Paloma de la Viña from Spain, as well as Pável Mudarra from Venezuela, the Zone 3 and Zone 8 representatives respectively. Thus there were in total ten members of the World Subud Council present in the Congress which contributed to the strengthening of the links among Subud Zone 9 members and the international organization.

The congress agenda started the 19th of November with the first official Latihan at 7 pm. The next days were filled with several activities presided by Latihan in the morning at 9 am. The 24th of November was the last and therefore the farewell day where many of us manifested the wish to meet again soon, Gods' Will, in a next Subud Congress. The program was diverse of activities which included Kejiwaan sessions, administrative meetings, cultural evenings, presentations by member working for the international Subud organization, as well as relaxation and entertainment. The original agenda prepared before the congress help mainly as a reference point, because the program was daily adapted according to the needs of the members and the dynamic of the Congress itself.

DAY 1: Kejiwaan day and Bapak's Talk Video

After the general Latihan in the morning all the participants met for the Congress opening which started with the reading of Ibu Rahayu's words especially sent for this event. These words were read in Portuguese, Spanish and English. Afterwards all the members introduced themselves; therefore each of the attendants could hear their voices, know where everybody is coming from, and know their role within the Subud organization. As representatives of the host country, the national chairman of Subud Brazil, Eleazar Luft, together with her wife and national committee secretary, Ignez Luft, gave us a warm and kind welcoming and a beautiful souvenir for everyone. After the opening, the first day was fully dedicated to Kejiwaan activities, with Latihan and testing organized by Kejiwaan Councilors with the support of the international helpers.

Bapak's talk video

In the evening of the first day we could see for the time a video of Bapak with Spanish subtitles thanks to the work of Elisa Sanchez Caballero, the international coordinator for Spanish translations of Bapak and Ibu Rahayu's talks. The video lasted about 70 minutes and at the end everyone felt satisfied and grateful with this experience.

DAY 2: Presentation of the Zone9 Countries.

The activities during the second day were focused on the presentation of Zone9 countries. Argentina and Chile made their presentation in the morning and in the afternoon we continued with Peru and Brazil. Each presentation had its own means:

Subud Argentina: The three delegates of Subud Argentina were present. The national chairman Macario Conti, made his presentation showing pictures of old members, remembering the history of the group and the visits of Bapak to Argentina. He also showed pictures of their own houses in Mina Clavero and in Buenos Aires where there are official Subud groups. He also referred to the isolated Subud members in the cities of Rosario and Montecristo and to the members that practice the Latihan but who are still not considered within the official Subud structure in Argentina.

During the presentation, some of the brothers and sisters manifested their concern and awareness for the situation that Subud Argentina is currently facing. This is regarding the fact that the group in the locality of Nono do not belong to the formal Subud organization. Many members manifested their good feelings and wishes, expecting that this situation can be solved and they expressed respect for the process that Subud Argentina have been passed by in the last few years.

Subud Chile : The presentation of Subud Chile was made by Fauzan Valenzuela in representation of Renato Sotelo, the national chairman of Chile who could not attend the Congress. During the presentation was explained the organization orientation undertaken in the last years by the national committee, emphasizing the legal aspect of how to manage the groups and referring that sometimes trying to save money through skipping legal issues (ex: avoid paying some taxes) could bring a harmful effect for the groups. The Kejiwaan councilors made their presentation explaining the situation in the groups and Marius Troncoso (KC) mentioned the letter signed by the helpers in Chile reaffirming their commitment to follow Bapak's guidance for helpers. On the other hand, Susilowati Davanzo (KC), referred to the cultural activities organized by Subud Chile that have motivated young people to join Subud and that nowadays some of them are active Subud members.

Subud Peru: The only member and delegate was Eduardo Mazzini who amused us in his presentation with stories to explain how, despite the absence of members attending the group house, the Latihan is actually alive. Nevertheless, with few active members, Subud Peru has a big house to welcome new people and expand the membership. He also manifested that although their group is small they are always willing to do big things. Thus he finally manifested the intention of Subud Peru to put a proposal to host the next Pan-American Subud Congress of 2012.

Subud Brazil: The national chairman Eleazar Luft explained the reality of Subud Brazil, where the members are geographically disaggregated which makes difficult the visit of the helpers to the local groups and give support to the members. Eleazar presented in charts how the members in Brazil are active and how they want to participate in the Subud organization. In other words, he made a distinction among those who want to officially participate in the Subud organization and activities and those who want only to attend the Latihan.

DAY 3: Presentations of the International Subud Committee and Cultural Evening

This day was dedicated to three international presentations:

Report of Bapak and Ibu Rahayu's talks translation into spanish

Elisa Sanchez Caballero presented the situation concerning the translation of Bapak and Ibu Rahayu's talks into Spanish. She explained that many of them are already translated, although they are not printed. They are available at www.subudlibrary.com. She also presented the initiative to print several volumes of these talks and make them available in 2014 during the next Subud World Congress in Mexico. In the other hand, they started to write Spanish subtitles for talk's videos, one of them shown during this congress.

There was an agreement to compile inventories of talks in each of the Spanish speaking countries. Nurlaila Arratia was appointed to do this work in coordination with Elisa. More information can be found in the doc. "Informe 2010 de Traducciones y Publicaciones en Español".

Presentation of the WSA chairman

During his presentation, Luke Penseny, WSA chairman, explained the structure of the international Subud organization, making emphasis that the purpose of all the work done by the organization is the Latihan. He made a valuable presentation as many members could understand better how the international organization works for the benefit of the members and the expansion of the Latihan worldwide.

Presentation of SICA

Elfrida Schragen and Susilowati Davanzo made a presentation of SICA which was the Subud wing with most presence during the Congress. Elfrida, SICA representative for Canada, presented how Subud members make activities within SICA aim and Susilowati showed a video of a joint project of SICA and Susila Dharma in Santiago, Chile in a school for children with misbehavior. During the Congress, SICA was also present through the exhibition of paints by the artists Elfrida Schragen, Susilowati Davanzo and Helena Inglis in one of the venue's hall.

Cultural evening

This day ended with a beautiful cultural evening organized by Elfrida, Susilowati and Eduardo Mazzini as emcee. We had singings, typical dances from Chile and Colombia, jokes, poems and a short workshop of folklore music. There was also a sketch alluding the Ramadhan of Subud members which produced roar with laughter. The cultural evening finished with the reciting of some Susila Budhi Dharma verses by our brother and international helper Manuel Urrejola.

DAY 4: Election of the place for the next Zone 9 Subud Congress in 2011- Report by the Zone 9 representative- Closing- Walk through the city – Closing party.

Zone 9 Subud Congress 2011

In the morning, it was decided through testing, made by the Kejiwaan councilors that the next Zone 9 Subud Congress will be in Argentina. The result of the testing was unanimous and all the delegates as well as all the members present supported the testing result.

Report of the Zone 9 representative

Mauricio Castillo, the Zone 9 representative, made his report explaining his experience and direction of his work towards the integration and communication among the Subud members of the zone. The representative has a list of e-mails with almost all the members; which has facilitated the divulgation of world Subud news. He also explained the aim of the survey done with the members of Zone 9 in order to get the general feeling and opinion of members that attended the World Subud Congress in New Zealand. The aim of that activity was to gather information and get insights that help to make improvements for the next Subud World Congress.

It was also explained that there are several topics in the World Subud Association where the opinion of the country members is important. Therefore, it was agreed that the Zone representative will send to national chairman of each country the details of these topics so that they can be discussed within each group.

It was also explained that in 2012 there is the intention to make a Pan-American Congress inviting the WSC to meet there. The selection procedure for the host country will start in January 2011. An invitation to postulate will be sent to all members of WSA of the Americas with all the technical requirements. The deadline for application will be June 2011 and the final decision would be

supported by testing of the international helpers during the next WSC meeting in Rungan Sari in June 2011. All the delegates in the Congress supported and approved this procedure.

Closing

The official closing of the Congress followed up the report of the Zone 9 representative. During the closing we gave the opportunity for each member to express their feelings or whatever they want to say on that moment. Eleazar Luft, as representative of the host country, said the farewell words and he gave to everyone another gift.

Walk to downtown in Florianopolis

A walk to downtown in Florianopolis was organized to complement the relaxation and entertainment outside the Congress' venue. We went all first to have lunch in a restaurant and afterwards we visit different touristic points and the commercial area where many of us could enjoy the city, do shopping and buy souvenirs.

Closing party

In the night of the last day there was a colorful party with dancing music. During the sightseeing in the city many of us bought gifts to play during the party a popular brazilian game called "troca troca". Everybody enjoyed this game which was a complement to the dancing in the party.

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• Money contribution of the Zone 9 countries to WSA-2010

The money contribution of the Zone 9 to the WSA in 2010 was US\$ 1.763,00. This money was already sent to the Executive Committee of the WSA (ex ISC). The transfer cost was US\$36, which were deducted from the Zone 9 budget.

The detail of the amounts is as follow:

Subud Chile	
Received from Fauzan Valenzuela	US\$ 1.020,00
Received from Nabilah Castillo	US\$ 100,00

Total contribution of Subud Chile	US\$ 1.120,00
Subud Peru : Received from Eduardo Mazzini	US\$ 40,00
Subud Argentina : Received from Macario Conti	US\$ 103,00
Subud Brazil : Received from Eleazar Luft	US\$ 500,00

Total contribution of Zone9 to the WSA in 2010	US\$ 1,763.00
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• **Finances of Zone 9- the period from January to December 2010**

Last January, during the World Subud Congress in New Zealand, we received US\$ 245 from the previous Zone 9 representative. The amount in December 2010 is US\$352.

Balance January 2010	US\$	245,00
 INCOME 2010		
Contribution Subud Chile	US\$	124,00
Contribution Subud Peru	US\$	40,00
Contribution Subud Brazil	US\$	219,00
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Total incomes	US\$	383,00
 EXPENSES 2010		
Support to the delegate of Subud Peru	US\$	-240,00
Transaction cost from Zone 9 to WSA Bank account	US\$	-36,00
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Total expenses	US\$	-276,00

Positive balance Zona9 –Dicembre 2010	US\$	352,00
<small>(Balance January 2010 + Income – Expenses)</small>		

• **Finances concerning the organization of the Zona9 Subud Congress.**

Income from registration	US\$	1.021,00
Expenses(*)	US\$	-502,00

Positive balance in favor of the organizing country	US\$	519,00
<small>(Subud Brazil)</small>		

(*) Banner, credentials, subsidize for transportation to downtown of Florianopolis, musical show from Brazil, office stuff, etc.

The positive balance was for Subud Brazil who decided to give this amount as contribution to the Zona9 (US\$ 219) and to the WSA (US\$200).

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Mauricio Castillo
Zone 9 Representative

December, 2010