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Dear Siblings,

During all the work we have been doing together in preparation for our World Congress most of our ideas, feelings and inspiration have been converging towards a simple, but beautiful word: unity.

There are multiple aspects we can explore around unity in our Subud experience....

We start with our own selves, in our aspiration to become whole and complete human beings, in which all parts are connected in harmony representing our individual unity.

On another angle, we find all aspects of Subud life: the latihan in the centre, our activities expressing our values in the world, our organization that serves as a vessel for Subud to grow and develop... all this framework represents unity of Subud.

Unity also means that there is one Subud, the same which was received and spread through Bapak's work and the very same which is practiced in every corner of the world.

Unity also means that there is One God and One Humankind.

So that is the inspiration that all of us share when we work to prepare the next Subud World Congress in Freiburg 2018. As far as possible we hope that the content of the Congress will reflect all aspects of unity.

Elias Dumit

15th Subud World Congress in Freiburg

You may come for the latihan... to re-connect with friends... to develop your project... to represent your group, your Zone, your Country... to stand for office... to support your Congress proposal... to support the development of Subud. And when you come, you bring your gifts with you – your experience, skills, understanding, talents, hopes, and ideas.

We are developing plans and processes that will draw on these gifts that you bring to define the future we strive for and the means to reach it. When you make the decision to come to Congress, your contribution has begun.

Unity of Subud - Unity of Work - Unity of Purpose

Unity of Subud: The theme for the Freiburg Congress will be "Unity". This symbolizes the integration and working together of all aspects of Subud – Members, Wings, Youth, Helpers, WSA, Zones and Countries to support the process of taking the latihan into the world. This will be done at Congress through "Unity of Work" and "Unity of Purpose".

Unity of Work: Previous congresses have often been spread over a wide area. Sometimes there has been a long walk to reach a Wing centre or the Children's area. There have been many 'breakout' rooms, sometimes as many as 40. The delegates have been locked away in one room, international helpers in another, and the members rarely see them. At Freiburg, the major Congress action will be

unified in one huge space, with the presence and involvement of members, delegates, all the Wings, helpers, zones, countries and groups. Every element and aspect of Subud will be involved in our unity of work.

Unity of Purpose: It was resolved at the Mexico Congress that: “Our International Subud Organization and especially the helpers pay more attention to the outer development of Subud in line with Bapak’s constant encouragement to make the latihan visible in the world through working together on projects and enterprises”. (Subud Italy on behalf of Zone 3). This is the mandate that calls us to a unity of purpose. The Freiburg Congress will focus on the development of projects that express the latihan in the world.

Three promises

The Congress team invites you to join us in the three promises we make: To do the latihan – to put the latihan into action in the world – through a unity of Subud, of work and of purpose, integrating the individual talents and competences which are represented in the world- wide Subud family.

World Congress Assistance Fund

Although it is hoped that each Zone can sponsor their own delegates who need assistance to be able to attend the congress, this is not always possible - especially in areas of economic challenges both for the zones and members. The WSA feels its responsibility to be of assistance to meet these challenges. Therefore, an Assistance Fund is being created to help defray the costs for those who are economically challenged to come to congress.

We are establishing a General Fund to which individuals can contribute. The funds, although administered by the WSA, would be allocated to three different categories of needs: Delegates, General Membership and Youth Travel Fund. These funds would be managed by the WSA but the distribution would be supported by the Zone Representatives for the delegates and general membership, and by the Youth Representatives and Coordinator for youth travel.

We are hoping that by having the contributions go into one fund with the possibility of earmarking donations, we can build up a fund that can cover the overall needs of our brothers and sisters who wish to attend the congress. If the funds in one category surpass the needs of that category - for example, if donations to delegates are in excess of what is needed - then the surplus would be re-allocated to other categories of assistance.

To simplify the registration procedure, there will be no discounts built into the actual registration system. Therefore, the Assistance Fund may also cover registration fees if needed.

As transparency is most important, a monthly update on the fund will be communicated to all members. Funds have already come in for youth travel to World Congress and some assistance funds have also been donated.

We thank everyone for their support.

Questions from the Treasurer to all Subud members, groups and countries What are your wishes towards WSA and how can you contribute?

Dear brothers and sisters,

actually, we are working on the budget draft for 2018. Zone reps received a very first draft and are in exchange with the member countries.

The World Subud Association is serving the member countries and fulfilling needs, which can't be reached on local, regional or even national level. The picture of the tree shows our vision of all needs taken care of.

The WSA supports to

deepening the latihan through international helpers' travel,

preserving Bapak's and Ibu's talks through transcribing, translating and publishing,

working together as one body – guided through the latihan at zonal and international meetings (including all wings and Youth),

making the latihan visible in the world through increasing human activities.

By the end of September, the income was USD 100,000 behind the expenses - this without having overspent any of the budgeted lines (details and report will follow soon, still working on the figures).

The issue is on the income side.

With the help of all individuals, groups and countries we hope to cover this and to collect funds for World Congress as well to enable delegates from all countries to attend and support Youth and also individual members. Several activities have been started and a crowdfunding initiative will accompany individual conversation with possible donors.

During the last years, we spent about USD 500,000 per year (which is a minimum budget).

On the income side we received a third (about 170,000) from member countries and zones.

We are depending on grants of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation and a few of Guerrand Hermes Foundation which covered up to 100,000 per year (maximum 20 percent). Without one generous entrepreneur who contributed USD 100,000 p.a. (20 percent) several times already, we would had to stop a lot of activities. Now the donor offered to continue his contribution as a matching fund. For the missing income of up to 30 percent, WSA needs to do extra fundraising every year, which ties a lot of resources.

As the contributions from countries have been decreasing during the last years, in a first draft all expenses were decreased as well. This embraced the budget lines for international helper travel as well as publishing Bapak's talks. Recently, individual members expressed they wish more international helpers travel, others feel the need for a long-term stability for the WSA archives to safeguard Bapak's legacy.

What is important for you to make the future of Subud to happen? What are your wishes for the World Subud Association? How are you willing to contribute?

Looking forward to your feedback: funding.the.future@subud.org

With love and respect,
Hilaria

WHAT are some countries doing to insure that their members can go to Congress:

SPAIN

Interview with Paloma de la Viña
Spain United for Unity at Congress

Two questions were asked of Paloma:

Q1. How did it come about that all members of Subud Spain have intention of going to Congress in Freiburg?

It all started during the last National Congress when I explained many things about the world Congress in Freiburg. I talked about how easy it would be for the members in Spain to go to congress. Getting there could be very cheap; they could rent a car, or maybe rent a bus or take cheap flights which are about 120 euros round trip from Spain. It felt very clear that it would be important for all the members of Subud Spain to go to Congress and if there were members who were economically challenged and could not go then we would do something to help them.

All the members made an intention at that time to go to Congress. So, Carla Bock Moreno and myself asked that each group have its own coordinator so that we would not have to communicate with members individually but to coordinators who would work with member. This was set up f--or Madrid, Barcelona and Alicante. Carla lives in Alpujarra so she will coordinate with them.

We then heard suddenly that the accommodations would be difficult to save as this was a tourist town and congress would take place during high tourist season. So we immediately booked a hotel. We now have 104 members who have booked and Subud Spain expects all 125 of its members to be present at Congress.

Probably during the next National Congress to be held in December we will talk about how to help support those who need assistance – how to create a fund that will help. One idea is for members in each group to provide and sell refreshments usually eaten at outside cafes and to put this money aside as part of the assistance fund. Each small amount will add up to help with registration fees, or hotel accommodations etc.

When Hilaria asked that there be some donations to WSA for congress, we felt that creating an assistance fund for Subud Spain is the way to help WSA.

We are actively looking at ideas to generate funds so that each one can get there!

Q2. When t---thinking about the congress; what do you feel is most important for members to think about and know?

One of the most important things is to create the space for the content of congress inside of each of us. If we do not actively create this space then you go to congress for WHAT? The space is essential to produce a congress of UNITY, HARMONY that is ONE BODY in Subud. We must first find harmony

in us before we can ask that the congress be harmonious. How can you ask for harmony if you do not feel it first in you? It is important to start now to open our inner space for the content to become aware that we are there to do Latihan with all brothers and sisters in the world and to feel the reality of Susila Budhi Dharma. It is a SUBUD congress not a gathering for doctors, healers, actors, educators but for us to work for a United Subud. Yes, we are doctors, healers, actors, educators but first we are Subud members at Congress.

We must remember that Bapak intended the congresses to be places where the business of Subud is reviewed every four years. It is the place where all country members meet to know what we are doing in Subud and where the plans for the future of Subud can be initiated – this is the work of the delegates and so all members in the zones should feel part of the working force to help delegates produce the desired path for the following four years. Preparing and working with the delegates is an important part of the preparation for congress.

It is the hope that everyday there is space created so that as the delegates finish the business of the day, there be a time where the country members can meet and review what has happened with their delegates. It is important for members to know we are one and for them to feel they are part of the congress work

INDONESIA

Report from Robiyanto Sumohadiwidjojo, SYAI representative

Because Indonesia has many people who want to come to congress and many who because of the horrendous exchange rate with Euro have a hard time paying for all the expenses, they have started a savings program.

How this works is that people put in at least 1,000.000 rupiah a month in a savings and then at the end this will be enough to pay for their flights or reservations and hotel if they have inexpensive accommodations. There are currently 150 people in this savings program which means that there are at least 150 people with the intention of going to congress.

The main difficulty for Indonesian members will be the visa process. If people have already had visas then there is no problem it will be for those who have never applied for or received a visa to go to Europe or anywhere else then there are problems for government to grant visas as there is always a concern that people would not go back home.

If people who are part of the savings plan do not receive visas then the money will go back to them. The Indonesian National Subud Committee is also working on ways to help their Indonesian members get to congress

FROM ANOTHER PART OF THE WORLD

One country is going to canvas their membership and find out how many people want to go regardless of their economic status. Then they will develop a group budget and have everyone contribute to this budget anonymously and try to have a substantial amount that would fill the needs of all. This is a way for the country to have the more economically able help the less economically able. As Bapak once said if you are not wealthy be with wealthy brothers and then this will help you same if you are not clever be with more clever brothers and sisters and this will help you.

Another type of scheme is to make a budget of all those wanting to go in a center/ country and then pass around a large bag and have people drop their money in either coins, small bills or rolls of hundredths no one needs to know what anyone has dropped into the bag... just drop it in and then count up. If not enough pass the bag around again and then see what is there. This is a way of sharing.

If anyone wanting to go to congress has the chance to go we will have more harmony and joy in the event and members will not feel like congresses are only for the rich.

WSA Executive news

IT COORDINATOR

We are happy to announce that Sebastian Medina is appointed as the new WSA IT coordinator

Dear brothers and sisters,

Since my 13th birthday, when my dear father gave me a computer, I have not stopped using this tool in the service of others.

I have worked on many different projects, in the field of network and Internet security, as a volunteer for non-profit organizations or employed by SFR (French Radio and Communication Company) and also working for the government.

I have very recently become self-employed, which will allow me to dedicate myself more freely to Subud projects.

Having spent these past 4 years observing the state and needs of our brotherhood regarding IT, I am very happy to take on this function as IT coordinator for WSA.

Actually, things started moving since my attendance at Basara 2017 in Kalimantan .

There, a few of us were having similar ideas with complementary skills, and responding to SESI's invitation for youth enterprise and projects, we presented an IT project that could meet our Subud organization's needs : 'Subud', which aims to put together IT skills of Subud member at the service of IT needs of Subud.

Since our ideas and purpose happened to coincide with WSA's, we have naturally decided to join forces.

I would like to thank Rashid Butt for his support and for all the work done so far, as well as Ismanah, Anwar and Rainer for their trust and warm welcome into WSA. Also, I thank Harris Madden, Hadrian Fraval and Robiyanto Sumohadiwidjojo for their work and support in the 'iSubud' project.

See you all very soon

Sebastián MEDINA

SYAI Team coordinator & SYAI World Congress liaison

The first bit of Breaking News to come out of the current World Subud Council (WSC) Meeting in Freiburg, was the announcement of the International Coordinator for Subud Youth Activities International to take over from George Demers, who passed away in January, 2017. The job has gone to Ethan Harris, who is American but lives in Argentina, and who speaks both English and Spanish fluently. Ethan was involved in working with youth in both Innsbruck and Christchurch, making him known to many young members around the world.

The second candidate for the position was Peter Jenkins, widely known for his work with the YES Quest in a variety of formats, as stand-alone events, and incorporated into World Congresses. As the receiving for both candidates had many positive aspects, the youth decided to ask Peter to be their liaison specifically for World Congress. As Peter is involved in both working with the World Congress Organizational Team (WCOT) and discussions with the Wings, he is in a perfect position to take on this task.

The WSC will be making a number of key decisions about the World Congress next year in Freiburg, such as when the registration will be open, the registration fee, availability of very low-cost accommodation and so on. This is important to note, and potential 'fake news' has already been circulating and proved to be inaccurate.

CALENDAR -

Where to meet members from the World Subud Council!

This year all the zone meetings are in preparation for world congress and the next term. In preparation for this the zones are preparing their proposals to congress which should be sent in some 4 months prior to world congress.

Congratulations to our brother Mendès Lemba Mente, Chair of Subud / Angola, who has just been nominated as the new zone 6 representative for the next term 2018-2021. He will start his duties at the world congress 2018. It will be nice for him to have this time with Rida who has served for two terms as zone 6 representative to learn the responsibilities and duties of this position for the French-Speaking zone of Africa. He will be learning from an expert. Thank you, Rida.

Zone 7 zonal meeting in Habana Cuba from October 6 – 8. This scheduled zone meeting had to be rescheduled due to the heavy damage to Habana during the hurricane. It is to be rescheduled for a later date hopefully still in Cuba. The date will be announced.

We are hoping that the **Youth gathering scheduled from December 26 to January 3 in Cuba** will be able to take place. Please contact Arif Rivero and Konrad Muños for more information. During the gathering the youth will take part in a social project in the area.

Zone 5 meeting in Capetown/Southafrica

This meeting is to happen in November and Boris Guderjahn, chair of the group is making all the arrangements for the meeting and is the contact person. His email is borisg@mweb.co.za

Zone 8 zonal meeting in Amanecer Colombia to coincide with the National Congress in Colombia in November 10-14. Elias Dumit, WSA Chair, Lucia Boehm, Deputy Chair and Marston Gregory, MSF chair are to be present at the meeting. A visit to the Gran Salon is expected. (Gran Salon - see report above)

National Congress Spain 6 - 10 December 2017 in Salobreña, Granada (España)
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AFFILIATES & WINGS

SDIA Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA)
Helping Mexico

Summary

On 19th September, central Mexico was hit by a major earthquake, 7.1 on the Richter scale. The epicenter of this quake was in the state of Puebla, and there was another one at almost the same time in the state of Morelos. These earthquakes came less than two weeks after another massive earthquake (8.1) hit the states of Chiapas, Oaxaca and Guerrero.

Although the death toll has been relatively low for earthquakes of this magnitude, many people are now homeless and some have lost everything they owned.

Most of the casualties were in Mexico City because of the presence of tower blocks which collapsed. However, many people are also living in the streets in the small towns and cities in the other states. The national and international relief effort – which is concentrated on the capital – has not reached them.

Challenges

In many small towns in Chiapas, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Puebla and Morelos, government aid has not arrived. People have not been provided with temporary accommodation in their communities and are living in makeshift shelters. Although Mexico City has suffered great damage and has a higher death toll, our challenge is also to help those affected by the earthquakes in other parts of the country.

Solutions

People on the ground in Puebla and the city of Mexico will be mobilised to give emergency relief to those affected. All donations will go to our partner and SDIA member, SD Mexico, who will be responsible for the logistics of the relief effort.

Subud International Cultural Association (SICA)
Poems for Peace

In 2012, Latifah Taormina was instrumental in starting her efforts for Peace and Shared humanity by creating an event called Poems for Peace, an event which has grown exponentially since then spreading to many parts of our country. Further what SICA began with one event in Austin, Texas, has expanded to a city-wide collaborative festival of events called Peace Day Austin featuring workshops, performances, concerts, symposia, exhibitions and prayers. All these events occur in celebration of the UN established day for Peace, September 21.

As a result of our efforts we are now perceived as good people doing good work for the community and sharing the efforts of the nation toward a shared humanity in peace. As happened in Austin for SICA, the wings of Subud; SDIA, SYA, SESI, and local Subud groups have an opportunity to put the Latihan into practice in their individual communities by doing something for others each one of us and all of us as a membership in accordance with our own gifts, by sharing these gifts with others and partnering with others and by honoring others. This is a good way of bringing our Latihan in the world.

We can all contribute to Peace Day in our own communities and further we can make each day a Peace Day in our lives and in the lives of others around us.

Subud International Health Association (SIHA)

SIHA-SICA Weekend at Château de Tribomont

Konstantin Trifonov and Dorothea Apaeva presented briefly on their health insights. Konstantin is a medical doctor and specialist in Oriental Medicine especially acupuncture, pulse diagnostics and biofeedback – working in New York and Moscow.

Maxwell presented mainly around an aspect of his work with a system called a bio-modulator, used to ascertain weak points, shown by accessing the body's meridians and restoring the body's 'electrical charge', loss of which can be an indicator of ill health in the corresponding organs. The system asks of the body the literal question "are you charged up?"

A wonderful surprise on our arrival on Friday evening was to see Erica's daughter Maya Sapir and her partner Dave Weir (aka Tuppenny Opera) also staying overnight at the chateau. They played us a mini gig in one of the resplendent large rooms (which also have great acoustics!) and I played a few fiddle tunes. Dave and Maya were on their way to play some gigs in the U.K. Look out for their unique instrumental and vocal talents at World Congress if not before!

A few more local Subud members from Germany and Belgium also joined us over the weekend. The recent SIHA-SICA Workshop Weekend at Chateau de Tribomont in Belgium was an intimate triumph. Maxwell (SIHA coordinator) and Asmaniah Fraval & Sebastian Flynn (SICA chair) travelled there from Freiburg, after the WSC Meeting and World Congress planning. We were warmly greeted by our generous host Dr Eduard Schweden and Ellen Bruce and Kohar Sillem, all of whom worked tirelessly to ensure our every comfort. Also in attendance were Dr Konstantin Trifonov and Dorothea Apaeva from Moscow, Matthew Schrock and Hermione Elliot from Lewes England, Erica Sapir from France and Elsa Van Amern from Germany.

Sebastian gave a presentation on the Culture Compass system and its use for reviewing one's creative direction and strategic progress in life, using the symbolic aspects of direction that are common to cyclical systems in ethnic cultures such as the First Nations Medicine Wheel, the Tibetan

Mandala and the Etruscan symbolic directional elements that formed the basis of the maritime compass.

Elsa Van Amern referenced her psychology experience, research and social welfare project plans around 'burnout', especially its prevalence in the corporate arena. Eduard spoke of his plans to expand the scope of Château de Tribomont with a view to also serving the medical needs of burnout patients. Erica gave a delightful workshop using cut-out puppets and scenery in a tiny shoe-box theatre – exploring the theme of experience of death. Erica also showed a film of her work with Marionnettistes Sans Frontières, using puppets to help young people from diverse backgrounds and demonstrate the benefits of non violent communication.

Hermione Elliot conducted a workshop on SIHA activity in preparation for SIHA's role in the World Congress in Freiburg in 2018 – which will feature a markedly increased Wing presence as Subud celebrates and connects the myriad of ways that it's members interface with the outside world in health, social welfare, culture and creativity and enterprise – embracing the various subsidiary organizations connected to the WSA.

In between wonderful Latihans, walks in the country, presentations and delicious meals, we tested around the role and importance of SIHA as a wing. What seemed very clear is that SIHA is not only the province of professional medical practitioners, but is very clearly for everyone and is a resource and an integral part of all of us in leading a healthy, active and creative life – for the benefit of ourselves and those around us. Sebastian (SICA chair) felt that from a SICA point of view, there is a clear juxtaposition and reciprocal benefit between health and creativity – in whatever way one's life is creative.

MSF

2017 Grants for Subud Houses

While the priority of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation is the establishment of new Subud houses, this year we were able to assist in the capital improvement of five existing Subud houses.

With a total 2017 Subud house budget of USD64,500 grants were awarded to the following Subud groups:

1. Subud Armenia, Colombia: USD 5,000 to divide their one latihan room into two latihan spaces, and for mold/humidity remediation, and other repairs/improvements. There are thirty members, and they had previously raised USD 400 towards the project.
2. Subud Cape Town, South Africa: USD 10,000 to replace the old roof. The group raised sufficient funds themselves to purchase new carpets and renew the fire-door. They will host the African Zone 5 meeting in November this year. The upper floor is currently rented out to a Subud member. In future, they hope to renovate this space to bring in more income.
3. Subud Johannesburg, South Africa: USD 26,500 to replace the roof/ceiling which is in a dangerous condition, replacement of doors for security, and upgrading the bathroom facilities.

Note: The South African National Committee provided USD 767 each to the Cape Town and Johannesburg groups for their renovations.

4. Subud Perth, Australia: Has already completed major renovations at a cost of over \$200,000AUD which was met from group funds and members' donations.

An MSF loan will help fund the next stage of renovations which will complete the project creating an indoor social area, flowing through into an outdoor garden space. Also, for 100 light, stackable chairs. Also, a lockable outdoor shed for storage of chairs and trestle tables, basic equipment essential to rent out the space commercially.

Subud Perth agreed to accept USD 56,000 as a loan (rather than as part loan/part grant as per their original application), with a twelve-month grace period for repayment. They have received a bequest and will repay the loan once the estate of the donor has been settled.

This effectively enabled MSF to increase the grant amounts to several of the other grantees by USD20,000 as loans do not come out of the Subud house budget. Thank you, Perth,!

5. Subud Peru: USD 23,000 for kitchen and bathroom renovations/additions, tiling the stairs, and the addition of a roof over the stairwell to the roof terrace at the Subud house in Lima. They plan to convert the first floor of the property to bring in income from Airbnb rentals, which is very exciting as the house is located in an interesting touristic section of Lima.

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(report from SPI AGM)

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World Subud Association (WSA)

The WSA exists to support the practice and expression of the latihan and the human activities that arise from it. WSA is the umbrella organization for the world wide Subud community, which includes 54 member countries. There are Subud members in 83 countries around the globe.

We believe that support and action go hand-in-hand, and so it is the actions of the total WSA, in all its multi-faceted aspects, that drive our fundraising. There is great possibility when people work together to improve their communities. Your actions motivate others to get involved. WSA is registered as a non-profit organization in Washington D.C. USA. We invite you to join us with your financial support.

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