



THE WORLD SUBUD ASSOCIATION
2008 ANNUAL REPORT



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As previous years, 2008 was a rich and eventful year, highlighted by new beginnings, revivals and approaches.

Early in the year a gathering took place in Kalimantan, Indonesia, bringing together over one hundred members from around the world with a feeling to join in a 'Visioning' workshop and add their support to the various pioneer projects being carried out by Subud members in Central Kalimantan. This coincided with the completion of the first stage of the Adi Puri project in Jakarta, which



has transformed Bapak Muhammad Subuh's former house in Cilandak into a bright cultural centre. Ibu Rahayu Wiryohudoyo, Bapak's daughter, was able to officially open the building. At the same time, over three hundred members gathered to celebrate Ibu Rahayu's 80th Birthday.

During the summer months, the Subud youth played increasingly active roles at gatherings, congresses and events, leading to follow-up projects that were often, not surprisingly, within the realm of internet technology!

We also celebrated the 2008 'Gathering of the Americas' which breathed renewed life and direction into the Amanecer Centre in Colombia. Built in time for the 1993 World

Congress, Amanecer has struggled to find its purpose and identity. The Gathering brought together members all the way from Canada to Chile, as well as many more from elsewhere around the world. It encompassed the World Subud Council meeting, the Susila Dharma International AGM, a Muhammad Subuh Foundation meeting, youth, cultural and enterprise workshops, and was accompanied by plenty of art presentations, singing and dancing.

Enjoy reading about these highlights and more in this 2008 Annual Report!



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2008 HIGHLIGHTS

During 2008 many countries continued celebrating 50 year anniversaries of the coming of Subud to their land: the USA, Cuba, Australia and Germany, as well as centres such as Wolfsburg, Germany (whose well known Subud House is now listed as an Historic Monument), and the Subud New York group.

The three international highlights of 2008 took place in March in Indonesia and in July and August in Colombia. The events in Indonesia began with the inauguration of the Adi Puri Centre, which led into the celebration of Ibu Rahayu Wiryohudoyo's 80th birthday. Ibu Rahayu is the daughter of Subud's founder, Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo. This was followed a few days later with a 'Visioning Kalimantan' workshop in Rungan Sari, a Subud complex in Central Kalimantan. In July and August members gathered in Colombia for the third Americas Gathering, with participation from both continents.

Cilandak, Jakarta

What was affectionately known as the Big House, once the home of Bapak Muhammad Subuh in the Wisma Subud complex in Cilandak, Jakarta, was converted into the Adi Puri Centre in record time, and was officially opened on March 12th by Ibu Rahayu amid a crowd of visitors. The Adi Puri Centre, meaning beautiful house, is now a light and spacious cultural centre, which aims to host cultural events such as artistic performances and exhibitions, social gatherings and small seminars as well as present Subud and Bapak's life to the public. Following Bapak's death, his house was converted into office space for the World Subud Association International Archives, as well as a school, Sekolah Cita Buana, until the school grew and needed larger premises of its own. The Adi Puri Cultural Centre represents another step toward establishing Subud's presence in the world, and will be run as a self-sustainable enterprise managed by Yayasan Muhammad Subuh, a non-profit association.

Over 300 members, many from around the world, came to the Adi Puri opening and Ibu Rahayu's 80th birthday celebration. Ibu's birthday, on March 13th, began for many with a visit to Bapak's grave at Suka Mulia in the hills outside Jakarta, as well as visits to some of the local Subud social enterprises or projects such as the Sekolah Cita Buana in its new premises and the Cipanas Children's Village. The day finished with a birthday party where family and friends prepared a wonderful dinner for all the guests. This was followed by an evening of entertainment with many members giving impromptu performances.

Central Kalimantan

The Visioning Kalimantan gathering attracted over 100 members from many countries, from as far away as New Zealand, Chile or the U.S., as well as many Europeans.

Marcus Mackay and Sophia Blake from Australia facilitated the visioning workshop over three days, with an aim to broaden the understanding of how the larger Subud community might support the many Subud developments in Kalimantan which are being carried out by several modern day pioneers. A very complete 'Book of Proceedings' was produced which illustrates the discussions and the broad variety of projects that were presented.





The event was an enormous success with a number of immediate results such as the commitment by some Japanese Subud members and Subud Japan to buy a much needed bus for the Bina Cita Utama school in Rungan Sari. The meeting was perceived as a catalytic moment, creating a new awareness of Kalimantan within our association.

Some of the many outstanding initiatives in Kalimantan developed and run by Subud members include: the Bina Cita Utama school as the first 'National Plus' school in Kalimantan, deeply touching the visitors; the outstanding work done by the Yayasan Usaha Mulia (YUM) for malaria prevention as well as

other areas of community support in Central Kalimantan; Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta's visionary work with isolated indigenous Dayak communities; Wow Borneo, the delightful river boat eco-tourism company carrying representatives from international agencies and the press to such places as the local orangutan preserve; the Kalimantan

Meeting Centre, providing high-quality meeting and accommodation facilities; a nearby 'eco-village,' often used by local community groups for meetings and retreats; a cow breeding programme; and the list goes on...

Amanecer, Colombia

The third 'Gathering of the Americas' took place at the Amanecer International Subud Centre in the Quindío province in Colombia from July 26th to August 4th. It brought together around 250 members mainly from the Northern and Southern American continents. Ten intense days included the World Subud Council meeting, the Susila Dharma International AGM, the Muhammad Subuh Foundation Trustees Meeting and the North American and Northern South American Zone meetings as well as numerous activities organized for the members

present. Youth meetings, enterprise meetings, cultural events and social and humanitarian presentations were all part of the gathering.

The International Subud Centre in Amanecer was originally built to host the 1993 Subud World Congress. While its broad direction had remained undefined, this seems to have become clearer in 2008. Fundación Amor is responsible for managing the Muhammad Subuh Hall, a grand and beautiful hall built of local materials in the heart of the project. A number of the rooms are currently leased to the Colombian National Education Ministry operating a program on healthcare, nutrition, education and risk prevention aimed at pre-school children and families. There are also a hostel and restaurant which help to cover the centre's running costs.

ABOUT SUBUD

Subud is an association of people from different religions, beliefs, nationalities and cultures, united by a common, yet individual, spiritual practice known as the latihan. Through this practice, each person may discover his or her own inner nature, potential, talent and guidance in accordance with their individual capacity and commitment. The association encourages the expression of each individual's spirituality working through ones true talent, which gives rise to a diverse range of social, cultural, entrepreneurial, and educational activities.

The founder of Subud, Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo from Indonesia, was born in 1901 and died in 1987.

A Global and Diverse Association

There are Subud members in 77 countries spread across the globe, with group and

national organisations in 54. Together they make up the World Subud Association (WSA), which is run on democratic and gender-equal principles, with volunteers active in local, national and international arenas. The diversity and scope of the association is celebrated every four to five years with a World Congress and so in 2010, it will be in Christchurch, New Zealand. Between congresses, business is carried forward by an international executive team supported by the World Subud Council.

Each member country has its own organization, holds National Congresses and usually has several local groups. The international Subud association is funded by donations from individuals, from members' enterprises and from foundations as well as ongoing contributions from member countries.

MUHAMMAD SUBUH FOUNDATION

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF) honors the name of the founder of Subud, Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo. It serves to build lasting financial capacity for the Subud community, with dedication to the long-term aims of the World Subud Association.

2008 was a time of review for MSF's Mission, Vision and Values during a strategic planning exercise that also set the foundation's priorities from 2008 to 2011.

Improved Governance: Grant applications and reporting procedures were updated, a board manual and terms of reference for an Investment Advisory Board were created, a task force was set up to review the Memorandum of Understanding between MSF and WSA, and a donor survey was completed, among other things.

Communications: The first MSF e-News, now a bi-monthly newsletter, was published and widely circulated, a Power Point presentation about MSF was created and translated into Spanish, French and Bahasa Indonesia, and an overhaul of the Foundation's website was begun.

Funds: Foundation donations for 2008 amounted to just over 200,000 USD. In accordance with the 2008 budget as approved by the World Subud Council, the Annual Programs Fund (also known as the 'general fund'), allocated 166,000 USD towards Subud Houses, such as La Touche Bois house in France, an old 'ruin' completely re-constructed by the members living nearby and the purchase of a property to be renovated for the La Florida group in Chile. A new program of rental support was also initiated, beginning in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Lebanon. MSF continued to support other programs such as international helper travel, humanitarian projects, and the translations of Bapak's talks from Indonesian to English.

In addition, the Farkas Fund contributed nearly 15,000 USD towards scholarships in Indonesia, including three university scholarships and the Parker Fund contributed almost 14,000 USD towards the new Canberra Subud House in Australia.

The MSF 2008 Annual Report is available in the "News" link on their web site at www.msubuhfoundation.org.

ACTIVITIES

Youth Activities

Two of the highlights of youth activities this year included a 'European Subud Youth Gathering' at the La Source retreat centre in the French Pyrenees run by Maya Bernardes and Halim Korzybski, as well as a retreat in Perth, Scotland, during Easter





weekend. The aim of the 'European Youth Gathering' was not purely for leisure, but also to engage younger members in planning and participating in the 2010 World Congress; develop an understanding of the World Subud Association organization; begin defining the current needs of Subud youth; and examine the roles of the youth coordinators.

Another aspect of the meeting focused on strengthening the understanding of the latihan with the support of the International Helpers present, Farah Czwiernia and Andrew Holloway.

The weekend in Perth was more of a social event, but again gathered together youth from all over Britain, continental Europe as well as the US.

For the youth, these gatherings are fundamental, allowing them to share experiences.



The International Youth Travel Fund, as established by MSF and WSA, which helped a number of young people travel to the Gathering of the Americas, now took on a new challenge initiated by a generous offer from the Muhammad Subud Foundation and the Guerrand Hermes Foundation for Peace. The challenge was to fundraise 30,000 USD for youth travel to the New Zealand World Congress in 2010, which MSF and GHFP each offered to match dollar-for-dollar. A flurry of fundraising events ensued, from collecting recyclable bottles to running cafés at congresses, selling greeting cards and t-shirts, and most especially an online art auction, all successfully contributing toward achieving the goal.

With many second or third generation members having fond childhood memories of attending world congresses, the idea was accepted that IYTF should also support families with young children travel to the World Congress.

Following the European Youth Gathering, Pierce Vaughn was inspired to create a new website www.subudvideo.net. He gathered numerous videos and short movies related to Subud. The website went live in December 2008 and aims to eventually become an interactive site for Subud filmmakers. The website has been set up under the umbrella of the Subud International Cultural Association, (SICA).

Mahrus Drewes, supported by IYTF, and Lucinda Young both spent a good portion of 2008 volunteering at the Bina Cita Utama school in Central Kalimantan. They both recommended volunteering at the school as a highlight for any young person with the appropriate qualifications.

Another young Subud member, Irwan Easty, won the highest diploma for classical guitar in Greece and was awarded Excellent (cum laude) with First Prize and Special Distinction unanimously by the five judges, including composer Pericles Kousos, who is head of the Greek Musical Academy, as well as the internationally known guitar virtuoso Boudounis.

Leading into Cultural Activities

Another website was set up in 2008 by Subud Publication International (SPI) for the numerous Subud authors who have written and published books about their experiences in Subud, as well as fiction, poetry, and other writing at www.subudbooks.com. In tandem with this, SPI created www.subudbooks.net which functions as the website exclusively dedicated to the talks of Bapak and Ibu Rahayu.

The Subud International Cultural Association (SICA) published six much appreciated on-line e-newsletters during the first half of the year and published a SICA magazine which was presented at the Gathering of the Americas in Colombia.

Lance Edwards in Britain began publishing 'Open Views' in January, a cultural magazine distributed mainly in the UK that includes members' fiction and poetry, articles on artists and the arts, events, health and even an occasional recipe or two.

Veda Hille, Canadian singer and songwriter, released her twelfth album, 'This Riot Life.' Veda is currently the in-house composer for an experimental theatre in Vancouver, Canada, Theatre Replacement, and has toured widely throughout Canada, the U.S. and Germany. Luther Schutz, an emergency room doctor from Washington State, sings jazz standards with the band Camp Five on his CD released in February, 'It Might As Well Be Spring.'



In the middle of April a delightful event at Nur, the Spanish Subud centre at Alicante, was organised cooperatively among Susila Dharma, SICA as well as younger members to celebrate the arrival of spring and to express, through excursions, workshops and exhibitions, the meaning of the 'wings' and the latihan in our daily life. It was open to the public, a doorway welcoming anyone wishing to find out who we are and why we are in Subud.

Plastic Arts

Conceived and directed by artist Alinah Azadeh, 'Crafting Space', a monumental textile installation invited 2,500 visitors to engage in the hands-on writing and weaving of a shrine-like textile sculpture. The intention was to transform visitor's perceptions of what it means to be engaged in craft. The project was the first-ever interactive commission by Origin: London Craft Fair and was documented in a film on the internet.



Without light we would not see any colours... This statement rang particularly true at the vernissage of Lucia Böhm's exhibition of new acrylic paintings in the cultural centre in the Kottlingbrunn castle complex, Austria, on October 2nd.

Rachman Ulmer's stone sculpture entitled 'Response' was one of 11 pieces featured at the Ladybird Johnson Wildlife Centre in Austin, Texas. Inspired by nature and crafted in natural materials, the sculptures are typical of the revolving exhibits that give visitors to the Wildflower Center, founded by the former U.S. first lady, an even more satisfying experience.

Performing Arts

JakArt was conceived as a one-time event to commemorate Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo's (Bapak's) centennial in 2001. Since then JakArt has become a major cultural event. JakArt has organized four festivals in Jakarta, two travelling festivals, and a number of special projects touring in Indonesia and around the world. JakArt is run and organized by Mikhail David and Ary Sutedja in a way that defies all usual models of organization. The Singapore Arts Festival, together with the Shanghai International Arts Festival and the Hong Kong Arts Festival invited JakArt to become founding members of a new organization: the Association of Asian Performing Arts Festivals or AAPAF and the Secretary General of UNESCO wrote and endorsed the festival.



The 2008 version of JakArt took place during the month of August and was called IF

(Imaginary Festival) because it involved 'Imaginary Events' (promoted by the media), along with approximately 200 'Real' and 'Real and Imaginary' free performances and exhibitions by 500 artists at more than 100 venues. Over the years many Subud members have participated in and have been involved in the organization of the JakArt festivals. Amongst them is soprano singer Cherie Valaray, who in 2008 performed and was accompanied by Ibu Pujiwati Insia M. Effendi, grande dame of Indonesian pianists and head of Yayasan Musik International. An excerpt about culture from the poem 'Susila Budhi Dharma,' as received and written by Muhammad-Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo, was sung at the opening of an international conference on Culture during the festival.



Since its opening at the beginning of 2006, '72 Erskine and the Subud Information Centre' in downtown Sydney, Australia, has exposed more than 4000 visitors from the public to Subud. The centre is supported by the enterprise 72 Erskine which hosts regular corporate functions, and educational, cultural and social events. Highlights of 2008 include fund raising exhibitions; participating in the Sydney Design08 Festival with a Light Installation; art exhibitions; regular Jazz evenings; a Baroque Soiree and a series of Lunchtime concerts.

'72 Erskine's diverse cultural program is underpinned and supported by the venue's commercial business – renting and partnering for product launches, corporate functions, conferences, workshops, commercial displays – including company Christmas events.



Congratulations to Dorothea Gillim, a member of Subud Boston, whose Public Broadcasting Station (PBS) kid's programme "Word Girl" has earned a 2008 EMMY (Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Award) for "Outstanding Writing in Animation." Dorothea is the Creator and Executive Producer of the show; Boston Subud member Patrick Downie is the Casting Voice Director and Dialogue Editor.

Leading into Social Activities

Culture and social awareness are clearly combined in Erica Sapir's association 'Puppeteers without Borders.' Thanks to support from the Van Leer Foundation, PWB presented their work at the 17th International Aids Conference in Mexico where they addressed the stigmatization of children as a side effect of AIDS. Erica is currently working on an extended program which will enable educators to address complex social issues through the creative use of puppetry.



In July, Loudwater Farm, a Subud center with halls and rooms to let in the UK, held a fundraising event open to the public for the victims of the Burma typhoon. Over 600 people attended and £1,230 was raised. The fair included a stage with five live bands, a barbecue, children's activities and stalls with handmade crafts. The fair was organized by Uzma Bashir, Odette Michell, Haskel Adamson and Alan Rooke, and they were able to claim the largest crowd from the local community ever attending an event at Loudwater.

Subud member Imbert Mathee's organization, Clear Path International, held their annual benefit and auction on November the 8th. The event is now named 'Moon on the Mekong: An Evening of Hope for Landmine Accident Survivors.' The famous Mekong River adjoins each of the three Southeast Asian countries where CPI has a

program to provide medical and socio-economic services to accident survivors: Vietnam, Cambodia and Burma along the Thai-Burma border. The 50,000 USD raised was matched by the U.S. State Department.

Yayasan Usaha Mulia (YUM), was awarded a 45,000 USD grant to initiate a vocational training project from MAST Industries, one of the world's largest contract manufacturers, importers, and distributors of men's, women's, and children's apparel. This funding enabled YUM's orphanage in Cipanas, West Java, to be converted into a training facility for youth to learn skills that will increase their chances of gaining employment in a highly competitive job market.

YUM, or the "Foundation for Noble Work" is a registered charity in the Republic of Indonesia.

In March, the wife of the governor of Central Kalimantan officially opened the new YUM branch office which will provide a base for their expanding social activities in there. The offices are situated in what is becoming known as the YUM village in the Bukit Batu region just opposite Rungan Sari. The village also includes a new library and resource centre for the local community, and a guest house.



In April the mayor of Palangkaraya, the capital of the Central Kalimantan province, launched the beginning of YUM's Malaria Control Program. This is part of a three-year, 250,000 Euro plan financed by the German Government and Susila Dharma Germany. YUM is aiming to reduce malaria related mortalities by 50% in six villages throughout the region.

Susila Dharma International Association is the social development and humanitarian arm of the World Subud Association. Their full 2008 annual report is available on www.susiladharm.org.

SDIA raised 109,108 USD in grants to SD projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe, for a wide range of health, education, livelihoods and reconstruction initiatives. With the generous support of the Blond Trust, a Project Management Capacity Building Initiative was launched. In April SDIA Director Lawrence Fryer spent three-weeks working face-to-face with SD projects in India to strengthen project planning, self-monitoring and financial reporting. He also worked on planning a large German government-funded organic agricultural project to be carried out by Anisha, one of the projects he visited.

In June Virginia Thomas, executive director of SDIA, and members of the World Subud Council travelled to the Democratic Republic of Congo to visit SD projects there. A three-day Project Management Capacity Building Workshop was attended by 33 Susila Dharma project staff and other community leaders from the area. Local trainers of the NGO network "CRONG-Kinshasa" remain available to provide support and advice to project leaders in their efforts to apply the knowledge they gained. A second Project Management Capacity Building Workshop was carried out at Fundación Amanecer in Colombia in July, during the Gathering of the Americas. Thirty-five participants from SD organizations from across the Americas attended, as well as local community representatives.



SDIA also launched a program on Volunteering by organising two workshops at Amanecer on Volunteering led by Rasjidah Flores (Mexico). One was for project

leaders to enhance their capacity to recruit and use volunteers effectively, and another for people who want to volunteer. SDIA-SYA (Subud Youth Activities) agreed to jointly pilot a Volunteer Working Camp to bring together international and national youth for two weeks to build a new classroom for Fundación Amanecer. SDIA continued to work with the international 'getInvolved!' volunteering team, to raise awareness about the benefits and challenges of international volunteering.

The Habaring Hurung Organic Farming Project (ELPAM) is a women's organic food growing cooperative that is jointly sponsored by the Kalimantan Support Group based in the UK and Susila Dharma Britain. They produced a natural pesticide brochure and marketing leaflets to help local growers - as well as some good looking produce. They sell to the Rungan Sari Resort (Kalimantan Meeting Centre), the Kalimantan Tourist Destination eco tourism boating project, and other outlets in Palangkaraya.

Additional Events and Member's Projects

While visiting Denmark twice in the year as a 'Helper without Borders,' Reynold Feldman helped facilitate several people in becoming Subud members and subsequently raised several thousand USD for a much-needed eye surgery for Aisha Inger Holm, a member who was helpful during Reynold's stay.



In April various NGOs and committed individuals such as Alexandra Asseily participated in a peace march into the centre of Beirut along the 'green line,' going through the barriers dividing the down-town area and walking amongst the tents of Hezbollah and other opposition groups. This was to commemorate the 33rd anniversary since the start of the Lebanese war. Presenters from each of the television stations with different political affiliations spoke and agreed to show the program on all stations simultaneously, followed by leading representatives from each of the 18 religious communities saying the same prayer which included asking for forgiveness of each other. At the end of the march, an olive tree was planted in the Garden of Forgiveness, which Alexandra founded, in downtown Beirut.

Following from 2007, Haris Wolfgang and Raphael Bate continued the second and final part of their pilgrimage walk along the famous Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Their adventures were well reported on the Subud World News website and took a total of five weeks.

A new Subud group has grown up around Janice Kurath's 'Hotel Pousada Colonial' in the lovely village of Búzios near Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. The hotel can sleep up to 52 and hopes to attract small gatherings. Close to beaches, the area is a real piece of paradise.

Caleb Chung, currently living in Idaho, is the inventor of Furby, a talking (and listening) robotic fur ball that sold some 50 million units in the late '90s. This year Caleb brought out his newest plaything, Pleo, a robot dinosaur that acts like a living pet - exploring, cuddling, playing, reacting and learning. It was well received with reports in a majority of technical magazines throughout the world.

And Subud groups continued to upgrade their premises, thus the La Mayenne group in France finalized phase one of their new house, La Touche Bois, which is situated to serve the members in the region. Subud Greece added an extra floor to their premises to allow for simultaneous latihan as well as space for some members' enterprises. Whilst in Washington State after



two groups merged together to create the Greater Seattle Subud Group, a large 100 year-old house underwent renovations. Two members of the group, Marston Gregory (Trained Building Biologist) and Insiyah Caspers (Green Designer) carefully researched and selected products that are eco-friendly to make it a model of green renovation concepts.

WORLD SUBUD ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Worldwide Initiatives

It became clear that the initiatives that began in 2006 and 2007 would continue during 2008, focusing as planned on 'Looking at our Subud Organization and Culture.' Stephan Freedman in the UK coordinated and initiated various actions to keep the ball rolling. This topic as well as the earlier 'Our Presence in the World' initiative offer themes that are of great interest to the membership. Questionnaires, visioning workshops, and discussions sprang up everywhere. The big question for Stefan has been to determine how to positively follow through and turn the discussions into some practical proposals and aims. Two subtle and multifaceted questions seemed to recur: how to improve our communication skills for introducing ourselves and speak about Subud to the public and how to better communicate within Subud to resolve conflicts and disputes.

External Relations

The World Subud Association welcomed Amalia Rasheed into the executive team as External Relations Coordinator, her role being to coordinate the WSA activities involving the work of the UN and other international organizations, Subud's presence at international meetings and forums, and working on how WSA and Subud members in general present themselves to the public. The WSA's concern for external relations is three-fold: first, the WSA needs to ensure that the portrayal of Subud and the latihan is accurate, fair and that information about Subud is openly available to the general public; second, the WSA needs to interact and work with other institutions in order to advance its aims; and finally, the WSA has a duty to protect the good reputation of Subud.



WSA Forum

In 2008, the WSA Forum initiated a pilot project on Governance and Development. This first project was implemented in cooperation with Susila Dharma International (SDIA) and the Guerrand Hermes Foundation for Peace. Coordinated by Bardolf Paul, the team included Rosanna Hille, Virginia Thomas, Frederic Richard and Garrett Thomson. SDIA undertook a year-long research initiative on the experiences of eight Susila Dharma projects in influencing local governance and decision making processes. The results were presented and discussed in July during the international gathering at Amanecer in Colombia. A full report is available from SDIA.

WSA websites

After various exchanges with Subud web editors and others, it was established that the official international Subud websites would be updated or created in the following manner:

www.subud.org as the website of the World Subud Association organization, for those members actively involved or interested in the Subud organization

www.subud.com as the website presenting Subud to the world, divided into two sections, one for institutions, families and friends simply interested in knowing what Subud is about. The second section is for those people interested in the spiritual process of the latihan of Subud.

www.subud.net as the interactive site for Subud members in general.

In addition to the existing web sites there are www.subudworldnews.com, containing news, events and contact information for the international association, the Subud library site for members wanting to read or listen to talks given by Bapak and Ibu Rahayu, and Subud Publications International web sites.

Developments

The International Helpers support members where the latihan is practiced and once again travelled extensively in 2008. The 18 helpers collectively made approximately 150 trips to visit groups and countries and attend events in 49 countries. International helpers from Area 2, the Europe and Africa Zones, made the first ever visit to Tanzania where a number of people had been waiting to receive the latihan, some for over two years. In addition, one man came from Kenya where he had been waiting since the 1990's.

With a continued focus on Subud in African countries, Subud Nigeria held its first National Congress in over ten years in Ibadan in the Southwest. This successful and well-attended meeting put motions in place to enliven Subud and the latihan with encouragement and support from the WSA through international visits and funding. New officers were elected and goals established.



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In addition, International Helpers Jorge Guerin and Héloïse Jackson, along with Garrett Thomson, ISC/WSA Executive Chair, Virginia Thomas, SDIA Executive Director, and Lateef Dada Bashua, the African Zone Representative, made an historic visit to RD Congo. This was the first time that helpers, committee and SDIA traveled to the area as a team. They identified common goals which included assisting the national organization with an emphasis on different aspects of the organization working together. Women were also encouraged to become more involved.

Machrus Garces, The Zone Representative for the northern countries of South America, was able to travel from Colombia with international helpers Mattheus Kaslan from Suriname and Sarah Becker from Chile to Venezuela and Ecuador, thus initiating "a feeling of belonging to and reunification of the Zone"

The Subud members in Trinidad found new contacts and new life following separate visits by Mattheus Kaslan and Hillary Marica, a national helper from Suriname. Since then there have been further visits and ongoing contact with the members there.

The World Subud Council welcomed new international helpers Hamidah Jelman from the UK, Lavasir Nordrum from Norway, and Dahlan Simpson from Australia.

World Congress

2008 witnessed a big push forward in the organization of the upcoming World Congress in 2010. WSA Chairlady Osanna Vaughn and the Executive team leaders Garrett Thomson and Maya Bernardes travelled to Christchurch in May and spent two weeks working with the local Congress Organizing Team on the first aspects of the congress, mainly visiting and assessing the various venues, meeting with the local authorities and venue



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managers and discussing the overlaying theme of the congress.

Other members of the World Subud Council also joined at different points: Sachlan Fraval, chair of Subud Enterprise Services, (SES), Maxwell Fraval chair of Subud International Health Association, (SIHA), as well as Renata Peek, the WSA Representative for this Zone, who lives in Christchurch and the International Helpers for the Asia-Pacific Area. The presence of Matthew Moir, the chairman of Subud New Zealand, served to embrace the larger Subud community in New Zealand. Hugo and Alyssa Weaver set up a group on Facebook called "I am planning to attend 2010 World Congress in Christchurch" and very soon nearly 200 young people had registered.

Twelve submissions for the World Congress logo competition were received with the final choice being made for the logo submitted by Latif Vogel from Australia.

WSA Archives

Several long running WSA Archive activities were coming to an end in the form they were originally established and 2008 became a time to focus more intently on the formulation of a new long-term plan in line with current professional archival practice and understanding.

The archive collections have had many homes since 1959 and existed in a range of conditions. Even so there have been some significant outcomes achieved including the beginnings of the security backup system, collection of material needed to write the history of Subud, a growing understanding of how to preserve a wide range of archival material, and increased awareness of the importance of the archives.

The World Subud Association lost a very active longstanding member on December 7th when Faisal Sillem passed away. Faisal's commitment to collecting, cataloguing and assigning code numbers to Bapak's talks was a significant achievement.

2008 WSA Board of Directors

- WSA Chairlady..... Osanna Vaughn, Germany
- Zone 1/2 - Australasia & Asia. Renata Peek, New Zealand
- Zone 3 - Western Europe Reinbrand Visman, Netherlands
- Zone 4 - East Europe, North Asia & part of the Middle East..... Valentin Willecke, Germany
- Zone 5/6 - Africa..... Lateef dada Bashua, Nigeria
- Zone 7 - North America, the Caribbean & Suriname Mariamah Flores, México
- Zone 8 - Northern Latin America..... Machrus Garces, Colombia
- Zone 9 - Southern Latin America..... Elisa Sanchez Caballero, Argentina

FINANCIALS:

In Constant Gratitude

Our association could not function without the many numbers of dedicated volunteers who serve selflessly on a continuing basis. Whether a member serves the membership through latihan development, carries out committee work, or assists in youth, enterprise, social, cultural, educational or other areas, together we create what Subud is today, a vibrant spiritual association.

We wish to thank everyone that contributes financially towards the ongoing activities of the international association. Donations make the programs and day-to-day undertakings of the WSA possible. In particular, we thank the Guerrand Hermes Foundation for Peace and the following enterprises: FloChem, (Norway); M. Guerin Enterprises (Spain);

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The Muhammad Subuh Foundation provides annual support to the programs of the WSA, and in 2008 the total was 60,000 USD. This was used for the International Archives, the Care Support Program, International Helper work and writing the history of Subud.

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

2008 World Subud Association financial activity in thousands of US Dollars includes:

Income

WSA Members.....	177.5
Grants.....	64
Enterprises.....	38.8
Individual Members.....	114.8
Activities.....	17.2
Interest, Sundry.....	24.7
Total Income.....	436.9

Expenses

Latihan Support.....	132.2
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Archives and History of Subud.....	33
Human Activities.....	93.9
Supporting Services, Administration.....	*242.9
Sub-Total Expenses.....	502
Extraordinary Expense.....	**751.5
Total Expenses.....	1,217.6

WSA Balance Sheet 31 December 2008

Assets.....	485.1
Liabilities and Custodial Accounts.....	67.9
Net Assets.....	417.2

Notes:

* Includes World Congress Preparations expenses (\$15.9) and currency losses (\$74.2)

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