



Subud Zone9 Congress Report

November 1st to 4th - 2012
Cascada de las Animas Resort (Animas Waterfall Resort)
Maipo Valley - Chile

The Zone 9 congress for year 2012 had the participation of 115 brothers and sisters from 7 different countries; Chile (93), Argentina (12), Brazil (1), Spain (4), Canada (2), United States (1) and Colombia (2).

Council members of Zone 9 that were present were the following 6:

Macario Conti:	National Chair - Subud Argentina
Adela Conti:	Kejiwaan Counselor - Subud Argentina
Susilowati Urrejola :	Kejiwaan Counselor - Subud Chile
Marius Troncoso:	Kejiwaan Counselor - Subud Chile
Renato Sotelo :	National Chair - Subud Chile
Mauricio Castillo:	Zone9 Representative 9

The official delegation of Subud Brazil wasn't present but it was represented by Elias Dumit, and Subud Peru asked to be excused because no one of their members could assist to this congress.

There were 4 International Helpers; Manuel Urrejola(Chile), Reynaldo Mosquera(Colombia), Grace Hodgson(Canada) and Elaina Dodson(USA), to whom we thank for the effort made to be with us, specially to Elaina and Grace who despite the problems they had with flights, because of hurricane Sandy, which affected the New York region, never doubted in travelling.

In the 4 days of congress, we had *Latihan* and *Kejiwaan* sessions, formal and informal meetings and sharing in a natural environment surrounded by mountains. The chosen place, gave the opportunity to have various activities like hiking, soccer, outdoor meetings, parties, a cultural evening, zip lining, etc.

People of all ages came and the presence of youth and children was important, making a total of 45 of the 115 people that went to the congress.

Mornings were destined to *Latihan* and *Kejiwaan* sessions, but we felt this wasn't enough, so there were spaces opened in the afternoon for more *Kejiwaan* sessions, especially for women.

Our formal meetings, although having a pre-established format, were flexible to the change and adaptation that members wanted to make.

The 3 formal meetings held were the following:

1. Presentation of the countries:

In this meeting every country of the zone had their own space to present openly the themes they were interested in and it was the space where Chile, Argentina and Brazil spoke about the situation they are living in their groups.

Chile continues to be the most active group, highlighting the participation of many young members in the different Subud positions, including the National Committee, Local Committee, Wings and Helpers. Wings are currently active especially Susila Dharma, SICA and Youth.

The delegation of Subud Argentina told us that in the province of Cordoba, there are now two groups, one in Mina and another in the locality of Nono, 10 Km far from Mina Clavero, that was recognized and added this year officially by Subud Argentina National Committee and Dewan.

The group of Subud Brazil was represented by Elias Dumit due to the absence of the national chair and the kejiwaan chancellors' that couldn't assist and excused themselves for personal reasons. Subud Brazil continues in its faze of regularizing its legalization and in general bettering the way the organization works both in the national and at local level.

Subud Peru couldn't be present but offered to be the candidate to organize the next zone9 meeting in 2013, process that will be pending, and we hope will conclude in the next weeks.

2. Workshops:

We conducted a workshop session where several topics were proposed and eventually we formed two groups, one to discuss SICA and the other to discuss Enterprise Workshops.

In the group that talked about SICA, there was an interchange of experiences, poems were read and the participants felt very satisfied, expressing that they had been able to talk about what SICA really meant, and also to have better comprehension and clarity.

The Enterprise workshop was oriented to talk about the concrete projects beyond the discussion of what is and what isn't an Enterprise. Some of the ideas presented where:

- Create a retirement Subud home in Chile with the possibility that it can be open to brothers and sisters of other parts of the world and also to non Subud members.
- To take advantage of Subud member network of the world as a competitive advantage and explore the possibility to make new businesses.
- Take advantage of the ties in Zone9 to make business between Subud members.

3. International Presentation:

The international exposition was very enriching due to the presence of many members of the World Subud Council. The presentation was made by Elias Dumit as Deputy Chair of the WSA and Paloma de la Viña as Zone3 Representative, with whom we coordinated to talk about the spirit and how WSC is working in this time. The presence of 4 International Helpers, helped this session that was supposed to talk about several themes, but at the end there was only time to discuss the proposed definition of consensus, developed in the last World Subud Council in Vancouver 2012.

The proposal was discussed openly during approximately 1 hour with approximately 60 members present, later in the afternoon there was a smaller group. The theme of the consensus generated a lot of interest and discussion. There was not a concrete conclusion, but some important issues were the following:

- The proposal made by the WSC was not considered an adequate definition of consensus, because it spoke mostly of majority.
- Many aspects should be considered, due to the fact that every country and culture has their own interpretation of consensus.

- There can be decisions that require consensus and others simply majority.
- The making of decisions process should be very inclusive and every possibility should be used to reach harmonious agreements where everybody feel satisfied.

Aside from the meetings, *Latihan* and *Kejiwaan* sessions, we had various activities like watching a Ibu Rahayu talk video translated into Spanish, activity that we have made part of the last Zone9 Gatherings; we also made 1 hour hikes around a forest that led us to the Animas waterfall and we played soccer everyday. The second night we had a cultural evening, and the third and last night, we had a Latin party.

In the cultural evening there were several presentations such as: singing, poetry, folk music, dances. The room was decorated beautifully for the occasion and almost all members were present. The room was full, so some people had to stay standing!

For the Latin party, the organizing group also decorated the room elegantly and varied music was played for all tastes.

The general feeling of this Zone Congress was that it brought many benefits, for the ones who assisted to a congress for the first time and also for those who have already participated in many congresses before.

The program of the congress worked only as the reference because many changes were made specially in the allocation of more space for *Latihan* and *Kejiwaan* sessions which were always the most important activity for the members.

Finally, I would like to thank the compromise of all of those who worked in the organization of the congress because with their effort, they helped create the good climate and environment for a real Subud encounter, these thanks go especially to:

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A big hug to you all!

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Representative of Zone9

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