



World Subud Association

New Beginnings

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Translation note:

latihan: exercise or practice

kejiwaan: spiritual

dewan: council or team

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Introduction

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The name Subud is a contraction of the Sanskrit words Susila, Budhi and Dharma. "Susila Budhi Dharma, denotes a human being with true human qualities who submits to Almighty God, to God's will."

Talk #8 From "Bapak's Talks Volume 27", The Complete Recorded Talks Of Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo.

The founder of Subud, Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo, was born in Indonesia in 1901 and died in 1987. Bapak (father), as he was affectionately known, spontaneously received his first experience of a spiritual practice (commonly referred to as the *Latihan Kejiwaan* of Subud) in 1925. Eventually, he understood that the *Latihan Kejiwaan* was not just meant for himself alone.

Following the spread of Subud to the West in 1957, Bapak traveled around the world many times, giving talks and explanations about this path. Through this practice, each person may discover his/her own inner nature, potential, talent, and guidance in life, in accordance with his/her unique capacity and commitment.

Subud encourages the expression of an individual's qualities and talents, through the form of cultural expressions, enterprises, education, healthcare, and the support for those in need.

The international Subud organization exists to serve the member countries and to facilitate the development of Subud and its expression in the world. It organizes gatherings, disseminates talks by Bapak and Ibu Rahayu, supports the acquisition of Subud premises, helper visits, publications, web sites, and access to and support for networks of Subud members.

Message from WSA Chairperson



Dear Brothers and Sisters, as the first year of your current council comes to a close, I believe I speak for everyone on the team saying that we all feel humbled by the privilege to carry on Bapak's mission to make the spiritual exercise of Subud available to anyone who wishes to join us on this path.

We in Subud all pool whatever resources we have to support the International Helpers in their travels, the Archives, and translators in their work - and these efforts allow us all to witness that the experience that we benefit from is still available and is passed on in its pristine form, as Bapak intended.

All this is thanks to the organization that Bapak put in place, and that now has been handed over to us to maintain and operate for this term.

Your continuing support enables us to carry out this work.

I hope that during this term we take the opportunity to reflect on how we have been functioning as an organization and look for ways to do even better.

In particular, I hope that we give some attention to how our Subud spiritual exercise not only leads to personal growth, but to greater and more harmonious cooperation in our groups and with one another.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nahum Harlap". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Nahum Harlap
WSA Chair

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World Congress Overview



Photo: Sahlan McKingley

Well over 2,000 members from 69+ countries gathered in Freiburg, Germany for the 15th Subud World Congress. The theme was 'Unity' which reflected the integration and working together of all parts of our Subud life.

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The World Congress aims to reflect the unity of our association, with the integration and working together of all aspects of Subud: Members, Wings, Youth, Helpers, Committees, WSA, MSF, Zones and Countries, to support the process of taking the *Latihan* into the world." Elias Dumit, WSA Chair (2014-2018)



Ibu Siti Rahayu greets members in Freiburg.
Photo: Sahlan McKingley

A Surprise visit

The highlight of the Congress was a last-minute visit by Bapak's daughter, Ibu Siti Rahayu to the World Congress where she gave a talk to members. She also made time to meet with longtime Subud members and the new WSA team.

Congress Work

Resolutions from the previous Congress were reviewed, future plans discussed, recommendations from the member countries' delegations were proposed and presented in the form of policies. In addition, the WSA positions were tested as well as the site for the next World Congress, and the Coordinators/ Chairs of the various Wings.

Congress Play

Subud Congresses have always been an opportunity for members to share their creative talents. In Freiburg, SICA organized artistic projects for young and old alike and performances from talented members across the globe.

Subud Village

The World Congress is also a time for all areas of our Subud world to inform, share and collaborate. This was realized in the largest hall at the Freiburg convention center (6,000m2) Dubbed the "Subud Village", where members were able to discover all of these aspects of Subud: Wings, Youth, Helpers, MSF, Zones, Countries, Groups and WSA including Archives, SPI, Translation Unit, Human Force and Yes Quest. It was the largest exhibit of its kind designed for a World Congress.

Village concept: Daniela Bustillo, Raquel Alcobia, Latif Vogel. Many, many thanks to members who designed the exhibits and to the many volunteers on hand to make it all happen.



All aspects of Subud life were represented in the Subud Village.

2022

Three countries bid to host the 2022 Subud World Congress: Colombia, Australia and Indonesia. Indonesia, which put forward Rungan Sari, Central Kalimantan for the site, was chosen.



Bapak and party in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia (1980) – site of the next Subud World Congress.



Members of the WSC 2014-2018
WSA Chair - Elias Dumit (front row 3rd from right) Deputy - Lucia Boehm (front row 4th from the right)
New WSA chair - Nahum Harlap (back row far left) Deputy - Rosario Moir (back row 3rd from left)

WSA Team (2014-2018)

Elias Coragem Dumit, **Chair**
Lucia Boehm, **Deputy Chair**
Ismanah Schultze-Vorberg, **Executive Chair**
Anwar Ziesel, **Executive Vice Chair**
Hilaria Dette, **Treasurer**
Elwyn Waugh, **Accountant**
Salamah Dick LeClaire, **Administrator**

WSA Team (2018-2022)

Nahum Harlap, **Chair**
Rosario Moir, **Deputy Chair**
Suyono Sumohadiwidjojo, **Executive Chair**
Hannah Baerveldt, **Treasurer**
Elwyn Waugh, **Accountant**
Pudji Wahjuni Purbo, **Administrator**

WCOT - World Congress Organizing Team

Oliver Haitzmann, **Chair** / Hilma Wolf-Doettinchem, **Admin.** / Lawrence Fryer, **Treasurer** / Anwar Ziesel, **WSA Exec liaison** / Helen Han, **Subud Germany Liaison** / Hilaria Dette, **PR** / Manfred Gilhofer, **Venue Management** / Reinier Sillem, **Onsite Management** / Rainer Gilhofer, **IT & Media** / Osanna Vaughn, **Communications** / Eugenia Stark, Marie Mewes, Maximilian Schultze-Vorberg, Paloma Reyes, Eugenia Stark, **Tours & Excursions** / Rusydah Sillem, Alain Drejza, Husayn Rogers, **Website** / Paloma Reyes, **Sustainability Coordinator**.

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Zone Activities

2018 was an intensive time of preparation for the 15th World Congress in Germany. The Zone Representatives (reps) sit on the World Subud Council (WSC), where policies are made, and decisions are taken that support the growth and development of Subud in the world in between Congresses.

The representatives submitted proposals that were developed by their countries to be reviewed, discussed and voted on by all their delegates, that is, the chairs, committee councillors, and *kejiwaan* councillors, to the World Congress. In addition, each proposal was translated into several languages.

At the World Congress, new representatives were chosen to serve for the next four years.

Zone 1&2 Asia Pacific

Zone Representative

Muchtar Rawlings

Suryadi Sumohadiwidjojo (outgoing)

Zone 1 & 2 Representative covers the whole of Asia, Australia and New Zealand. The Zone Meeting during the Congress was an excellent time for all the countries who were able to attend: Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam to reconnect and meet one another and select the new Zone Representative.

The most important activity within the Zone prior to the World Congress was each countries' preparation for the Congress. The Congress proposals were sent in advance to the delegates from the Zone, to help them prepare in advance of plenary sessions. Since then some countries, such as Australia, Indonesia and New Zealand have had National Congresses and selected new committees.

Many conference calls have been held between members of the World Subud Council and MSF, working on goals and resolutions from the World Congress.

Communication with each country in the Zone has been re-established, though due to different languages and cultures, it is sometimes intermittent. Communication is via email and WhatsApp through which much communication has occurred. The first ZOOM conference call which was successful and, since then separate conference calls for countries have been organized.

A Zone 1 & 2 Meeting in Jakarta was planned immediately after the WSC Meeting for 2019. It is expected delegates will attend from most countries, having received confirmation from Australia, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. The upcoming Zone Meeting will ensure greater participation within the Zone.

Zone 3 Western Europe

Zone Representative

Hannah de Roo
Howard Ray (outgoing)

The year's activities began with a Zone Council meeting, held in Spain in February, and hosted by the Orgiva Group in their wonderful new purpose-built center. Twenty-seven delegates from the eight countries were present, plus the Zone's Representative, and SYAI and SES coordinators, accompanied by four of the Area 2 International Helpers. A light atmosphere followed a day's meeting of the Zone's *Kejiwaan* Councillors' *Dewan* and a *kejiwaan* day for the Council members and visitors. We felt united as a zone and covered much business in two full days of plenaries.

Our focus during the meeting and for the following months, was the next World Congress. We reviewed proposals submitted by our member countries, supported those of the Bapak's Advice and Guidance Task Force, and approved a contribution to the World Congress Assistance Fund. After a period of uncertainty, Subud Belgium's continuing status as a full member of WSA was unanimously endorsed, opening the door for their full engagement in the Zone,

participation as delegates at the World Congress, and in the wider Subud community. Hannah de Roo was appointed during the World Congress as the new Zone 3 representative.

After the World Congress, members of Britain, Spain, Ireland, and France appointed new delegates at their National Congresses. Subud Belgium appointed a chair after a long absence on the organizational side and is now known as Subud Benelux which includes members in Luxembourg.

A younger generation is clearly stepping forward and is bringing new energy to the organization. Their input is pragmatic and grounded. The new Zone representative attended most congresses to build a solid relationship and create a connection at the international level. The newly appointed *Kejiwaan* Councillors have been holding conference calls regularly online and are starting to build a new *Dewan*. Many councillors also took part in the monthly Zone 3 calls, with delegates from all countries sharing news and discussing important issues.

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A Zone 3 meeting was planned for May 2019 in Spain and a larger Zone 3 and 4 Gathering for 2020. The general spirit is engaged and very positive.

Main common points of interest in the Zone are finding more enterprising ways of utilizing Subud-owned properties. A quarterly Zonal Newsletter 'Projects and Properties' was launched to address this.

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Zone 3 reunion in Orgiva, Spain

Zone 4 Central and Eastern Europe

Zone Representative

Salama Gielge
Farah Czwiertnia (outgoing)

In the Fall of 2018 new national teams were elected at AGM's in Israel, Hungary, Austria, Germany, and Russia. Zone newsletters and mailings helped to keep the countries informed about new developments in the zone and in the WSC and enabled the zone rep to receive feedback from the countries.

News about WSC activities, the WSA budget, the WSA-MSF relationship, and the future of the Amanecer Gran Salon were sent out with predominantly positive feedback received concerning WSA and MSF decisions.

By far the largest task for the zone team was the planning of the next Zone 4 meeting and gathering in Russia in 2019.

In December 2018, our first Zone 4 web conference call took place, to be followed by monthly conferences in 2019. From thirteen WSA member countries and four active groups in countries with no membership, eight of the ten countries have participated regularly. The meetings promote information exchanges between the zone team and the countries, which helps to develop a feeling of mutual understanding.

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Zone 5 Africa (English-speaking)

Zone Representative

Lutfiya Murray
Hakeem Naibi (outgoing)



Zone 5 members in South Africa.

There are currently four countries in Zone 5 that WSA is aware of with active Subud members - Malawi, Nigeria, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. Previously, we understand there were members in Kenya and Zambia, but we have been unable to reach any members there recently.

Malawi has two groups, and they do *Latihan* in rented premises. Currently, they are trying to register their group. Many members have migrated to the UK, and they do not yet have a national committee which does not allow them to be a member-country at this time.

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Due to the increase in property prices, the funds granted by MSF for Subud premises remain unused. Members from Nigeria, including the previous representative, were all refused visas for the World Congress.

Nigeria has several groups - Lagos, Calabar, Umuahia, Enugu, Ijebu-Ode and Abeokuta but communication is very difficult. The last time Subud Nigeria had a National Congress was in 2011 when WSA paid for members to travel to attend that National Congress. Due to the increase in property prices, the funds granted for MSF Subud premises remain unused. Members from Nigeria, including the previous representative, were all refused visas for the World Congress.

South Africa has three main groups; Cape Town, Durham, and Johannesburg. MSF provided grants for renovations to both Johannesburg and Cape Town Subud houses.

Unfortunately, not many Africans were granted a visa to attend the World Congress in Germany. We hope that the next World Congress will yield better attendance results. Funding is a big issue for many members, and more fundraising is needed to help provide a more balanced representation at World Congresses.

Zone 6 Africa

(French/Portuguese - speaking)

Zone Representative

Mendes Mente

Rida Liobo Loote (outgoing)

Many countries in the zone faced financial difficulties. There is also a need to better support Subud youth and to fund more *kejiwaan* activities. After the World Congress, communication with all the countries continued. The new representative discussed plans for the next four years in an effort to create greater harmony. A census is also being conducted in each country.

In Angola, a meeting was held to officially introduce the new chairperson and the new national committee to the members in the country.

Over the past four years, the Zone representative felt there were several concerns that need attention in the zone countries. This includes WSA finances, and more focus on young people. In addition, it is felt that in Africa there is a need to prioritize spiritual matters more with social and business activities playing a relatively smaller role in Subud life.

Zone 7 North America & the Caribbean

Zone Representative

Uraidah Hassani

Fernando Fatah (outgoing)

Zone 7 includes culturally, linguistically and economically diverse member countries – Canada, Cuba, Mexico, Suriname and the United States – as well as some Subud members in the Caribbean. The initial focus since the World Congress has been to enhance the connection, communication, and collaboration between the countries and to integrate the role of the Wings.

The Zone 7 Council communicates regularly and meets quarterly via video conference, which includes simultaneous English-Spanish translation and representation from the Wings across the zone. Inclusiveness and communication are essential to foster international relationships, harmony, and creative thinking is often required, given the distinct needs in the zone. For example, Cuba lacks access to stable internet connectivity, so they are now connected via WhatsApp.

In October, the Zone Representative attended Cuba's National Congress and visited Subud members across the island accompanied by the newly elected Cuban national committee, several international helpers, and the Chair of SDIA. In the following months, Zone 7 supported two Cuban youth, the Subud Youth Representative, and Cuban SICA Representative to travel to the International Subud Families and Youth Gathering in Amanecer, Colombia.

In November, the zone representative attended the Muhammad Subuh Foundation's Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., which allowed her to meet the Trustees, learn about MSF's mandate and work program as well as represent the zone in discussions being held about MSF-owned property in Colombia. She also participated in regular virtual meetings with members of the World Subud Council.

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Zone 7 includes Suriname, home to a sizeable community of Javanese origin.

Zone 8 South America (northern)

Zone Representative

Helen Muñoz
Paloma Muñoz (outgoing)

Zone 8 covers Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Panama, and Guatemala. Its people, in general, are kind, warm, active and like to receive brothers and sisters from all over the world with warmth and friendship. Due to their diversity, it is sometimes a bit difficult to achieve 'Unity in Diversity' in the zone. But with our diligent practice of the *Latihan*, we feel, that little by little, we are all One and that as brothers and sisters, we owe each other love, understanding, and tolerance.

2018 was spent mostly on preparing us for the XV World Congress. Four policy proposals were developed covering Science and Technology, Communications, creating a legal entity for SICA Latin America and a proposal for the Global Subud Salons and International Centers.

In November, the National Congress in Ecuador was held with the presence of the newly appointed international helpers from Area 3. During this time, a new national committee was elected. Many young people with their enthusiasm and promise for the growth of Subud attended the meeting. There was an atmosphere of fraternity and joy throughout.

Further, there are various social/humanitarian and educational projects supported by Susila Dharma Ecuador and Colombia, which continue to grow and develop. Each country has several projects they continue to work on with enthusiasm and energy.

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National Congress in Ecuador, one of six countries in Zone 8. IHs also attended.

Zone 9 South America (southern)

Zone Representative

Ana Sofia Mazzini

Uraidah Arratia (outgoing)

Zone 9 covers Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Peru. There are five groups in Argentina, three formal groups in Brazil with many isolated members, three groups in Chile and one in Peru for a total of twelve groups. In many countries, the distances between groups and where people live made it easier for them to have “satellite” groups.

In Argentina, groups in Mina Clavero and Buenos Aires own Subud houses. The national helpers try to visit all the groups each year and international helpers visit at times as well. In Brazil, the group in Sao Paulo has its own house which is financed partially by the rental of the third floor. Here some of the groups are growing, and others are dwindling. In Santiago de Chile, La Florida and Providencia, the groups own their own premises. In La Florida, they have a special *Latihan* for young mothers to allow them to do

Latihan while their babies are being cared for by the rest of the group. The group in Peru owns its own house and is becoming more and more active.

Since the World Congress, the new representative has worked on building a harmonious team within the Zone Council. Monthly meetings were held with country chairs, *kejiwaan* councillors, and committee councillors.

Peru held a National Congress where an update on membership and projects was given. It was a great success and a fun, harmonious experience supported by the *Latihan*.

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Members of Subud Argentina, one of four countries that make up Zone 9.

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International Helpers

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The new *dewan* met in Indonesia in late October 2018. This was an opportunity to greet Ibu Rahayu, and to visit Bapak's grave at Suka Mulya.

Area 1

International Helpers

Istidiatun Da Silva, Hermina Flynn, Rohmana Friend, Hussein Rawlings, Sudarmadji Sumohadiwidjojo, Suryadi Sumohadiwidjojo

(outgoing) Istigomah Jenkins, Lewis Hayward, Nahum Harlap, Matthew Moir, Rashida Cooper, and Rosario Moir



Area 1 IHS meet with Ibu Siti Rahayu, accompanied by Indra van Hien and the WSA Executive Chair.

The new *Dewan* met in Indonesia in late October 2018. This was an opportunity to greet Ibu Rahayu, and to visit Bapak's grave at Suka Mulya. During the visit, the international helpers (IHS) also met with other WSA officials, the Archives team and WSA Executive Chair, Suyono Sumohadiwidjojo.

The *Dewan* then traveled to Rungan Sari in Central Kalimantan and met with WSA Treasurer, Hannah Baerveldt, SESI Co-Chair, Gaye Thavisin, and SYAI Zone Representative, Mashudi Sumohadiwidjojo.

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At the World Congress in Freiburg, the new IH's met with the outgoing *dewan* to support a smooth transition.

The IHs visited various projects connected with Subud members. They also toured Palangka Raya – the capital of the province and located about 45 minutes from Rungan Sari. The *Dewan* wanted to get an idea of possible facilities for the next World Congress. They noted the city is growing with many good hotels, new medical facilities, and the modern upgraded airport.

The *Dewan* agreed on the importance of getting back to basics, to encourage the membership and the organization

to implement Bapak's guidance in fulfilling the purpose of Subud.

The *Dewan* has a continual schedule of *Latihan*, and regular zoom conference calls with Area 1 *Dewan*, full *Dewan*, IH Liaisons, WSA Executive team, WSC, and the zone. The IH report they have also responded to queries from the membership and supported the various Subud entities with *Latihans* and testing as required.

Area 2

International Helpers

Harina Easty, Kamilia Konrad, Mariam Tikale, Alan Boyd, Howard Ray, Valentin Pizzi

(outgoing) Arifin Konrad, Dahliani Drejza, Olivia Brady, Sahlan Crona, Sjarifah Roberts, and Valentin Pizzi

At the World Congress in Freiburg, the new IH's met with the outgoing *Dewan* to support a smooth transition. A very special moment was a short meeting with Ibu Rahayu and the outgoing WSA team. Ibu gave thanks to the outgoing team for their hard work and told the incoming team not to be lazy. The same day we started to work together, all eighteen and then

separately in the three Areas. We did *Latihan*, had meetings, and tested. Through testing, we found out who of us should be in liaison with WSA, MSF, the Wings, that is affiliates partners and services. In Area 2, we tested about visiting a number of countries in our Area, which included taking part in several national congresses. In September, Howard and Kamilia



Area 2 IHs at the French National Congress.

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(IHs) Harina and Alan joined the Subud Russia Annual Congress in Moscow in November. This event was attended by approximately 20+ members mostly from Moscow but with others from Kaliningrad and Ufa several hundred kilometers to the west.

joined the French National Congress in Sete. On this harmonious and fruitful congress, the new national helpers, the new national chair and the SD representative were tested and elected.

In October, Valentin and Kamilia traveled to Madrid to attend the Spanish National Congress. They joined sixty brothers and sisters and held *kejiwaan* activities. On the last day, the new national chairperson was elected. That same month, the

Dewan then met at the Forsthaus in Wolfsburg, Germany to talk, share experiences and do *Latihan* and testing about IH work.

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Area 3

International Helpers

Halinah Rizzo-Busack, Illene Pevec, Joan Fromme, Benedict Herrman, Humphrey Williams, Kohar Parra Bustillo

(outgoing) Suzanne Renna, Sarita Rodriguez Martinez, Myriam Ramsey, Hoan Toan Phan, Mahmud Nestman, Sjarifuddin Harris



IH visit to Cuba

One of the first activities after the World Congress was planning a retreat as the *Dewan* had very little time to plan together while in Freiburg. The entire *Dewan* met for three days in California to get to know each other, test/research the needs of the area, and come up with a preliminary plan/budget.

During this period, they developed communication with zone representatives, committees, *kejiwaan* counsellors and helpers at all

levels in Area 3. The IHs also solidified relationships with the respective wings we support.

In October, the *Dewan* supported the Cuban National Congress and visited every group on the island over five days. They also met Cuban government officials on matters of importance to the public and were accompanied by the Chair of SDIA. They also attended the Ecuador National Congress.

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Muhammad Subuh Foundation

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MSF focuses its work on “three pillars” Subud Houses, IH travel and WSA Archives.

MSF honors the name of the founder of Subud, Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo. It is the Foundation that partners with the World Subud Association to support Bapak’s vision of Subud as being an active and beneficial force for all of humankind. The purpose of the Foundation is to build a capital fund to sustain its mission to foster the worldwide growth and long-term development of Subud.

MSF focuses its work on “three pillars”: Subud Houses, IH travel and WSA Archives. For the past 27 years, MSF has supported the purchase and improvement of Subud houses in more than fifty groups in 25 countries. It has also provided substantial support to the WSA for IH travel and supports the WSA Archives to ensure an accurate record of the development of Subud is managed and preserved.

In 2018, MSF also took an active role in the World Congress with an exhibit where members could learn more about the work and history of MSF. New trustees were appointed and a new chairperson, Mauricio Castillo, took over from Marston Gregory who remains a trustee.

Grants

Muhammad Subuh Centre - Rungan Sari, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia
US\$ 5,000 for renovations

Yayasan Subud – Wisma Subud, Jakarta, Indonesia
US\$ 7,000 towards road repairs

Subud – Capetown, South Africa
US\$ 10,000 renovations

Subud Sao Paulo
US\$ 13,060 loan repayment

In addition, a total of **US\$ 24,980** was used to convert loans into grants for Subud Accaribo, Suriname / La Florida, Chile / Durham, USA and Sao Paolo, Brazil.

International Helper travel
US\$ 79,000 through grants to the WSA

Archives
US\$ 34,028

Link to MSF Annual Report <https://www.msubuhfoundation.org/news/annual-reports/>

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Wings, Affiliates & Services

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Through the combined efforts of Susila Dharma National organizations, projects, donors, board members, and staff, the Susila Dharma International Association continued to do amazing things all over the world in 2018.

SDIA Susila Dharma International Association

Chair

Evan Padilla

Kohar Parra Bustillo (outgoing)

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Highlights

At the new Susila Dharma-run Mother-Child Hospital Centre in Kwilu Ngongo, DR Congo, the Health Mutual Association now has over 3,800 members. This has far exceeded expectations and has put the centre well on the path to self-sufficiency. The entire project was completely funded by grants from outside Subud. There are four other community health centres successfully operated by Susila Dharma in the Congo. Thanks to partners in Canada, SDIA was able to acquire 52 hospital beds and donated medical equipment to support them, and some Subud Montreal members sourced a vehicle that was sent to give SD Congo logistical help in its important work.

Research confirms that the first 1000 days of life are critical for healthy brain development that allows children to reach their full intellectual and

physical potential. In 2018, SDIA, SD Canada and ICDP Peru continued implementing the Wawa Illari Project in Pachacamac, Peru with an innovation grant from the Canadian Government. The project combines the methodologies of three SD member projects - A Child's Garden of Peace on community and household gardens, Asociación Vivir on conscious nutrition, and International Child Development Programme (ICDP) on building healthy parent-child relationships. SDIA and SD Canada will shortly be announcing the results of the two-year research initiative.

South Africa has one of the highest rates of sexual violence and assault in the world. In 2018, SDIA supported its national members, and I PROTECT ME (IPM) to raise funds to train women and children to protect themselves against sexual attack. In early 2018, IPM began a new round of training of gender-based violence (GBV) prevention workers to work in two high schools in Cape Town and two primary schools which resulted in improving the self-protection skills of about 4000 students.

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In 2018, SDIA supported Anisha's Kitchen Garden Project's third year of operation, providing funds and technical support. The project is designed to teach 1400 middle school students living in a drought-prone impoverished area of Southern India to plant, grow, and harvest vegetables from their own kitchen gardens. Participating students continue to plant kitchen gardens and save seeds at their homes while receiving continued post-program monitoring and consultation throughout the duration of the project.

In 2017, SDIA and SD national organizations supported **Fundación Trópico** in Colombia to develop and raise funds for its efforts to protect the tropical forests in the region of Valle del Cauca in Colombia. To

make the conservation of the region's tropical forests sustainable, its inhabitants need to be able to make a living that does not involve destroying them. In 2018, with the support of SD Britain and SD Canada, SDIA supported five international volunteers to spend several months teaching English to tour guides in Pance National Park just outside of Cali, Colombia.

SDIA also put on a full program of events at the Subud World Congress in Freiburg, as well as a professional visual display of our work around the world.

For a complete account of SDIA's work in 2018, please read our Annual Report. <https://www.susiladharma.org/annual-report/>

SICA Subud International Cultural Association

Chair

Rusydah Ziesel
Sebastian Flynn (outgoing)

The main focus of SICA's work during 2018 was assisting in the preparation and activities at the World Congress with program design and operational planning in conjunction with other Wings. SICA was part of the Hall 2 'Subud Village' project at the World Congress which included 'Wing Forums' that profiled the work of successful creative enterprises. SICA also assisted in the planning of creative projects prior and during the World Congress.

The Wings worked together to create a contemporary and practical understanding of the integration of the *Latihan* into our daily lives as the basis of all that we aspire to and undertake – namely our Intention, Direction, Effort and Achievement (using the acronym IDEA) as the strategic basis of all that we aspire to.

Ibu Rahayu in her talk at the Freiburg World Congress emphasized the advice given by Bapak that we should put this approach into practice as a means to assess the degree to which we have been able to follow our *Latihan* and achieve the result that we hope for in fulfilling our endeavors.

SICA worked closely with International Helper SICA Rep Isti Jenkins during the year prior to World Congress, to create the "Our Subud Story" project – culminating in a successful program at the World Congress with a future archival contribution and possible publishing of material.

SICA continued to meet monthly by Skype and sustained its work in awarding creative grants as well as awards for outstanding achievements within the arts and for exemplary service to SICA. The inaugural Ludwig Goetz Memorial Award was presented to retiring Board Member and former SICA Chair, Latifah Taormina for her outstanding dedication to SICA which began in 1983. Dutch actress/artist Roberta Petzoldt was awarded the SICA Prize for her contribution as a promising young creative artist.

SICA Vice-Chair, Felix Prieto was instrumental in helping to establish SICA Latin America and worked towards the establishment of an independent affiliated organization to help gain access to grant support and funding endeavors.



Giant puppet created by Subud youth at the World Congress.

The Poems for Peace and Peace One Day initiatives continued including the establishment by Latifah Taormina of Peace Day Austin as part of the National Peace Day.

The annual SICA birthday was established on 15th of August as an annual international fund-raising day and initiative.

Since the World Congress, the new Chairperson, Rusydah Ziesel, has worked to fill board positions and develop a harmonious and dynamic team with regular communication among all the members of the team who together mapped out events for 2019.

SESI Subud Enterprise Services International

Co-chairs

Hammond Peek and Gaye Thavisin
Hadrian Fraval (outgoing)

SESI is one of the 5 'Wings' of the WSA. Unlike SDIA and SICA, which are affiliates, SESI operates as a standing (permanent) committee of WSA.

Vision and Goals were developed:

Vision: To improve the financial strength of our Subud organization over the four years of our term.

Goals: To support new and existing Subud enterprises; promote Centerprises; produce an interesting, and exciting bi-monthly SESI E-newsletter, regularly update the SESI website; set up a resource of Subud advisors/mentors/experts; strengthen the SES national representative network; encourage large projects; encourage Subud enterprises to donate to WSA and SESI.

Issue 1 of our SESI e-News came out in October 2018. Besides introducing the co-chairs this the e-newsletter featured articles about the SESI \$100k Project Fund, showcased two

enterprising members, and called for pledges for the 2019 WSA Budget. SESI received good feedback, and a number of Subud members asked to be added to our email list.

The new Enterprise Revolving Project Fund was established, which at the end of December had received pledges totaling around \$6,000.

A remarkable Centerprise website resource SubudSpaces.Slack.com was established by Raynard von Hahn, and features amazing stories and valuable information for group chairpersons and hall managers to initiate and run their group's centerprises. It is actively supported by an enthusiastic Advisory Board which includes the SESI Co-Chairs. The Board, which includes Nahum Harlap, WSA Chair, Susannah Rosenthal, who is developing the Subud Houses website, and Hanafi Fraval, SES Chair of Subud USA, meet monthly to discuss new developments and improvements.



SESI team and award recipients in Freiburg.

SESI Activities 2014-2018 (August)

SESI was given a mandate at the 2014 Puebla Congress, which is on record, and was a continuation of the previous SESI to encourage Subud members to increase their activity in enterprise. Previously the focus had been to establish large enterprises which could fund WSA. During this term, the new team used a dual approach to continue encouraging Subud members to establish their own enterprise and secondly, to make an effort to establish a large enterprise. Through our SubudEnterprise.com website, we published a wide range of articles reporting on the activities by small enterprises of Subud members. We established Usaha Mulia BV as a vehicle for supporting entrepreneur activity in Subud and funded the US\$10,000 and US\$100,000 project showcases. As a result, 29 projects were supported.

The second focus was developing a large enterprise (500 Mega Watt solar photovoltaic array electric generation system). Progress has been slow, but we are close to realizing our objective.

SESI made a major contribution to the planning and implementation of Hall 2 at the Subud World Congress in Freiburg. The focus of the Congress was 'Unity,' and the Wings were united in the very large Subud Village in the Freiburg Messe Convention Centre.

Since the Christchurch Congress, there has been an increasing resurgence of activity in putting Bapak's advice regarding enterprises into practice. Since 2010, enterprises have contributed over US\$700,000 to WSA.

SIHA Subud International Health Association

Coordinator

Albatina Phillimore
Maxwell Fraval (outgoing)

In 2014, the administration of SIHA had fallen into abeyance, and there was an urgent need to reconstruct a network similar to what existed before.

At the Congress in Puebla, Mexico that same year, it was felt that a more regionalized administration should be initiated. The website had never really worked properly in the past, so Howard Richman single-handedly built the new website, and it met all the needs that had been discussed for over 15 years.

An annual newsletter was also started and produced by Syna Horton.

One of our goals is to "promote and coordinate health-related projects." The Living Well Dying Well project in the UK, the Château de Tribomont and the Wilcyska Centre in Poland reflect this goal.

At the World Congress, SIHA provided peace, education, connection, and support on many levels, including giving treatments to many members. SIHA also interfaced with the First Aid station and provided wheelchairs to those who required them. SIHA



SIHA team inspired renewed interest in the association at the World Congress.

members reinforced the need to maintain and promote the positive interactions between practitioners and interested parties and maintain good communication. More than 100 people signed up to learn more about SIHA. Since the Congress, more conference calls and face to face meetings has proven to be very helpful. Under this new effort, calls and meetings in both Britain and Germany have occurred.

SYAI

Subud Youth Activities International

Coordinator

Felix Prieto
Ethan Harris (outgoing)

Subud Youth Activities International in 2018 was a year of transition following the passing of Coordinator George Demers. Peter Jenkins and Ethan Harris were later selected by the youth team to coordinate the final year of George's term in office. George was an inspirational leader who brought great energy to SYAI. While it was not possible to fully replace that energy, we worked to facilitate a wonderful gathering of youth in Cuba and help obtain financial support for about sixty young people from around the Subud world to attend the World Congress in Germany.

The event in Cuba was a great success and a rare chance for the locals to have an international Subud gathering in their area.

One of George's projects was the Fellowship Fund. A project which inspired young people to create small businesses. The other major role of SYAI in a congress year is facilitating the workings of the International Youth Travel Fund (created by Manuel and Harfia Oliver). Much of our work in 2018 was facilitating the funds to

get youth to congress. The majority of these funds came from generous matching grants from the WSA, GHFP (Guerrand-Hermes Foundation for Peace) and the MSF. The last remaining role taken on by members of our team was the preparations for "your spaces" and activities at Congress.

In Germany, the torch was passed to a new youth coordinator who brings both new energy and a wealth of experience in working with young people in Juan-Felix Prieto.

A special thanks to Rhyana Blakeley, Hilaria Dette, and the outgoing youth team. Also, a big welcome to Juan-Felix Prieto and the new SYAI team. As a final note, the SYAI team did advocate for and achieved a new larger international youth structure per the initiative created by George and his team.

The new team began their work at the World Congress with a number of new Zone youth representatives meeting with the new youth coordinator, Felix Prieto.

They agreed to start augmenting the international youth network. The strategy is for each of these new zone representatives to organize their own network by identifying and inviting other youth in their zone (countries, regions, and local groups) to participate. Plans for 2019 were also developed, focusing the next four years on:

- Maintain focus in the *Latihan* as the inner force and guidance by providing *kejiwaan* activities in future youth activities

- Keep augmenting an inter-generational network and positive interaction and integration among the Subud structure representatives and all members
- Identify resources and promote youth enterprises to facilitate youth and coordinator traveling and activities
- Provide building capacity workshops and programs for the above-mentioned aims
- Promote wings integration, activities and support



SYAI members take time out at the World Congress to remember much-loved Youth Coordinator George Demers

WSA Archives

Chair

Matthew Moir

2018 has been an important year for WSA Archives, reflected in the active presence at and contributions to the Freiburg Congress. Specifically, the Congress approved the resolution presented by the WSA-Executive and the archives team for an amendment to the WSA Bylaws, as follows:

“10.7 WSA Archives: The WSA Archives is a permanent and integral part of the WSA. The World Subud Association Archives Charter defines the WSA Archives and its relationship with the WSA.”

The WSA Archives Charter was also approved at World Congress, including a modification proposed by the delegates that the support body described in the Charter be constituted as a WSA Archives Subcommittee, with a Chair tested and appointed at World Congress, reporting to the WSA-Executive. This document, together with the Bylaws Amendment, identifies the support of the WSA Archives and its mission, goals, and purpose as a vital and key

responsibility of the World Subud Association. The Charter is a seminal document for the future direction of WSA Archives and strongly advocates the importance of continuity of policy over time, beyond the terms of WSA administrations, given the essential role of Archives now and into the indefinite future.

Following Matthew Moir’s selection as Chair, a careful search was conducted, with the appointed members of the subcommittee being Asmaniah Fraval (Australia), Ashadi Waclik (Indonesia), Garrett Thomson (UK and USA), and Matthew Clark (USA). We have together identified a set of priorities, including the provision of a suitable permanent facility for the WSA Canberra Archives, and several projects for 2019 with a primary focus on creating increased visibility and viability of the archives and greater accessibility for the members. These priorities are in addition to our overseeing the administration and management of the WSA Archives ongoing functions.

The ongoing work of the archives team includes the following:

- The WSA Cilandak Archives, which is administered by YMS on behalf of WSA and managed by Farlan Williams, has as its main function the organization and preservation of Bapak’s letters and Ibu’s talks and letters, and support of the work of Ibu’s office.
- Amalijah Thompson, the WSA Archivist in Canberra, Australia, has continued with the processing and preservation of the digital files of Bapak’s unedited talks from the Memnon project and the ongoing preservation of the original analog tapes from the former WSA Tape Preservation Unit. This work has enabled her to provide the translation team with copies of the digital files with greater audio fidelity than previously available, to assist with the making of authorized translations for recent published volumes of the Talks of Bapak. She subsequently created a full set of MP3’s of Bapak’s talks from the digital files for the translation team. A set of LTO’s of the complete digital files of Bapak’s talks, totaling around 6.8 TB, has been sent from Canberra to Cilandak for security backup and archival purposes.
- Daniela Moneta, the WSA Archivist in Phoenix, USA, has continued her work on the AtoM database for WSA Archive repositories, and the online accessibility to members of selected documents, photographs, and other items of interest. The latter is in an active developmental phase, given the importance of ensuring security and establishing a method for authenticating those who register as Subud members. Daniela has also developed guidelines for the national archives of member countries, which she presented at Freiburg, and acts in an advisory capacity when requested.
- The advent of digital technology has introduced new challenges for the ongoing updating of digitized archives to remain current with technological changes, and the collection and preservation of documents, photographs, and other items that have been digital-born. Since the digital era, there has been a significant gap in the collections and permanent loss of material of corporate importance and archival value. This is a matter requiring the development of policies and guidelines throughout the Subud organization.

Subud Publications International

Administrator

Leonard Hurd

2018 was a particularly active year preparing for and attending World Congress.

In addition to our regular translation work for the Bapak's Talks project, we also spent many hours compiling the English edition of Advice & Guidance for Bapak's Helpers (and assisting the Spanish edition) in readiness for Congress.

The sales of Bapak's Talks Volumes 1 to 33 amounted to 513 copies – of these, 167 copies were sold at World Congress. We also sold copies of our other publications and DVDs of Bapak's talks, at World Congress. In addition to this, we also sold 710 copies of Advice & Guidance for Bapak's Helpers (English) and 233 copies in Spanish, on behalf of WSA – passing a total of €7,496 to WSA at Congress.

The sales of Bapak's Talks Volumes only covers a small percentage of the total project costs. It is of utmost importance for the success of the Bapak's Talks Project that WSA continues to finance the project. So far, WSA was only able to partially fund the project.

Bapak's Talks Translation project

- [Volume 33 \(August & September 1970\)](#)
- [Volume 34 \(September 1970\)](#)
- [Charlas de Bapak Volumen 27](#)
- [Russian Editions](#)
- [Volume 28 Printed.](#)
- [Volume 29/30 Ready to print.](#)
- [Volume 31 Translation in progress.](#)
- [Advice & Guidance for Bapak's Helpers \(AGBH\)](#)

During 2018 we spent 600 hours compiling, proof-reading and checking the English edition of AGBH in readiness for the 2018 World Congress. We also assisted the translation team with the compilation of the Spanish edition.

Translations

Coordinator

Elisa Sánchez Caballero



WSA Translations team.

In 2018, good communication between the language teams continued in an effort to understand the different needs and how we can help each other. *The new Advice and Guidance for Bapak's Helpers* was translated into several languages. This was a great challenge, and thanks to everyone's effort, the book was printed in English and Spanish in time for the Freiburg congress.

After the World Congress, the team resumed production of the subtitled videos of Bapak's talks, adding Hebrew to the list. We also continued to subtitle videos in several languages using Bapak's audio and photos.

Bapak's and Ibu Siti Rahayu's words contain guidance and wise counsel for those of us practicing the *Latihan Kejiwaan* of Subud and deserve all the respect and care we can give so that, neither now nor in the future, the message will be misrepresented.

At the World Congress in Freiburg, WSA member countries approved a "Guide reference for Excerpts from the Talks of Bapak and Ibu Rahayu." The guide also established codes to identify the different types of translation that exist, such as:

- **UT - Unidentified/ Unknown Source Translations, which must not be used for a quotation as the reliability of the content can't be confirmed**
- **PI - Podium Interpretation = Also called provisional translations, a PI is the transcript of the live translation or what was said by the translator. PI's are not recommended for a quotation.**
- **TT - Transitional Translation = the best possible translation for that translator, at that time, of a talk from Bapak or Ibu Rahayu. A Transitional Translation is a translation which may have been distributed or published, but which has not yet been published according to the 'VT' (Volume Translation) standard by SPI (Subud Publication International).**
- **VT - Volume Translation**

Excerpts/quotes from Bapak's and Ibu Rahayu's talks.

The WSA translations' team request that all Subud members who wish to quote Bapak in any document or article to please follow the directions found in the handbook approved at the 2018 World Congress to avoid confusion and misinterpretation. Also, to make sure that the words of Bapak and Ibu Rahayu do not change in context, change in their content, and do not take a different direction. The work carried out by the people who made the manual was not intended to complicate the use of these extracts, but quite the opposite: to ensure that these words come from their true source. Let us be aware of the enormous importance of preserving these words, especially for future generations.

The team feels immensely fortunate to work daily on the talks, and hope all of you, reading them, will enjoy them as much as we do translating them. Of the 1300 talks, we have already translated more than 700.

Finally, the team would like to thank the people in charge of transcribing the audio of the talks from Indonesian to English, to the translators, proofreaders and editors of each of the languages and, of course, to the archivist(s) and staff of the WSA Archives, whose work in preserving the recordings, documents and historical photographs is of immense value.

Care Support

Coordinator

Amanecer Urrutia

The budget granted was US\$ 18,000 (similar to the previous year). US\$ 9000 was allocated for medical emergencies and the remainder for educational emergencies.

During the course of the year, five requests for medical emergencies were granted for a total value of US\$ 6000. Applications were from countries such as Ecuador, Colombia, and DR Congo.

Two requests for aid for educational support from DR Congo were also granted totalling US\$ 983. Requests for educational aid were also received from several young Subud brothers from DR Congo. However, these did not comply with the Care Support criteria of only providing one-time (emergency) help and not long term support for education. It was decided not to grant such aid. This case is still under discussion.

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Financials

2018 Financial Summary

The year began like every other year, until news reached the WSA executive committee that donations were expected to be at least twenty percent less than anticipated. This meant that there would not be enough funding to cover the budget the World Subud Council had set for 2018. To complicate matters, 2018 was a World Congress year, and the reduction in contributions really tested the capacities of the WSA administration who were used to annual budgets of close to a half-million dollars during their four-year term.

The WSA treasurer, Hilaria Dette, immediately recommended curtailing expenditures, and she reduced costs where possible through to the end of her term. This prudent tactic was then embraced by the incoming WSA administration in August 2018, and the new zone representatives of the World Subud Council unanimously agreed to an immediate moratorium on virtually all expenses except for contractual obligations and fees, and minimal international helper travel. At the end of the year, when it became apparent some funding would be available thanks to the severe reduction in expenditures,

it was agreed that WSA should fulfill their financial commitment to Subud Publications International, for their important work of publishing Bapak's talks.

These actions, combined with the excellent work of the World Congress Organizing Team (WCOT), enabled the year to end with a positive balance of some USD 50k. WCOT ultimately contributed an amount to this of around USD 14,500, and the WSA World Congress reserves were replenished back to their prior level of about USD 150k. This was the good news for 2018.

The very unfortunate news is that if these financial cutbacks continue, many important WSA activities will not have sufficient WSA funding. Programs like Archives, International helper travel, History of Subud, Care Support, and many others, will make only minimal progress towards achieving their goals for this term. A 'holding pattern' or suspension of activities may be needed and doable for a short time, but as a long-term strategy this is untenable, and a way forward must be found.

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Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2018 and 2017

US dollars

	2018	2017
Assets Banks/Cash		
Banks/Cash	\$462,492	\$320,002
Enterprise donations	\$4,084	\$26,836
Total Assets	\$466,576	\$346,838
Liabilities & net assets		
Liabilities		
Expense vouchers and income received in advance	\$55,832	\$55,514
Total liabilities	\$55,832	\$55,514
Net Assets		
Unrestricted/Undesignated	\$170,543	\$120,423
Board designated - World Congress Fund	\$155,582	\$103,628
Subud Emergency Fund	\$15,672	\$15,672
Temporarily Donor Restricted	\$68,947	\$51,601
Total Net Assets	\$410,744	\$291,324
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$466,576	\$346,838

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

Statement of Activity for the year 2018

US dollars

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
Income				
Member contributions	\$161.252	-	\$2.897	\$164.149
Enterprise donations	\$2.330	-	-	\$2.330
Grants received	\$29.251	-	\$132.161	\$161.412
Individual donations	\$44.277	-	\$82.842	\$127.119
Other income	\$11.007	-	-	\$11.007
World Congress	\$787.187	\$51.954	-	\$839.141
Total income	\$1.035.304	\$51.954	\$217.900	\$1.305.158
Net Assets released from restrictions	\$200.554	-	\$(200.554)	-
Total	\$1.235.858	\$51.954	\$17.346	\$1.305.158
Expenses (Programs)				
<i>Kejiwaan</i>	\$89.845	-	-	\$89.845
Media Unit	\$97.927	-	-	\$97.927
Human Activity programs	\$132.874	-	-	\$132.874
Total program expenses	\$320.646	-	-	\$320.646
Supporting Services				
WSA Chair, Zone Reps, WSC	\$14.937	-	-	\$14.937
WSA Executive	\$69.956	-	-	\$69.956
Audit	\$4.500	-	-	\$4.500
World Congress	\$772.645	-	-	\$772.645
Total Supporting Services	\$862.038	-	-	\$862.038
Total Functional Expenses	\$1.182.684	-	-	\$1.182.684
Currency loss	\$3.054	-	-	\$3.054
Total Expenses	\$1.185.738	-	-	\$1.185.738
Change in Net Assets	\$50.120	\$51.954	\$17.346	\$119.420
Net Assets beginning of period	\$120.423	\$103.628	\$67.273	\$291.324
Net Assets end of period	\$170.543	\$155.582	\$84.619	\$410.744



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