



SUBUD WORLD NEWS

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IBU RAHAYU'S TALKS IN INNSBRUCK

As the biggest auditorium at the Congress Center in Innsbruck can only seat 1,500 people, in case this is not enough some of us will be asked to follow Ibu's talks in a big screen at another auditorium next door within the Center. Ibu has explained that she has no problem with it, so we would like you all know of this circumstance in advance.



2435 members registered up to June 18th

www.worldcongress2005.com

The Open Congress: A Food Court for Body & Soul

Dear Good and Gentle People,

I would like to express my understanding of our shared vision of Congress. At the moment I'm hungry, so I'll use a food metaphor:

The Congress is a series of huge, shared meals prepared and enjoyed by everyone together. The basic idea is that your "main courses" will be the latihan, talks/testing, plenaries, unstructured exploration of individual and shared Subud life, and the welcome/farewell ceremonies. In other words, the things for every member. Since 90% of the people at Congresses do not have "official" business to do, let us create a very wide and flexible and inviting space. That way, we do not structure a Congress around what only a couple hundred people think is important – we serve everyone and get everyone involved.

Then, you choose your sauces and spices, starters, sides, and desserts: The "menu of a thousand choices". These are offerings that attract smaller numbers: Personal and group testing, meetings of and with delegates and zonal councils, performances, working parties, pre-scheduled and spontaneous workshops, meetings, and events.

Think of the "program" as a 15-day meal plan that starts with a bunch of blank pages. Each member chooses from the "menu", and decides what to cook for others, and what to eat her/himself. A lot of these offerings will emerge during the Congress itself, so we have to keep things very open because new menu choices will appear every morning and then through the course of each day.

In the middle and around of all of this is the Congress

Village – a great food court serving body and soul. Walks in the park; performances on stage; latihan here, there, and everywhere; ongoing creation of environments, experiences, and encounters in Dogana Hall and all the facilities.

We are striving to design an "open" Congress, with the emphasis on deepening, discovery, sharing, and celebration. By having just a few "main courses" complemented by the "menu of a thousand choices", members will not feel overwhelmed that there are a zillion things that they must do. They can offer and participate in the things that are important to them. Their nourishment can be tailored to their needs, capacities, and appetites. No need to have to have too much, or get too little.

After the first three days of "cleansing the palate", it is of course possible for people to schedule things from 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., when the big latihan will be. Then there is after lunch all the way to dinner, which is four hours, at least. It would be nice, though, if we do not schedule too much for delegates during the mornings, since they also really need to discover and experience the Subud world, which may make the "business" meetings richer. And, these activities are not on the general program (main courses), so the general program stays open and light. The right balance between yummy food and good exercise. It seems that with this approach, we may all be quite energized, happy, and productive. More later. Now I have to go get a bite to eat...

Love from here,
- Daniel

WORLD CONGRESS PREPARATIONS

taken from the World Congress News Bulletins

Children at World congress

There's a lot going on! It's our aim to see that big and small people have a great time everywhere in Innsbruck. With many play areas and useful creative studios for all, our own sports facility and childrens room at the congress center during evening talks, many excursion options a market day and various music and theatre performances, there will always be something interesting on the program for every age group. In addition there will be kindergarden child care arrangements for children between 3-7 years old and a Kids Day Camp for 8-12 yrs. Only a few special excursions might incur an extra charge above the congress registration fee for example, entry to the Alp zoo, swimming pool or climbing courses in the climbing centre Tivoli. The Kindergarden und Kids Day Camp aren't directly next to the congress center, however they are about a 10 minute walk away, or a short bus ride which Innsbruck city is arranging for us. At both venues there are plenty of play areas both in and out doors, playgrounds, rooms for movement and gymnastic halls. In addition there are rooms for handcrafts, painting, for making music and doing theatre or playing board games. So there is a small congress for the children, embedded in the congress for adults. In the afternoons many activities are planned at which parents can join in. For example, puppet, theatre or musical performances, creative sports activities and swimming or excursions around the Innsbruck area. Child care for children between 3 and 7 years old in Kindergarden is only planned during the morning. For children aged 8 years and older, (or for younger ones who particularly need it) there will be arrangements at the Kids Day camp offered also in the afternoon. For babies and toddlers (0-3 years), accompanied by their parents we offer a Pikler Playgroup for 1 1/2 hours daily. In order to inform you about the child care program in detail, (educative background principles, daily schedule, Pikler playgroup) please contact Lucie directly: salu.graebe@utanet.at Every contribution as a volunteer in child care, staff member or project leader (offers of workshops etc.) is welcome! Parents are also welcome to work with us for a day or so. You can fill in your offers in the Get involved form on the website. We are sending further information to all parents that have registered with their children. Looking forward to seeing you!

- Lucie Gräbe, Child Care coordination

THIS ISSUE

Sorry that I have not been able to produce the May issue of SWN in time, as I had to attend a COT meeting in Austria by the end of the month and only now am updated with the email.

- Laurencio Young - Editor

Arifah Gebhardt writes:

The energy is building up here in Innsbruck. Not only is the latihan stronger, but we are getting more visitors recently. COTies who mainly live in the Vienna area have been around regularly, Michaela Acker from Wiesbaden, Germany has now moved here to take care of arranging the 7th Chapel area which is planned as a creativity studios centre. Council members Daniel, Nasrudhin, Faustine as well as Leonard Lassalle for the cultural programme and welcoming ceremony planning, have also been round. Materials are being collected for decorations, play areas and sports, signage has been applied for with the city authorities, variations of menu plans with fresh vegetables, salads, meat, fish and poultry dishes, promise the best catering ever (on the website later this week) and now we're keeping our fingers crossed that all the visas needed will get issued. We're looking for a project leader to run a Viennese Cafe providing the world famous cakes and pastries. Meanwhile, I think we can almost begin to palpate the congress!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WELCOMING

From Martin Fiedler and Iris Bohm:

"There is a need for a huge number of people to help with the **WELCOMING** at Munich airport for a number of days before congress, so have a **VOLIDAY** (or two, or three), which means be a volunteer for a few days, have fun and enjoy a great start to the congress at the entry point for the world.

We will provide free accommodation at the Subud house in Munich, transport, food and drinks, and half a day off to hang out together, visit Munich city and perhaps spend an evening in a typical Bavarian 'biergarten'.

We need you to work in one of the two daily shifts, for about 8 hours, at the airport to welcome and guide all guests arriving from all over the world. You would be the first friendly contact for a lot of people arriving after a long journey, so join our Welcome Team and help establish the congress atmosphere from the start!

More **VOLIDAYS** - If you haven't yet decided how and when to join the team, i.e. the best way to make friends and be in on the action, volunteers can turn up at our info booth in the congress foyer and can commit for a day or more to help with arrangements at congress.

SCULTURE-PAINTER-ARCHITECT-GOLDSMITH-PHOTOGRAPHER-FASHION-DESIGN

ART – INN GALLERY 24JUL/4AUG

The gallery at the Subud World Congress Innsbruck 2005 wishes to invite all artists from all over the world to participate in SICA and to show your work in an international art-exhibition, a reality of the latihan.

For information and registration, please contact us by mail: gallery@worldcongress2005.com

ART-INN GALLERY, Subudhuis Den Haag, van Aerssenstraat 1, 2582 JD Den Haag

YOUTH@CONGRESS

from Anselm Schwade

At all congress venues there will be plenty of opportunity for folks to meet and to participate in the wider congress happenings. A variety of workshop studios for creative activity will be on offer at all times for arts, music, and drama as well as sports activities like football, volleyball, mountaineering, water-sports and we have the Tivoli climbing hall, the most famous climbing hall in Europe.

Additionally some fieldtrips and mountainbiking are in planning which will be good opportunities to discover the Alpine country.

Workshops for spraypainting, for disc-jockeying, for break dance are on the way.

Furthermore there will be venues to just hang out, to play games, and enjoy yourself. Other hang-outs (we called it Meeting points) will be at various juice-bars and cafes all around the different congress venues.

By the way, we've just got support for the youth programme to produce Easels and drawing tables as part of a carpentry workshop, for a creative studio in the 7th Chapel area!

INTERNET @ CONGRESS

An Internet café will be established in the foyer of the main Congress Centre.

Also, the entire Congress Center is WiFi enabled.

SYMPHONY CONCERT TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Transformation...Music that Transforms the Soul, is progressing wonderfully and the Chorale now has over 50 voices. This concert will feature the local 'Tiroler Kammerorchester Instrumenti' with our musicians joining from all over the world, plus several soloists. We can still use more singers. Please contact Martson Gregroy at marstongregory@msn.com to join the Chorale.

We are hoping many will consider purchasing tickets online or through the mail before they arrive, so that they can be placed in your registration pack and save you from having to queue up in line. You can go to our website for purchasing through Paypal or download the ticket form from the site and send via mail to Subud USA who has been kind enough to handle the tickets. Do not mail funds from outside U.S. after July 10, since they may not arrive via international mail in time for processing, please pay at the Congress site box office.

<http://subudusa.org/2005WorldConcert.php>

SCHEDULING OF THE MAIN LATIHANS AT CONGRESS

We are making every effort to make the latihan a top priority in this World Congress by scheduling the main latihan at times when it is most convenient for all members to participate (younger, older, delegates, non-delegates, parents of kids in childcare, members on a holiday, members on a business trip, etc.). As such, main latihan times have been scheduled for 11am and 10.30pm every day. This allows for 2-3 hours each morning for those leading or participating in morning events. There will also be rooms available for members to do latihan at any time.

CATERING IN THE CONGRESS CENTRE

Meal tickets, which can be ordered through your registration form, provide for a 3-course buffet style arrangement whereby one can have a choice of various dishes. A lunch and dinner meal plan is available for viewing on the Congress website under 'Registration / Catering' or directly at:

<http://worldCongress2005.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=UpDownload&file=index&req=viewdownload&cid=11>

To secure your place for these meals please don't forget to book now if you haven't already! The prices are very good value.

GIFT SHOP

Members can bring their wares to sell at Congress. There will be a central area set up for the Gift Shop for the sale of handicrafts and books (including Subud Publications International). A credit card payment system is due to be installed. A policy defining the terms and conditions of participation in the Gift Shop will be announced shortly. Contact the Congress Office (office@worldCongress2005.com) for details of where to send goods in advance for storage if necessary.

CREDIT CARDS PAYMENTS

If you don't travel often, you might like to inform your credit card company of your plans to be abroad. Sometimes an automatic anti-theft security system at your bank can hold-up transactions abroad to protect from stolen cards.

BABYSITTERS

Who needs and who would like to offer babysitting services? We are compiling a list of needs and offers. Details will be made available at the Child / Youth Information Booth at Registration on the first day of Congress. We will have a 'Babysitting meeting' the same day so that parents and children can meet potential babysitters and make arrangements.

If you are interested please contact salu.graebe@utanet.at and give your details: "I am offering / looking for babysitting services": Name, Hotel and telephone number in Innsbruck, age of child, email contact address until Congress.

ACCOMMODATION

As one who has already registered, you should have received an offer for accommodation from the Innsbruck Reservierung, which is the local tourist office, if you had asked for it in your form. If not, then please urgently contact them at hotel@innsbruck.info quoting your booking code and official name as given in the registration form. Please also forward the information to your local and national committees and other people still considering whether or not to come, that they should register in any case NOW to ensure that they can reserve their accommodation, as last minute decisions may result in needing to make do with having to stay quite far away from the Congress venue.

LOTS OF BEDS STILL AVAILABLE

Please spread the word to all those who are undecided about coming to Congress. There are still over 200 beds available in the euro20 – 30 price range within a 5km (3 mile) radius of the Congress site. There are an unlimited number of beds in this price range outside of the 5km radius. There are also hundreds of beds available in higher price ranges. The local public transport services will make movement to and from the Congress Village quick and easy.

YOUTH / YOUNG-AT-HEART?

We're so glad you are coming to Innsbruck. Please serve as inspiration for other young members and non-members around the world to come to Congress by adding yourself to the online directory at the "We're All Going" website (<http://youth.worldcongress2005.com>) and by encouraging all your friends to come too.

MEAL TICKETS

Everyone who has registered for the Congress Catering please note that no more refunds can be made due to planning needs. Those members who would like to purchase meal tickets on a weekly basis should contact registration@worldcongress2005.com. Individual tickets will also be available on site during Congress at the same price. Unwanted tickets can be donated to the 'meal ticket pool', where people wanting a meal for a particular day can perhaps get a ticket out of this pool. There will be no meal ticket refund during Congress.

WORLD CONGRESS NEWS BULLETIN

This bulletin is circulated weekly by the Congress Organising Team and the World Subud Council to all registered participants, and its content is reproduced in SWN for every member to know. Spread the word!

INTERPRETING SERVICES

We hope to offer interpreting services at least during the plenary sessions where reports and speeches will be made and during Ibu Rahayu's talks. Those of you who will be delivering reports or speeches, please prepare something in writing for our interpreters at least 12 hours ahead of time, so that even if you speak freely, they have a chance to familiarise themselves with the content. If we have enough volunteers, hopefully the official working parties will also include some interpreting services to enable our process of listening to each other not only from our inner but also in each other's own language, to be a truly fruitful and enhancing multi cultural experience.

ADVERTISING YOUR ENTERPRISE

A Congress Magazine will be given to every participant on arrival to the World Congress. The magazine will serve as a guide to Congress and the city of Innsbruck and will ease the phase of orientation for all participants. If you would like to advertise your company, service, products, etc., in this magazine, please contact office@worldcongress2005.com by the 18th of June.

CREATIVE STUDIOS

Art lovers, artists, craftspeople and all those curious about art, with or without experience, are invited to become part of a team of volunteers and "care takers" for our studios. In our Congress Village there is the wonderful opportunity to provide a lot of space for art. There are several studios at different locations throughout the Congress Village and these need to be looked after while being accessible to everybody at all times.

Studios include Theatre and Dance, Music and Poetry, Painting and Drawing, Drumming and Movement, Clay modelling, mask making and more. If this interests you, and you wish to give a workshop or if you want to take care of the place while you hang out being creative yourself, you can become one of our creative volunteers. Contact: Anselm a.schwade@utanet.at

MENTORS / TUTORS

Do you remember your days as a teenager? You may have a feeling of love and deep interest for this age group, undergoing radical changes in their development processes. If so, you may be the right person for being a mentor or tutor for youth at Congress. With or without experience, the most important input we need is your sincere interest and your open ears towards the feelings, thoughts and needs of this group of grown-ups. And we are on hand to give you some support and some useful instruments too. For more information contact Anselm: a.schwade@utanet.at

CONGRESS STORE

Members who would like to sell items at Congress need to provide the following information to the office (office@worldcongress2005.com):

- What are the items being sold?
- What space is required (square meters area for display)?
- How many hours are you available (per day) to attend the Congress Store?

Policy:

- Items need to be displayed together with staff member, who is responsible for the store
- Store keeper (Congress staff member) and World Subud Association (WSA) will not be held liable for any missing items
- Valuable items need to be locked away every evening and brought back in the morning
- 20% of all profits will go to WSA at the end of the Congress

- Items that have not been sold have to be picked up on the last day of Congress (4th August)
 - Prices of the items together with retail price list have to be made available at the beginning of Congress.
 Items can be sent before Congress to: COT c/o Fam. Gebhardt, Gutenbergstrasse 9, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

SUBUD INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (SIHA) UPDATE

Subud health professionals are already contributing an amazing array of expertise, diversity and talent to the SIHA programme this Congress. If you are planning to offer a workshop, presentation or treatment session and haven't yet registered your intention, please do so as soon as possible. You should do TWO things:
 1, Contact SIHA programme coordinator Lutfiya Murray (lutfiya@purespeed.com) and complete the form she sends you.

2 Go to <http://www.worldcongress2005.com>, click Get Involved, complete the registration form and check the health box on the page where you describe your contribution.

Please also plan to attend the SIHA-mini-exhibition on Sunday 24th between 9.30 and 12.30, in order to promote your session / project / give short demonstrations of your work / distribute your brochures/ or sell your health products.

FESTIVAL DAY PARADE – 28th JULY

"The family of humankind - our children and our future" represented by all of us from our different cultures can celebrate our diversity, creativity and work in workshops with the people of Innsbruck towards this parade. This will also be an opportunity for all the children and adults to show the creative work they have been doing in the first week. We would like this to be a colourful event with music, dance, street performers, artists and lots of children. The parade will culminate in a finale event outside the Congress centre.
 Note to parents: although we will be making things before the parade it would be very helpful if you could please bring fancy dress or national costume for your children with you to Congress. Any street performers, clowns, jugglers and musicians, etc., who would like to participate please give your name and contact details to the Congress office before or on arrival (office@worldcongress2005.com).

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Those wishing to arrive by air should if possible fly directly to Innsbruck. At Innsbruck Airport you will find our team at the Subud Information Desk in the arrival hall outside the baggage claim area. They will help you find your way to the hotel, sell our special bus ticket or order a taxi with a discount fare for you. Otherwise Munich and Salzburg airports are a few hours away and you can book a shuttle service giving us your flight arrival details in advance. There we will also have a welcoming team to assist you.

Although all of our venues in Innsbruck are located within walking distance of each other, you might sometimes dream of being carried, especially at night on your way back to the hotel after a late night latihan. So the good news is that we have negotiated a really special offer for World Congress members, for one ticket that enables you to use all busses and trams, day and night for the duration of Congress.

The Prices:

0-6 years = free transport

7-18 years = 12 Euros

19 plus = 15 Euros

(This represents a €70 price reduction compared to usual prices!)

For your personal comfort we highly recommend the use of this ticket, which can be purchased from us on arrival.

WAG: Thank You (so much) gifts!

Thanks to the very generous supporters who have contributed these wonderful gifts, there are Thank You gifts now available to members or groups who contribute to the "We're All Going" project's Make a Wish fund. Contributors of \$800 or more will receive the brand new audio DVD of Bapak's talks given on his 1981 World Tour, referred to by many as the 'all of humankind' and 'courage' talks. This DVD of sixty-eight talks is now on sale for \$245. For contributions over \$1,200, the above DVD is your gift in addition to the audio DVD collection of fifty three talks given by Bapak during the month of Ramadan (value \$195). For contributions of over \$1,600, \$200 worth of Bapak's re-translated volumes will be added to these two great DVDs. So, contribute today, and get your Subud group involved too in helping us all be together. Please visit <http://youth.worldcongress2005.com> for more information on this project including how to be involved. For more information about the new Bapak's talks DVDs, visit http://subud.net/audio_talks

SES at World Congress 05

If you are part of an enterprise that (a) contributes regularly to Subud (local or national or international) and (b) whose owners are Subud members, more than one of which is active in or supervising the enterprise, please make yourself known to either Hadrian Michell at hm@xecnet.com or Michael Heaslip at michaelraphaela@eircom.net.

You are invited to make a presentation during the Enterprise Workshop days at World Congress.

Please let one of us know if you will be available.

General World Congress Information

by Zone 7 Rep. Julia Hurd

International Positions open:

- .. *WSA Chair* – Nominations by countries through Zone Reps
- .. *Deputy Chair* – Selected by incoming World Subud Council from WSA Chair nominees
- .. *ISC Chair* – National organizations nominate, unless procedure is changed
- .. *International Helpers* (three men and three women from each Area) – Open to all helpers after pre-testing in their home countries, must be at congress
- .. *Susila Dharma and International Cultural Association Chairs* – Appointed by congress plenary from constituent nominees
- .. *Youth and Enterprise Services* – How can we best move forward? Open to all nominees assuming structure stays the same or nearly the same
- .. *Muhammad Subuh Foundation trustees* – Nominees from member countries and members of WSC and MSF. visit www.msubuhfoundation.org
- .. *International Assistance Coordinator* – Open to all, see www.subud.net WSC diaries page
- .. *International Assistance Fund raiser* - Open to all, see www.subud.net WSC diaries page

International Venues open:

- .. Location of ISC office – National organizations nominate
- .. Location of 2009 World Congress – Depending on the will of the plenary, WSC will decide in the future or plenary will decide at congress. In case of the latter, country nomination deadlines are June 20th.

Information on World Congress 2005:

- .. www.worldcongress2005.com - information, registration, get involved, draft program
- .. www.subudworldnews.com - including recent past issues of ISC newsletter on WSA/ISC page
- .. office@worldcongress2005.com - World Congress Organizing Team

Five World Congress Working Parties: send suggestions to working party chairs

- *Developing our practice of the latihan* Lucia Böhm and Hadrian Fraval: viktorboehm@t-online.de and hadrian@rofin.com.au
- *Strengthening our organization:* Raina McKechnie rainamck@hotmail.com
- *Nurturing member activities, projects, initiatives:* Oliver Haitzmann oliver.haitzmann@swissphoto.ch
- *Developing financial frameworks and strategies:* Osanna Vaughn osanna@subudworldnews.com
- *How to express our duty to be present in the world :* Hamid da Silva templo@mail.telepac.pt

General World Congress Program:

Broadly speaking, the overall World Congress business program looks something like this:

- .. Welcoming / opening / get acquainted first two or three days
- .. Week one - current and old business, election of new officers
- .. Week two - voting on resolutions, planning for the future and transition between incoming and outgoing officers and helpers
- .. Closing celebrations

Ongoing International Information:

- .. Subud World News – official WSA/ISC online magazine and more www.subudworldnews.com
Subscribe to SWN monthly ISC newsletter at www.subud.net on the "Get and Give" page (may also subscribe to weekly Bapak talks from SPI here)
- .. Subud Voice – independent newsletter, subscribe at www.subudvoice.net

HISTORY OF SUBUD

PROJECT REPORT – from Harlinah Longcroft
4th QUARTER 2004 and 1st QUARTER 2005

Introduction

During this period Harlinah has had nine visitors staying in her house at different times. Usually she averages only one visitor a year. Because of these interruptions Harlinah concentrated on the source material because this work although considerable, is a little less demanding. Amalijah, too, has had interruptions. She needed a rest and had a short break early this year, and towards the end of this period, she again moved house. She is now living almost next door to the school where SAI (Australia) is housed.

HOS Vol. 1 Book 3

Work on an interview used in one of the chapters, revealed anomalies that had already gone into the text. Further checking with one of Harlinah's house guests showed another part of this interview was subjective and inaccurate. The whole text of the chapter has had to be re-cast, and this work is not quite finished yet. Applied source material – that is the documents actually used in each chapter – have to be entered onto the computer and then the parts used or the subject matter referred to, has to be indicated. This is done by colour coding. If the text has to be changed for any reason, then the source material must be adjusted to comply with these changes. With long interviews this takes a lot of time. So does the editing of scanned text. The scanned material has to go through an OCR because it is used as text in a document, so it cannot be scanned as an image. Each source document has, of course, to be checked against the final version of each chapter – and, with long documents, this sometimes leads to the discovery of material that should have been included, but was missed, or perhaps what is then discovered seems better or more appropriate to what has been used already. This leads to changes in the text. So far, the Forward, Preface, first four Chapters and their Chapter Notes, Glossary and 'Subud Members Names' (used to date), are more or less complete, and total words come to about fifty-one thousand. The time lines to date are also done, as are the Title Page, Contents, and so on. These are not included in the word count.

HOS Interviews and Notes

Throughout this period Amalijah has continued to work with a paid assistant on the scanning of all the History interviews. This is a very long job as there are about five hundred hours of interviews. About one hundred and thirty have been done. In our last report we mentioned two interviews jumbled up and transcribed as one.

Since then we discovered other parts of these two interviews transcribed separately as two more interviews. The interviewee for one of these interviews, spoke in a lively but confusing manner, so the transcriber, unable to be sure of the meaning, made one paragraph twenty pages long. The confusion was unbelievable. Before any of it could be quoted in the

text of this or any other book in the History series, the whole thirty page interview had to be re-punctuated and edited by Harlinah.

Although all this took a lot of time, the Subud Australia Congress, in a very short time, provided an opportunity for Harlinah to do other short interviews – one of them with a member who had worked at Brookhurst Grange in 1958, and still had clear memories of that period.

Foreign language documents

When possible, Amalijah has continued to work with our voluntary German translator, who has also been in the process of moving house. Some documents only need to be summarised, while others need a close translation because they will appear in the text of the History.

Amalijah is also working with another member of Subud Canberra who is now kindly translating French documents from the History Collection, into English. At the moment she is working on the manuscript collection contributed by the late Rochana Balme.

Other Research

Amalijah has continued to help Harlinah by searching files in the History Collection for additional documents, and accessing background information of historical interest from the web. She has searched Amazon Com., looking for books that might be of interest to the History Project. She made print-outs for Harlinah who chose some of them for reference purposes. These have now arrived.

From time to time Harlinah has continued the cataloguing of the photocopies of the documents from SAI (UK).

History of Subud, Vol. 1 Book 1

Attached is a list of some comments and reviews received from those who have read this book. (A similar list for Book 2 was published in the Subud World News Issue 22, August 2004). Stocks of Book 1 are now very low.

Subud is a Way of Life

During this period, application was made to ISC for permission for this book (in English) to be added to a website. Harlinah re-edited the English version and updated the section about social work, so that it is the same or very similar to the new Russian translation. Amalijah checked the text, found suitable photographs, and added the Subud symbol where necessary. Fortunately the book was already on disc. Amalijah is interfacing with those responsible for the website, and this work will soon be accessible on line.

World Congress 2005

Amalijah will be attending Congress, but unfortunately Harlinah has had to change her plans and will not now be attending. She needs to remain in Australia because she is due to have a knee replacement operation.

- Harlinah Longcroft,
Canberra, April 2005.

REFLECTING ON THE LAST FOUR YEARS

Area 1 International Helpers
Mardijah Simpson and Murray Clapham



from Mardijah

As time rushes on toward the World Congress in July/August I have been reflecting on the last four years in which I have served as an international helper.

It has been a strange and amazing time for me, for which I am very grateful. Despite the world shuddering with wars and more overt violence everywhere, I have travelled safely around the world and into many countries considered dangerous to visit. I have learned to surrender both outwardly and inwardly at a deeper level than I have ever experienced before during my forty plus years in Subud. The gift of the latihan is truly a miraculous blessing.

Subud members' generosity has funded our travel and we have always been made lovingly welcome in the many countries we have visited. These have included Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Britain, England, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam for myself. My sisters and brothers of the Area One dewan have visited many of these countries also and additionally visited Hong Kong, India, Japan, Pakistan, South Africa and Sri Lanka. Several of these visits were during Ibu Rahayu's visits which was an extra blessing for us. All the members of the dewan wish it had been possible to visit more members in more countries more often. We hope the visits we were able to make were useful to the local members. Please forgive us for any mistakes or omissions we have made.

Now it is time for helpers across Area 1/Zone 1 & 2 to decide if they feel it appropriate to test if they should go forward to test at World Congress for the next term as international helpers. We have asked all dewans to ensure that helpers in their countries are aware of this and forward the names of all IH candidates for testing at Congress to Raina and myself.

Our path in Subud is unique for each one of us – so who is going to be right and ready to serve as an international helper next cannot be decided with the mind. Outwardly, certainly, it will be necessary to arrange time to travel – which may impact on your family and professional responsibilities. At a practical level it would also be hoped that you would have some English speaking and writing skills as the role needs helpers who are good communicators with both members from many different countries and with fellow members of the international helper dewan and the World Subud Council.

Life, and especially life in Subud, is always full of surprises. Who would have thought that two of the current dewan (Arifah and myself) would be English women migrants living in the remote red centre of Australia? Or that the two of us would find ourselves given the task of preparing the new book for Subud members which is nearly ready to be launched at Congress.

Working with the international Subud organisation across the world has been a wonderful exercise in global co-operation and collaboration. It gives me hope for the future.

... and from Murray

I began my term with almost zero experience as a helper and a great deal of apprehension and a degree of reluctance. Now as I come near to the end of the term, I must express my gratitude to Almighty God for this opportunity and to the outgoing IHs in Bali who not only tested but twisted my arm to accept the opportunity for which I had neither the ambition nor the qualification or confidence to accept without their encouragement.

It has been for me a challenging, rewarding and enjoyable experience and hopefully by God's grace of some benefit to those we are appointed to serve. Awful to think it has been a one-way thing! It has also been both a pleasure and a learning experience to work as part of a multi-cultural, multi-religious and multi-racial dewan. Not forgetting the gender issue. We were a team and with qualities that complimented and balanced one another.

As an IH there is plenty of travel and with a veritable smorgasbord of counties in the zone. They differ in hundreds of ways - culture, climate, language, etc, but there are always some common threads. One of these which I will comment on is hospitality, which I think is indicative that by and large IHs visits are extremely well received, and I have to say I was constantly overwhelmed by the hospitality provided in a variety of circumstances. This help, hospitality, warmth and love was a highlight for me and a sort of proof of how the latihan is valued.

In doing the work at times I felt lucky to have such limited helper experience, for I realised from the start I was out of my depth. Even more lucky was the chance to make my first IH visit accompanying Ibu Rahayu. Without consciously deciding that the best course of action was to literally hide behind her skirt, I have to admit the thought was there and it proved a wise move. Each time members came and asked a difficult question which required testing, Ibu would have the uncanny knack of answering the very question in her talk, and the member would come and say he no longer needed to test. This was hardly doing my job, but the experience showed me the answers were "out there" if I could get out of the way and stop looking for them in my head, and this I have tried to do on latter trips. In this zone we have both large and small groups facing a host of different issues - Subud houses, poverty, transport, legitimacy, language, ageing membership and more. There are also often the disputes that develop within groups. All these things impact on the latihan and the state of the group. I also note that the situation can change very rapidly from bad to good and vice versa. I suspect that when a country or a group are genuinely trying to put into practice all of Bapak's guidelines on both helper and committee work, Subud seems to flourish. When we are casual about these things it's the reverse.

One new challenging aspect of the work was the task of answering members' letters that are sent to Ibu Rahayu and for which we developed a system to try to provide a prompt and sincere service to members.

One sees the highs and the lows of Subud in these travels, and at times we IHs are bound to make mistakes, and I would like to apologise now for mistakes I made during this term.

Finally, I have a personal feeling that Subud members in many countries of the Zone need to be doing more in our troubled world to illustrate the benefits of the latihan, and be willing to take the opportunities that do come to talk about Subud. I think the recent Edinburgh

meeting, which I did not attend, was a case in point. As an IH you tend at times to feel very responsible for the growth and development of Subud and I guess when this serves to reinvigorate your own commitment this is OK, but when it leads to pushing or impacting on the membership it's not - and perhaps that's where I am leading with this final paragraph, so I'd better stop.
With love, Murray Clapham.

The new book for Subud members

Mardijah Simpson – April 2005

The new book for all Subud members is being printed in Sydney as I write. Over the past three years a group comprising some international helpers and many other Subud members around the world have been quietly working away – reading and re-reading talks by Bapak and by Ibu Rahayu's, checking source tapes and translations, co-ordinating committee and wings material. It has been like a treasure hunt, and it has taken more time, patience, love and co-operation that can ever be imagined.

The book, *'On the Subud way: explanations and clarifications by Bapak and by Ibu Rahayu'* will be launched at the World Congress in Innsbruck and available for sale there. The book has been developed and designed to express both the inner and outer nature of Subud. It is structured in three parts.

The first part, 'The meaning of Subud', gives explanations of Susila, Budhi and Dharma, the life forces and the process and progress of the latihan. The second part, 'Subud helpers' is in

five sections; regarding opening, helpers' work and responsibilities, testing, special topics and situations and helpers' job descriptions. The third part, 'Subud in the World' endeavours to describe clearly how the outer - committee and organisational - side of Subud works, local, (regional), national, zone and international. This includes job descriptions for office bearers. There is also an appendix with further material of interest.

The new book is different from the four (all different) editions of *'Bapak's Advice and Guidance to Helpers'*. The last edition was published seventeen years ago. Last year on Bapak's birthday, Draft 5 of the new book was given to Ibu Rahayu for her comments and suggestions. She added one short phrase, but was otherwise satisfied with the book. Since then the practical matters of referencing, sub-editing, proofing, layout, graphic design, selection of a photograph of Bapak and of Ibu Rahayu and the cover design in blues and gold, and much more have been keeping the team busy.

The text has been prepared with the awareness that it will, hopefully, be translated into many languages other than English. So every effort has been made to express things in plain unambiguous terms. Sharif and Tuti Horthy were able to re-translate into more accurate and appropriate English, talks originally translated in the 1950s and 1960s - including new translations of Bapak's pre-opening statement and the Opening words.

Copyright belongs to the World Subud Association, who funded the project. Copies of the book will be deposited in all the International Subud archives and in the National Library of Australia.

Hopefully income from sales can go towards further editions and making the book available to members in developing countries.

Pre-launch orders can be placed by national committees for delivery at or just after World Congress by e-mailing: Mardijah Simpson c/o The Book Press: mardijah@greenbeetle.org

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SUBUD INTERNATIONAL ALMONERS

REPORT TO WORLD CONGRESS 2005 - by James Williams

This report covers the four-year period 2001 - 2004

General

The International Almoners met regularly during the period but, due to its urgency, most of the business was conducted by telephone between meetings. 71 applications for help were received from helpers groups on behalf of members in 11 different countries. Following guidance received in testing not all requests were granted and many did not receive the full amount asked for. Most grants ranged in value between \$US 100 and \$US 1000 and were given for various forms of hardship, medical and nursing care, emergency travel and training.

Guidelines for International Almoners Representatives were prepared and distributed and the Almoners are most grateful to them for their help in liaison work with helpers groups and applicants.

The Almoners conducted various workshops and teach-ins at annual UK Congresses and were asked to comment on the various papers prepared by the International Assistance Working Party.

Several Almoners, having completed terms of 4 or 8 years, retired during the period and were replaced. Their Treasurer also retired and a new one appointed. The Secretary to the International Almoners, Mairi Store, was appointed as Almoner coordinator for Zone 3 and attended meetings in, France, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain and the UK. Mairi also attended the WSC meetings in Brazil and Rungan Sari at which the proposals of the I A Working Party were discussed.

Finances

The Almoners are grateful to MSF and WSA for each making an annual grant of \$US 5000.

Late payment of this in 2004 however led to a strain on their cash flow and it is hoped that future payments can be sent in two tranches.

The Subud Britain Almoning fund has carried the shortfall on expenditure in years when it has arisen.

Great difficulty has been experienced in sending money to certain countries and it is very much regretted that some members in desperate need of help have been kept waiting. To ensure that grants are received and used for their intended purpose, the almoners have instituted forms to be signed and returned by recipients.

Little has been done to promote the International Almoning Fund set up in 2000 as one of Bapak's Anniversary Projects and contributions to it continue to disappoint. Only \$US18330 has been donated towards the original target of \$US 200,000.

International Almoner Coordinator

The main activity of the Coordinator has been as a member of the International Assistance Working Party set up by WSC at their 2002 meeting in the UK to review the whole question of helping members in need.

The Coordinator attended the 2001 World Congress in Bali and chaired Working Party 10 on Support for Countries and Almoners. Zone meetings were

also attended in Canada, Greece and the UK. Zone 4 adopted a proposal that Kejiwaan Councillors act as International Almoners Representatives – a role that is now recommended worldwide.

It is gratifying to report that Colombia is in the process of setting up an almoning group and fund known as Fondo de Solidaridad and that several other countries have sought information on establishing groups.

The future

It is hoped that World Congress 2005 will adopt the proposals of the International Assistance Working Party. This entails establishing a new ISC Subcommittee known as the Care Support Panel. The International Almoners will be renamed the International Assistance Group and various working documents will need to be revised.

It is envisaged that the role of the new International Assistance Group will be undertaken, for the time being, by the Subud Britain Almoners

The role of the IA Coordinator will become redundant and a newly appointed Care Support Panel Administrator will undertake a similar role. Nominations for the post are being sought.

The Secretary to the Almoners, Mairi Store, who has held the post with admirable efficiency for twenty years wishes to retire after WC2005. The Subud Britain Almoners, and by implication the International Assistance Group, will have extreme difficulty in finding someone as dedicated to replace her.

SUSILA DHARMA: TRANSLATORS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WORLD CONGRESS!

Please contact the SDI office info@susiladharm.org if you are attending the World Congress and would be willing to volunteer in the SDI program.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Presentation translations – Spanish into French or English; English into Spanish or French; French into Spanish or English. Translations will make our program accessible to all our brothers and sisters and allow them to fully participate in meetings and forums

Distributing printed information about SDI and our projects at an information booth on the first day of Congress (July 21) and the Festival Day for the public (possibly July 29) – a fun way to meet people!

Technical assistance for program presenters (operating PowerPoint, DVD and video projection)

A Letter From The World Subud Council To All World Congress Delegates

National Chairs, Kejiwaan Councilors, Committee Councilors,

As the World Congress draws closer the excitement is tangible. The prospect of our being together reminds us of the gifts and unexpected outcomes that mark such an occasion and we are very much looking forward to seeing all who are fortunate enough to attend.

We hope to offer something different with this 2005 World Congress, beginning with three days of welcoming and latihan activities along with the welcoming ceremony. We are also planning a delegate social evening combined with an informal delegate briefing. The general delegate program in which we will consider future plans for our organization and elect new officers will then proceed over the next 12 days. The first week's program includes (a) general sessions, (plenaries) (b) five forums (working parties) to identify recommendations, and (c) zonal meetings to allow information sharing and further input. We propose afternoon-only general sessions in the belief this will accomplish several things. It will: allow delegates to participate in the congress more fully strive for a balanced work environment provide time for members and groups to share initiatives with large audiences Countries may choose to identify one or more delegates and members with a specific interest in each topic to attend each of the five forums and report back

to zone meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend general sessions, forums, and zone meetings, although only delegations vote.

Following the first period of deliberations, we may enjoy and participate in many member activities and initiatives during the Festival Day. We will return the second period to complete officer testing, make decisions, and plan for the future. Three days are scheduled to begin building on the work just accomplished and for sessions with the outgoing and incoming World Subud Council and Zonal Councils. Below is a summary of the business program for your review [Please ask for it to ISC ayoung@net15.de] Please direct comments and questions to Meldan at meldan@FuseGlobal.com and to Julia Hurd julia@qsoup.net. A complete and evolving congress program is available on the congress Web site, as is much other information www.worldcongress2005.org. Further delegate planning resources include: (a) the "Congress Guidelines" distributed in January, (b) Working Party (Forum) briefs distributed in May, (c) the Kejiwaan Councilor letter distributed in March, (d) proposed bylaw changes distributed in July 2004, and (e) perhaps a forthcoming delegate handbook. With love from
the World Subud Council

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SUBUD FRANCE

Dear Friends,

I thought I'd let you know that we had a truly wonderful French national congress. There is definitely a re-birth taking place in France, and the ultimate sign is that for the first time in years everybody wanted to take a 'family' picture at the end...

A true sign that things are on the move came from our usually very 'pessimistic' but dearly loved treasurer, who actually said that since our last congress finances are positive and contributions going up! Another confirmation was the fact that we had four candidates for the position of chair (a couple of years ago we had had none); however, after testing, everyone unanimously agreed that Pierre Espinasse should continue. In my feeling he is a very essential part of this re-birth and so continuity is important at this point in time. We also had numerous candidates for national helper positions and will be well represented at the International Helper testing in Innsbruck.

We dealt with the ISC question in depth, though I won't go into the details. Inevitably, there were a couple of sceptics; but actually, with just a little bit of explanation, those sceptics managed to put aside their fears. There is now total support, to the point that when we officially asked for a vote from all the delegates, it was unanimous that we should propose our candidature to host ISC.

The next step was the ISC chair candidates. Once again we spoke about it in length and asked for candidates to step forward, but nobody other than I did

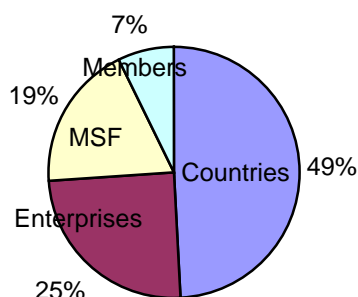
so. In truth, I don't think that others felt unable to do the work, (more likely though very capable they are also very busy), but rather (and I'm putting aside all false modesty) that they all seemed to think that I am the best person at this point to be proposed! We did test. First, how it would be for Subud France to host ISC, which was incredibly strong; the positive effect seemed, in fact, to also be larger than just for Subud. Then we tested for me... well I'd prefer someone else to talk about that, otherwise it will be a distorted report! Anyway, we again asked the delegates for a solemn vote and they voted unanimously that I should be the proposed candidate for chair person for ISC. Last but not least, in this quantum leap for France, the UK kejiwaan councillors were at the congress and they came with the message that Subud Britain supports France's candidature for ISC. (by the end of the congress it was 'supports enthusiastically'). This may be the natural outcome of the first meeting of all the British and French National Helpers, that took place in Loudwater in May, where a new relationship is developing between the two countries.

So there it is, in a nutshell and official. We shall prepare a presentation for the World Congress for our other revolutionary project, that of exploring the very real possibility of organizing the 2009 World Congress on the African continent and, specifically, in Marrakesh, Morocco.

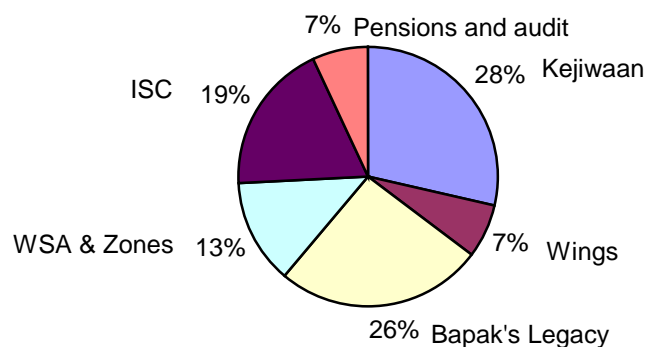
Love from Maya Bernardes - Committee Councillor

SOME FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF WSA IN THE CURRENT TERM

ISC annual average income 2001-05 US\$315,000



ISC annual average expenditure 2001-05 US\$310,164



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has been posted on the Subud USA website. The magazine is available for download by all interested Subud members, not just helpers. The mission of the magazine is to build unity and harmony, and deepen our understanding of what it means to be a helper in Subud. The magazine is sponsored through Subud USA but is not intended to be limited to the USA membership. The magazine is published electronically in Adobe Acrobat format. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer you can download it for free from the link below.

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