



WSA F.Y.I

World Subud Association

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MESSAGE FROM THE WSA

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As the pandemic protocol requirements have started to ease, country borders have opened up, our International Helpers have begun to travel and conducted in-person meetings, and our organizations are planning face to face meetings.

We are now already at the second half of the year, and nearer to the next World Congress.

Early next year the WSA is planning to hold the World Subud Council in Kalimantan, preparing the World Congress.

This issue contains stories of the IH travel and a letter from the WSA/WCOT inviting all members to participate in a survey relating to the preparation of the World Congress in 2024. We encourage all members to participate in the survey.

SDIA is also announcing the coming Youth Camp in Colorado.

Please enjoy our June 2022 FYI Newsletter.

With love & respect
WSA Executive Committee

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INTERNATIONAL HELPERS VISITS

Zone 3 Meeting – Lucca, Italy

February 22nd – 27th, 2022

At Casa Diocesana

By: Kamilia Konrad IH Area 2, Isti da Silva IH Area 1, Valentin Pizzi IH Area 2

We arrived in Lucca on the 22nd and stayed until the 27th of February.



Approximately twentyfive brothers and sisters; from the Netherlands, Belgium, Great Britain, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Indonesia and Austria gathered in Lucca.

The meeting was very well organized and the place where we stayed, an old monastery now used as a seminar hotel, is a wonderful place run by a very nice Italian family who also provided excellent Italian

food.

Most of us were there one day before the meeting officially began and we started with latihan and testing. The testing was about our joy. In a circle of men and women the delegates shared about their work and the situation in their countries. This was followed by latihan and testing.

Next day, the day the war in Ukraine started, we had latihan and testing. The testing was about our I, about worship and forgiveness. Followed with listening to Bapak's Talk (code:86Lon2)

After introducing ourselves the delegates talked about the situation in their countries. Later in the afternoon we did latihan again and continued the testing with the delegates about their work and working together from yesterday.

In the evening, we had a very valuable conversation in a circle - for example:

- That "just" doing latihan together is priceless, especially after the pandemic where we could not meet in person we could feel that.
- The latihan is the basis for all of us, it is connecting us all.
- That we are not allowed to complain (often we complain when we work for Subud - is that one of the reasons why not many people want to do a commitee job ?) and to criticize each other.
- About putting the latihan into practice.

We felt that there was space and acceptance for each one of us. In the evening, we did latihan with Subud Ukraine and many other brothers and sisters in the world which was very strong.

On Friday morning, we did latihan and tested about courage and how we could support each other to have courage. We tested also about our confidence and trust in the latihan. In the afternoon, we had latihan with some Italian sisters and in the meeting afterwards we talked about the wings, affiliates and enterprises.

Next morning after latihan, we tested about the meaning of our organization and what the members need from it. In the meetings, we talked about the World Congress and international matters.

On the last evening, we got a present from our host-he played and sang for us Italian songs and made us even dance a bit...Bachtiar played beautiful music with his guitar afterwards.

God Almighty helped, guided and blessed us during this meeting He put love between us and connected us all.

National Congress - Subud Ecuador

By: Illene Pevec, IH Area 3
14-15 May 2022

Subud Ecuador was founded in 1976. Quito, second highest capital in the world at 9350 feet, has a metropolitan area of 4,217.95 km² (1,628.56 sq mi) and is on the slopes of an active volcano. It's hills and valleys navigated on winding roads make traversing the city a long trip. Thus, Quito has two separate groups, one serving a downtown area and the other in Tumbaco valley. Additionally, there are isolated members scattered across the country.



At the May 14-15 National Congress several founding members attended, as did people from as far away as 8 hours driving distance. The membership is multinational, many Columbians and Ecuadorians, as well as some Americans and Europeans. All six Area 3 international helpers went to Ecuador for this first national congress since 2018. We began with a kejiwaan day with ten youth in the Quito Subud house and after lunch with all ages Quito members.

Ecuador has had some serious legal issues to resolve in recent years due to Ecuadorian law and the ownership of two Subud Ecuador houses, one of which in a distant city, had been abandoned when members moved away and was occupied by squatters. Subud Ecuador is one legal entity no matter where the people or houses are geographically located. This legal definition prohibits separate geographically based committees and has created much confusion and disharmony. When a member comes from a country where there can be many Subud groups who make their own decisions and can own property it's very hard to

comprehend the Ecuadorian legal requirements. The chairman of the country is also personally legally liable to the government for any debts or actions by the members.

The women's Ecuadorian dewan has worked hard with the Area 3 IH's since 2018 to address some of the interpersonal conflicts arising from people basically not understanding the laws, but the men national helpers both moved away soon after appointment so there was a kejiwaan imbalance with no men national helpers for three years. We had many zoom meetings with members and dewan. Additionally, the pandemic isolated people and the government closed the Quito Subud house as a health measure.



Finally, the time arrived to begin anew. Ecuadorian families opened their homes to house us all during our 5-day visit that included the kejiwaan days before and after the Saturday-Sunday congress at a Catholic retreat center on the equator in the part of Quito called La Mitad Del Mundo. (The Half of the World). Our two days

together (60 to 70 people) in this comfortable and well-equipped congress facility allowed the time and space for testing all who came forward to serve as committee members or national helpers. This resulted in three new men, Rashid, Bernardo and Leonardo and three women, one continuing from the prior Dewan, Emilia, and Agatha and Anisah. Marcus Garzon, a long-time member who led the team dealing with legal issues before is chairman, and Mateo Guerra, a young man from Colombia, is vice chair. Every wing has a chair or a team to develop and lead activities.

Our visit ended after the national congress with a kejiwaan day in Tumbaco at Asociación Vivir, the medical clinic run as an SD project for more than 30 years by Dr Emilia Garzon. Emilia has a key role in a new and large public and private partnership to end childhood hunger in Ecuador. May God bless them all.

We felt overjoyed to be part of the powerful latihans and testing sessions that yielded unanimously approved committee members and helpers of all ages. The vibrant youth, some sons and daughters of long time members and some new to Subud, shower hope on us all for an exciting and strong future while their parents and grandparents hold the tiller steady through the transition. We thank the Grace of Almighty God and the hard work of the outgoing committee and helper dewan. May Almighty God continue to bless them on their path forward in harmony.

WORLD SUBUD COUNCIL

ZONE – MEMBER COUNTRIES REPORT

SUBUD ITALY – FLORENCE SUBUD HOUSE

By: Valentin Pizzi

April 2022

On the 24th and 25th of April there was a meeting in our Subud House in Florence. The occasion was the opening of Gigi Paparo and Anna Rigolone. The openings brought joy and harmony to those present and the two days were beautiful and blessed by God.



We were 14 including our sisters Elena, KC from Subud Ukraine, and Natasha Gurina from Kiev; they now live in La Spezia. Their presence is a joy and we are very happy even if the reasons for their move to Italy does not come from a happy situation.



Natasha Hurina, Lusiyah Bassi (NH),
Margarita Pizzi (KC Italy), Elena Hurina (KC
Ukraine)

In the last two years with the pandemic we have not had many opportunities to meet each other except at other openings last year, always in Florence. There are other applicants waiting for an opening here in Italy and we will still be in Florence for the occasion.

We remembered our dear brother Piero Righelli (NH) who left us recently.

We thank God Almighty for the Gift of latihan and because in Italy there is joy and harmony whenever we are together.

A warm embrace from Subud Italy.

With love
Valentin

SUBUD JAPAN – NATIONAL CONGRESS

Email from Subud Japan

Date : May 26, 2022
To : Ms. Pudji Wahjuni Purbo / WSA Secretary
Mr. Muchtar Rawlings / Zone 1 & 2 Representatives / WSA Director

CC : Mr. Nahum Harlap / WSA Chair
Subject : Subud Japan 63rd National Convention and New Officer Report

Dear Pudji and Muchtar,

I would like to inform you that our 63rd annual national congress (Year of 2022) and a Keijwaan gathering was held from May 21st and 22nd, at Subud Japan's Sakado Subud House.

Although it was a rebound alert period for COVID-19 infection, it was held face-to-face for the first time in 3 years.

Seventeen people participated in Keijwaan gathering and 13 members in the national congress.

And the national congress was two members by Zoom participation from a remote location.

Enough number of members exercised voting rights by proxy.

After simultaneous Latihan at Sakado and at home, the 63rd annual national congress took place and all the reports of the officers, National Helpers, National Chairman, Committee Councilor, SDI Japan, Archives etc. were presented.

The following 4 bills were approved.

1. The audited financial report for the fiscal year 2021.
2. The budget for the fiscal year 2022.
3. Suggestions for creating a historical photo album for Subud Japan.
4. Masayuki Nagamine Reappointment of Subud Japan National Chairman.

New officers of Subud Japan year of 2022 and 2023 are as follows.

National Chairman	: Masayuki Nagamine	Mr. (Stay)
Committee Counselor	: Masato Ishizuki	Mr. (Stay)
Accounting	: Masato Ishizuki	Mr. (New)
Accounting Auditor	: Sachihiko Fuse	Ms. (Stay)
Secretary	: Masato Ishizuki :	Mr. (Stay)

Best regards,

Masato Ishizuki / CC&Secretary of Subud Japan



SUBUD YOUTH – National Congress Ecuador

By: Miranda Wild and Isidro Jimenez

During the congress, we could feel people's effort to let go of past difficulties and try to move forward, thus opening a new chapter for SUBUD Ecuador.

We think that in order to take advantage of SUBUD congresses it is important to listen to one another with an open feeling and try not to judge, or criticize each other for past mistakes.

As young members participating in the congress, we did perceive that there were many tensions struggling to get out but that in most cases, these feelings were diffused through doing the Latihan, and testing.

This congress was an opportunity to start asking ourselves: What did not work? Why it did not work? And what can we learn and change? Then we can also see what did work, why it worked, and how we can improve this moving forward.

The congress lasted for two days, and there was the election of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and National Helpers, of which three men and three women were elected, the first time in the history of Subud Ecuador that there have been 6 national helpers all working together. There was also the election for the different wings of SD, SICA, and Youth.

We feel that with this team of people from different groups in Ecuador, there is more balance than on previous occasions, and we hope they can experience harmony as they go through their term together.

Overall there were many memorable and fun moments shared with the youth, the IHs, and our Subud brothers and sisters.

WSA EXECUTIVE OFFICE

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE - WCOT

15 June 2022

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Share your thoughts on the upcoming 16th Subud World Congress in Kalimantan 2024.

The WSA Executive Committee and the World Congress Organizing Team (WCOT) would like to invite individual Subud members from around the globe to participate in this short survey about world congress attendance. Please take the survey [here](#).

The COVID-19 measures, enacted and imposed by governments worldwide, have caused material and significant uncertainty regarding the estimated number of Congress attendants. Due to these circumstances, the WSA Executive Committee and the WCOT would like to ask for your participation in a survey that can feed the planning team regarding the number of participants we may expect at the 16th Subud World Congress. We encourage all individual Subud members, whether they plan to attend or not, to help by participating in this survey.

Besides understanding the number of attendees, the WSA Executive Committee and the WCOT also want to take the opportunity to check in with the members and find out where you stand, your priorities, and what we can do to facilitate your participation at the congress. We hope this survey will provide adequate information to set up multiple world congress scenarios for the World Subud Council (WSC) to decide.

Please note that at this stage, we are just gathering general information that will enable us to make decisions about the congress that are relevant, current, and suit the majority. These are extraordinary times, and Kalimantan presents its challenges, so we cannot promise or guarantee anything. We will always strive to ensure that everyone's needs can be met to the best of our abilities and provide an environment that is comfortable, inspiring, and welcoming to the participants.

The WCOT is excited to prepare for this long-awaited congress! After such a long time apart, we feel that the congress may provide the opportunity for many of us to be together once more to share the Latihan, work together for Subud, reconnect among ourselves, and get to know the local community. Most important, it will bring true value to our Subud fraternity.

We understand that attending a Congress in 2024 may not be an option for many, nor even something that you can consider now. We take this opportunity to apologize to those who may find our request careless or insensitive. That is certainly not our intention. We are aware of the hardship being faced by many individual Subud members around the globe and join in praying that all will soon improve. Trying to remain optimistic and sincerely hoping that these difficulties will soon pass, we cannot leave all the planning and preparation until the last minute, so we respectfully continue our work.

We look forward to your participation in the short survey about world congress attendance.

Best regards,

Suyono Sumohadiwidjojo WSA

Executive Chair

Rusdi Bustillo, WCOT Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENT

Susila Dharma International Engages Youth From Around The World

Psssst... If you haven't heard yet, The *Human Force learning service program* aims to bridge the gap between SDIA's grassroots initiatives and the worlds' Youth who can be a positive force for development!

Learning Service is a progressive approach to the traditional role of international volunteering where volunteering is combined with learning objectives in global development education in order to provide a pragmatic and culturally sensitive learning experience whilst still meeting project needs.

This year, SDIA will be supporting two programs in both the United States and South America with over thirty youth from Subud and their friends from around the world attending!

Atalanta Association, the newest project member of SDIA located in Crestone, Colorado will be hosting our first Human Force event to kick off the year between July 9th-15th. Youth will be involved in constructing accommodation facilities to support the project's community mission, whilst learning about human values in the context of intergenerational learning and diversity.

Shortly after we will be dancing our way to the International center in Amanecer, Colombia where participants will be involved in several environmental and conservation activities including constructing a monkey walkway and reforestation of a wildlife corridor. Throughout this program participants will also engage and learn from the Colombian development history, wisdom of elders and stories of its people!

We still have some spaces available for our Human Force program in Colorado (with Subud youth subsidies available) so, if you are interested, send Rosanne Favre an email asap at hellohumanforce@gmail.com

For more information about *the Human Force*, or if you'd like to know more about upcoming programs visit us at www.humanforceprogram.com

In other news, Susila Dharma's annual report is out now!

Covering our news from around the world, you can read the SDIA annual report here <https://susiladharma.org/about-sdia/>

A big 'Thank you' to all Subud members for our continuing support!

