Welcome to the 2007 annual report of the World Subud Association!

In the following pages you will find a broad overview of a year that represented a milestone for Subud in many countries around the world. For most it marked half a century since the latihan first reached them, and so was cause for retrospection, introspection and celebration. The year saw countless opportunities to do so.

In 2007 we also reaffirmed our intention, as an association, to increase the way we are involved with our communities and the wider world, discovering ways to interact, communicate, share and work together in the interest of the whole of humanity. At the same time, this has led us to consider how we interact, communicate, share and work with each other as Subud members.

As the world around us changes, our association is also in a process of change and evolution, while preserving the purity of the practice of the latihan that unites us. I believe it is a healthy and necessary process, which will help establish a solid, yet flexible foundation for the next fifty years.

Osanna Vaughn
Chairlady of the World Subud Association

2007: A YEAR OF ANNIVERSARIES

In 2007 we celebrated various anniversaries of Subud in different parts of the world.

February 2007 opened with the celebration of 60 years since the official establishment of Subud in Indonesia. Pak Kuswanda, Committee Councillor for Indonesia, found this quote in a book on the history of Subud in Indonesia: “By the Blessing of God the Most Benvolent! On February 1, 1947 Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwijoyo formally established Susila Budhi Dharma, abbreviated to ‘Subud’ at the Yogyakarta Municipality Hall, Jalan Masjid 5, at 20.00 local time, witnessed by defence militia, police, as well as government officials.” At that time, Yogyakarta was the capital of the Republic of Indonesia.

This year’s celebration took place in the World Trade Centre in Surabaya in the presence of the children of the founder of Subud: Ibu Rahayu Wayubudoyo, Pak Haryono Sumohadiwijoyo and Ibu Hardiyati Syafrudin. Also in attendance were Osanna Vaughn and Frederic Richard, Chair and Deputy Chair of the World Subud Association, as well as various government officials and many members of Subud from Indonesia and abroad. After the formal greetings and speeches, Pak Haryono spoke about his father who laid the foundations for Subud to grow into the international association that it is today. The ceremony closed with a Wayang dance drama titled “Dewa Ruci,” depicting the life of Pak Subuh.

The largest event in 2007 was the Thank You Celebration that took place in the UK from August 21st to 26th. It commemorated 50 years since Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwijoyo’s first trip to England in 1957, when he consolidated the establishment of Subud in the West. The celebration attracted 1176 members from 36 different countries and took place at Ascot, about an hour’s journey from London. There were numerous activities: social and entrepreneurial project presentations, cultural events, exhibitions and performances, as well as spiritual activities and workshops. One of the most memorable occasions was a celebratory luncheon which gathered together 107 members who joined Subud 50 years ago, many in Coombe Springs, UK. Following welcoming words of gratitude by Subud Britain’s national chairman, Stephen Gonsalves, the honoured guests were merrily taken care of by a number of younger members.

Another highlight of the event was the gala evening which featured many testimonials and stories from the early days. Ibu Rahayu, the daughter of the founder of Subud, sent a videoed message from her home in Pamulang, Indonesia. The evening ended with a stunning fireworks display that illuminated the night sky and culminated with 50 gently floating lanterns launched by 50 children.

Subud in Surinam held local celebrations honouring 12 longstanding members who helped contribute to the growth of Subud in that country. Of special note was the gold Medal of Honour received by Etme and Rachman Jatin from the President of Surinam, Ronald Venetiaan, for their many years of social work mainly through Subud’s humanitarian association, Susila Dharma. This medal is granted to people who have made outstanding contributions, whether social or professional.

Countries where Subud was established later also celebrated, such as Ukraine.
honouring their fifteen years in Subud.

The year ended with the 50-year anniversary of Subud in Sri Lanka, which began on the evening of the 27th of December with the traditional lighting of an elaborate multi-tiered oil lamp followed by speeches and entertainment. The son of the founder of Subud, Pak Haryono, and his wife Ibu Ismana, attended the celebrations. This was a special occasion for Dita da Silva. Her Indonesian father, Ahamed Ickshan, who died when she was very young, travelled frequently to Sri Lanka and was instrumental to the development of Subud in the early days there. During the celebrations, she heard moving stories of her father’s work.

The jubilees continue in 2008.

WORLD SUBUD ASSOCIATION OVERVIEW

The World Subud Association (WSA) is an association of 53 member countries and small numbers of individual members in 23 or so additional countries. It brings together people of different religions, races, cultures and social backgrounds, following the spiritual practice known as the Subud latihan.

The word ‘Subud’ is derived from the three Sanskrit words ‘Susila,’ ‘Budhi’ and ‘Dhama’ which together symbolize the possibility to surrender to the Will of God and be guided by the Divine power within and without each person, striving to become a complete human being. The latihan involves becoming quiet and allowing this power to work spontaneously and affect inner change.

The practice of the Subud latihan is open to anyone over 17. More information can be found at www.subud.com.

The World Subud Association is a non-profit entity registered in Washington D.C. with tax-exempt status. It is run on an almost completely volunteer basis. The WSA directors are the chairperson and the seven zone representatives from around the world.

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THE MUHAMMAD SUBUH FOUNDATION

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation manages the World Subud Association’s long-term assets as well as supporting various projects.

During the trustees meetings in August 2007, it was agreed that the time had come for MSF to become more visible; for example, by publishing a monthly newsletter.

In 2007 the Muhammad Subuh Foundation spent $68,000 in support of Subud house projects in Asia, Europe and North America; around $26,000 was donated to the ‘Yayasan Usaha Mulia’ / ‘Foundation for Noble Work’ for Talent Development Scholarships and primary school sponsorships in Java and Kalimantan Indonesia.

In addition, the foundation contributed significantly ($60,000) to the translation of Bachok’s talks, the WSA Archives, the History of Subud project, and the Subud Emergency Fund, as well as supporting youth travel, emergency flood relief in Indonesia, international helper travel and Democratic Republic of Congo national helper travel.

Two new Trustees were appointed: Mucthar Martins and Hannah Barveldt. Olivia Reksoedipoearto became the Acting Chairperson. A part-time administrator was hired, Lilian Schulman, and four new National Liaisons were appointed: Saodah Kimiko Hayashi for Japan, Mariamah Crona for Norway, Sarinder Kaur for Malaysia, and Lucas Roldan for Colombia.

The MSF 2007 annual report is easily found on their Web site: www.msubuhfoundation.org.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007

Youth Activities

Following the establishment with the Muhammad Subuh Foundation of the International Youth Travel Fund, Andruni Tristiawati and Yuli Setiawan, two young members from Indonesia, were sponsored to travel to the Australian National Congress (Subudfest) in January. Their visit resulted in launching a joint business venture with Australian member Sophia Blake, importing teak furniture from Indonesia.

Zeina Abdel Khalik from Lebanon and Ariell Mayrose and Mira Shadif from Israel were helped to attend the Thank You Celebration in England. U.S. member Mahrus Dewes was also sponsored to travel to Kalimantan to volunteer as a teacher at the Bina Cita Utama school.

Another young member volunteering at BCU was Raphaela Schipper from Holland. She worked with the students to bring awareness about the environmental issues and impacts of mercury due to gold panning by alluvial miners, when separating gold from sand. The used mercury is then dumped into the water of the Kalimantan Rivers. This school program was sponsored by Yayasan Tambuhah Sinta, an NGO working with rural communities in Kalimantan to promote cleaner, low cost technology for capturing and recycling the mercury. This NGO, in its turn, is sponsored by PT. Kalimantan Surya Kencana, a mineral exploration company that has concessions in the area. In August, Subud member Bardolf Paul, who is a director, met with key people from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Global Mercury Project to discuss plans for a second phase of the program.
Bjorn Vaught, a globetrotter, writer and photographer, covered many miles in Asia, including a walk into China. His pictures and writings have been published in international magazines, with his work sponsored by Leica Fotografie International.

Hamilton Pevec from the U.S. made various documentaries and wrote on-going "diaries of a young filmmaker" about his ventures with Tibetan monks in Dharamsala, India and more.

Cultural Activities

Whilst Subud members organized numerous cultural events, the umbrella organization, the Subud International Cultural Association (SICA), published its first electronic newsletter.

The Sydney International Cultural Centre, set up by a group of members, hosted (among other things) two popular exhibitions in June and July, one commemorating the 50 years since Subud spread to the West. The second exhibition, called ‘Harmony,’ was a charitable exhibition of Fine Chinese Painting and Calligraphy by Nai Liang Ma.

On the other side of the world, Aminah Ulmer’s art was exhibited at the Viva Arts Gallery in San Antonio, Texas. “I step out joyously to share a view of a journey I have been on...both in spirit and in travels.”

Damon Hildreth from New York drove a truck with two of his sculptures 2000 miles to Houston, Texas, to install in the Neiman Marcus department store.

In September Arnold and Lucia Landen’s ‘Atelier and Cafe Landen’ in Wolfsburg, Germany, featured an exhibition of paintings by Lucia Röhm. Many know Lucia for her silk painting and for the beautiful clothes she makes using her unique painted cloth.

The Pacific Northwest Art Camp was held in June at Cascade Meadows Camp, deep in the beautiful forests of the Cascade Mountains outside Seattle; 64 members created and participated in numerous art creations.

The Menucha gathering was held in Oregon’s beautiful Columbia Gorge in November. This retreat has become an established yearly event where members share their experiences and look at their lives and situations, in what is often a life-transforming experience. The format for this retreat has been modelled in other countries for Subud retreats.

A full length YES Quest took place in Europe for the first time at La Source in the French Pyrenees. This program, created by members Peter Jenkins and Marcus Mackay, assists young people and others, who are at a turning point in their lives, to create goals and aims for the future, as well as plans to achieve them. At the end of the year, the YES Quest found a home for their base of operations. ‘Gunnebah,’ which means ‘place of birth and joy,’ stands on six beautiful acres, one hour north of Byron Bay on the East coast of Australia.

Sofiah Thom created another retreat space with a focus on movement and performance art, called “Bamboo - a sanctuary for living artistically,” in Dominical, Costa Rica.

Members Projects

Subud members are also involved in many entrepreneurial activities as part of their Subud experience. In this vein, a group of Subud members from the UK, Ireland and Australia who share a wide experience in business, came together and launched a coaching, training and consultancy company, ‘The Enthusm Foundation.’

Pelham House, an enterprise, hotel and conference centre created by a group of members in Lewes, UK, hosted, among other numerous events, an interfaith meeting organized by the Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace.

Combining culture, conservation and enterprise, Gaye Thavisin and Lorna Dowson Collins in Kalimantan, Indonesia, finalized the conversion and refurbishing of their traditional river-boat, which was given the name Rahai’i Pangun in a traditional Dayak boat naming ceremony. They launched the vessel for their eco-tourism venture, ‘Wow Borneo,’ proposing various tours up the Rungan and Kahayan Rivers, home to a world-class orangutan sanctuary.

Continuing to successfully combine enterprise and art, Andrew Holloway’s company, Green Oak Carpentry, won Sub-Contractor of the Year from Castlenton (UK) for their work on an ecological study centre in the New Forest. For the Savill Garden Building they were highly commended in the Building Awards ‘07, won the BIAU (Institute of Structural Engineers) Supreme Award for 2007 and were shortlisted for the Stirling Prize, the UK’s top architectural award.

Moris Wijesinghe from Sinhala won the president’s award for the song “Samara” featured in the Sri Lankan film by the same name.

The documentary, “Power of Forgiveness,” featuring Subud member Alexandra Assely and her Garden of Forgiveness project in downtown Beirut was awarded Best Documentary at the third annual Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival, in Idaho.

Chellie Kew and the Q Fund helped over 40,000 individuals in Africa and Asia, mostly through educational projects such as funding a day school in Botswana. A large bore-hole supplying clean water to a community of 12 thousand students and their guardians was also completed.
11. Through his enterprise of fiber art supplies and clothing blanks, "Dharma Trading," Isaac Goff assisted three projects in Bolivia: Sewing & Weaving Co-ops whose clothing he imports and sells; The Pediatric Cardiac Surgery program; and The Vision Program for Children. He assisted a number of children with heart surgery, hundreds of other children with vision problems, plus visited four co-ops to place orders, add styles and suggest ways to improve product quality; the idea being to increase sales and ultimately improve living standards.

This year has shown interesting developments for the International Child Development Programme initiated, among others, by Prof. Rukanum Hundrude of Norway. The ICDP had focused mainly on less developed countries, but is currently cooperating with the Norwegian Ministry of Children and Family Affairs on projects in the area of child protection for mothers from minority groups, parents with special needs children and parents in prison in Scandinavia.

The Sekolah Cita Buana, one of the very first ‘National Plus’ schools in Indonesia, began moving to newly constructed buildings with a larger and greener space including sports facilities such as a basketball court, football pitch and swimming pool. The original facilities date from 1995 when Ibu Ismana and a few Subud members opened the school in Jakarta with only nine children. Their ideal was to combine the best of eastern and western culture in a bilingual and multicultural educational environment. The school has grown to include early childhood, primary, and high school programs as well as a special education program for autistic children.

SUSILA DHARMA INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

In 2007 SDIA had 66 member organisations worldwide including 22 SD national organizations and 44 projects, working in the areas of education and child development, health and well-being, community development and sustainable livelihoods, and environmental protection. Here is a list of some achievements from 2007:

- SDIA raised $118,168 in grants to support member projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and $13,600 for flood relief in Jakarta.
- SDIA organised two network meetings, the first at Lewes and the second at Assct in the UK, where members approved a common ‘Mission Statement, Guiding Principles and Donor Bill of Rights’ to enhance the transparency and accountability of SDIA projects and national organisations.
- SDIA launched its Capacity Building Initiative to improve project management skills within our network, developed a new website, supported project visits and youth volunteering, and facilitated members’ attendance at five UN meetings.
- SDIA’s 2007 Annual Report may be found at www.susiladharma.org. At the same time, many groups and individuals organized various fundraising events to support charitable undertakings, for example:
  - Subud Manchester launched an appeal for goods requested by the homeless in their region.
  - Canadian Subud artist, Elfrida Schragen, partnered with Reverend Al Tysick of an innovative approach to help the homeless through the sale of artworks.
  - Two representatives of Susila Dharma, Raphael Bate (SD France) and Harris Wolfgang (SD US), walked from St. Jean Pied de Port in the French Pyrenees to Burgos in Spain on the first leg of the famous Camino to Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage. Theirs was a walk of gratitude, to be continued.

THE WORLD SUBUD ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Following are some of the results of the work carried out by World Subud Council during 2007.

The world-wide initiative that began in 2006, "Our Presence in the World" as documented in a summary by Taufik Waage in July, was continued during 2007. However, within the World Subud Council it was decided that the logical follow-up to this initiative was to objectively "Look at our Subud Organization and Culture;" The coordinator nominated for this new initiative was Stefan Freedman. In November 2007, Stefan and a number of members of the council and others participated in an Appreciative Inquiry Workshop in England around this theme and determined to encourage the use of this method within the Subud organization, wherever it could be useful.

The Helpless without Borders program was launched. The first helpers active in this effort were Sanijah and Solihin Roberts from Scotland, who visited new members in Bosnia and Herzegovina twice in 2007 and Dorothy Hamidah and Robert Rashid Rogers who visited Lebanon.

In addition, the international helpers visited forty-one countries including some less accessible countries such as Vietnam, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Congo Brazzaville. After two years, the international helpers representing all the Americas managed to complete visits to almost every Subud group throughout the Americas while Mariamah Flores, Representative for North America and Surinam, led the first-ever Zone meeting in Surinam. Further, the WSA chairlady, deputy chair, executive team members, and the other Zone Representatives travelled extensively to meetings, congresses, celebrations and other important events to create closer cooperation and communication between the international organization, the national bodies and individual members.

Various World Subud Council and other interested members met in Lewes, UK in June to discuss the possible establishment of a WSA Forum. This was one idea arising from the 2006 initiative ‘Our Presence in the World.’ The Forum would provide a place for subjects of broad interest to be considered in an innovative and interdisciplinary manner, inviting experts both from within and without Subud. With this proposal, plus the ongoing worldwide initiatives and solidifying participation in interfaith activities, such as the ‘Edinburgh Middle East Conference on Spirituality and Peace,’ the WSA External Relations Committee completed its brief and made recommendations for furthering its goals.

From an organizational standpoint, important steps were taken to further improve worldwide administration; for example, Roger van der Matten from the UK implemented the beginning of the WSA virtual office and document web site. This site will contain important documents, from the Articles of Incorporation, bylaws, and financial statements, to copyrights and licensing agreements, including such agreements as the one signed in March between the WSA Chief Executive Officer and Barry Thomson, or Esaias Hobbs, creator of the on-line Subud Radio.

Thanks to intense detective work and ingenuity, our web site coordinator, Matthew Weiss, finally gained the domain name www.subud.com for the WSA. In addition,
National Web Site Guidelines were completed for member countries just in time for updating or for new web sites in Japan, Poland, and Colombia, for example. Another legal milestone was reached when Subud France, after writing to the head of the central office for religions at the Ministry of Interior Affairs regarding a past report that listed Subud as a sect or cult, was informed that the report “has no normative value, since the concept of ‘cult’ does not exist in French law.” And further, the report “does not carry any commitment on the part of the national administration.”

In February Ibu Rahayu Wiriyahudoyo confirmed in the name of the entire family that the World Subud Association is the owner of the copyright of Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwijoyo’s writings.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the WSA and member countries was finalized. This document aims to coordinate efforts being made worldwide to protect the name and image of Subud, not only on the worldwide web, but in all situations and publications where our name and logo are used. The MOU also sets out regulations for copyright protection of Pak Subuh Sumohadiwijoyo and Ibu Rahayu Wiriyahudoyo’s talks. This document was translated into French, Spanish, Indonesian and Russian, as translations of the talks are included within the WSA copyright.

Armand Bisson, the WSA Publications Officer, carried out enormous research and established that Bapak and Ibu’s talks are translated into 20 languages, with the major ones being English, Russian, Spanish, German, French and Portuguese.

The growth and work of the Congress Organising Team in New Zealand continued in 2007 with the establishment of Subud World Congress. Incorporated as the legal body administering the 2010 World Congress. The WSA greatly appreciated the Christchurch City Council’s agreement to grant a bridging loan of up to NZ$150,000 as an advance payment to rent the convention centre.

The Care Support Team’s main focus in 2007 was the Subud Emergency Fund, to help various members around the world with relief after natural disasters, and in education and medical crises. Recipients were grateful for the emotional support as much as the financial.

Responding to repeated requests for support around educational funding for Subud members, the Care Support Team established the Subud Education Fund with a first grant from MSF of $5,000 US. Kumari Beck was nominated as coordinator. The fund is aimed at families with financial difficulties and has a large scope ranging from elementary school all the way to professional certification, as well as vocational training.

SUBUD PUBLICATIONS INTERNATIONAL

SPI published Volumes 15, 16 and 17 of Bapak’s Talks and two commemorative volumes commemorating the 50 year celebrations of Subud in the UK and USA.

SPI also decided to publish a second edition of Book 1, Volume 1 of the History of Subud, while Harlinah Longcroft continues the work on Book 3. Harlinah has also provided short articles about the start of Subud in 1956 to Subud USA and Australia for their 50 year celebrations.

WITH GRATITUDE

The World Subud Association is grateful for the many members who continue to volunteer, inspire, and contribute in hundreds of ways on a daily basis. It is this constant dedication that enables our association to thrive and develop and we extend our vast appreciation to all, too numerous to mention.

We also wish to thank the enterprises and individuals who contribute financially to the work of the international association. These donations make the programs and daily functioning of the WSA possible and convey a feeling of support. We would especially like to thank the Guerrand Hermes Foundation for Peace, the following enterprises: Emsel Group, (Canada/USA), Kingsley Computers (USA), and Armonia Creations (USA), as well as the following individuals: Siti Ismuna Tusiwmura, Murray Chlamph, Hanafi von Hahn, Hamilton Helmer, Elaina Doshon, Meldan Headsip, Bardolf Paul, David and Sara Berdinskikh, Joseph Delcourt, Hardwin Blanchard, Laurent Fuentelba, Mary Nicholson, Sylviane Laurenceau, Laurie Lathrop, Roxanna Reicheg, Isaac Geoff, Stephan Solat, and Rashad and Maridyah Taranitono.

WORLD SUBUD ASSOCIATION FINANCES

The WSA annual accounts are audited by Ernst and Young accountants, Rotterdam, Netherlands.

2007 World Subud Association financial activity in US Dollars:

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