



# SUBUD connect

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## WHAT IS THE WSA?

The World Subud Association (WSA) is the umbrella organisation for the worldwide Subud community, which includes 54 member countries. The WSA exists to support the practise and use of the latihan and the human actives that arise from it.

The responsibilities of the WSA chair is to ensure that the aims and mission of the WSA and congress resolutions are carried out. He or she also represents Subud in the world and is aware of membership concerns. The deputy supports the overall mission. The executive team maintains the day-to-day work of the WSA and helps to organise the congress. The WSA is assisted by an administrative team.

## WHAT IS THE WSC?

The World Subud Council (WSC) is made up of the WSA chair, the WSA Executive, the zone representatives, the international helpers, the MSF chair and the chairs of the two affiliates SDIA and SICA.

Every Subud member is represented on the World Subud Council by their national committee through their zone representatives.

WSC works in coordination with the zone representatives and serves the worldwide Subud community through its subcommittees and services, which are coordinated by the WSA Executive team. Actual topics of interest and worldwide concern are discussed at World Subud Council meetings.

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The Zone Representatives in  
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WSC Meeting, Rungan Sari,  
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# EDITORIAL

Welcome to  
**SUBUD** connect

This is an international magazine with news, announcements, and updates from the World Subud Association (WSA).

During the World Subud Council (WSC) meeting in February at Rungan Sari, Kalimantan, a big focus was relationships and communication across our international community. It was decided to produce a follow up of the Connect magazine that was published three times between 2014 - 2018.

**We will be keeping you informed in the run up towards the 16th World Congress at Kalimantan next year.**

In this issue of **SUBUD** connect you will find news and information about the activities of the WSC, such as the international helpers' travels, the exciting joint plans of our wing representatives for world congress, a Q&A with the WSA treasurer, and much more. We also bring news and articles from the members, who are enterprising, centerprising and connecting.

This magazine is intended to keep us connected as Subud members living in many different parts of the world. We are united through our practise of the Latihan Kejiwaan of Subud that was passed on to us, and which we aim to integrate into our daily lives, to the extent that others may be touched by it.

**Write to us at [connect@subud.org](mailto:connect@subud.org) with any comments or feedback, or to share your news.**



Nahum Harlap, WSA Chair (left) and Suyono Sumohadiwidjojo, WSA Executive Chair (right) at the WSC meeting in Rungan Sari





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# 2023 WSC MEETING

## RUNGAN SARI

### 6-14 FEBRUARY 2023

A DAILY DIARY OF THE  
WSC MEETING

BASED ON THE REPORTS OF:

**SALAMA GIELGE, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE**  
**URAIDAH HASSANI, ZONE 7 REPRESENTATIVE**  
**HANNAH DE ROO, ZONE 3 REPRESENTATIVE**

## DAY 1

LATIHAN  
BAPAK'S TALK - 67 TJK 5  
KEJIWAAN GATHERING

OPENING  
CEREMONY

## DAY 2

**"The choir from BCU school sang beautifully, it was very touching. Some kids were still small and they all participated with happy smiles. Speeches from the local police and government, as well as from the national and international Subud chairs, were balanced with impressive Dayak dance performances."**

*Hannah*





# MEETING OVERVIEW

BY PUDJI WAHJUNI PURBO, WSA SECRETARY

The 2023 WSC Meeting in Rungan Sari was attended by:

**15** International Helpers, **7** Zone Representatives, **3** MSF Trustees, **3** SDIA Board Members and **1** Executive Director, **1** SICA Chair, **1** SESI Co-Chair, **1** SIHA Chair and **1** SIHA Representative, **1** SYAI Representative and **4** SYAI members, **5** WSA team members, and observers from Australia, Germany, Indonesia and New Zealand.

**The opening ceremony was attended by a local government official from Palangka Raya.**

Meetings and kejiwaan sessions took place at the Muhammad Subud Centre and lasted for nine days. This was the first in-person WSC meeting since the 2019 meeting in Cilandak.

The meeting agenda and topics discussed were mostly focused on strengthening relationships across the international Subud organisation, and involved kejiwaan sessions with latihan, testing and sharing among the council members. One key topic that was discussed extensively was the 2024 World Congress including logistics and the content of the congress.



The key outcomes of the WSC meetings and kejiwaan sessions were:

- ◆ Strengthening the relationship between the international Subud organisations, and between the organisation and the members, by enhancing communications, information sharing, working together on projects, and working towards a more harmonious relationship
- ◆ Awareness of the growth of the membership and regeneration of committees in Subud around the world
- ◆ World congress team discussions with Subud Rungan Sari, Subud Palangka Raya, and the wings, and creating a programme for 'one congress' (and not competing congresses)



DAY 2

WSA  
ARCHIVES

**"The first meeting topics included a report about the History of Subud project and a report from the International Archives. Since Harlinah Longcroft passed away, Rashida Pope has been appointed to write the last three chapters of Volume 3. In regards to archives, the plan to build new archive facilities in Canberra has been adapted... Total costs are now estimated at around \$482k."** Uraidah



WSA & SDIA  
RELATIONSHIPS

## DAY 3

**"A long closed session was held by the boards of WSA and SDIA, facilitated by the full dewan of International Helpers.**

**We tested about the purpose of WSA and SDIA and the relations between the two organisations, and also about mutual trust, respect and forgiveness...**

**The WSA and SDIA boards plan to meet at least 3 times a year and to establish regular communication."**

*Salama*

CULTURE  
(SICA)

**After sharing some personal views and stories, we tested:**

**\* How was my culture before I started to practise the Latihan**

**\* How is my culture after my opening in Subud**

**\* What did Bapak mean with "Subud culture"**

*Hannah*



## DAY 4

VISITING YUM'S  
AGROFORESTRY  
PILOT PROJECT





## DAY 4

ENTERPRISE - SESI  
YOUTH - SYAI  
HEALTH - SIHA



WING CHAIRS (left to right): ALBATINA PHILLIMORE (SIHA), RUSYDAH ZIESEL (SICA), GAYE THAVISIN (SESI), VINCENT MOUNT (SDIA)

**“On SESI, the main part of the discussion was about the role of SESI and its benefit to members.**

**For SYAI, two youth representatives from Australia and Indonesia reported on the meaningful meetings / gatherings in Amanecer, Colombia and Assisi, Italy, and shared that many youth feel isolated as a result of the pandemic, and the desire for youth to attend the World Congress in 2024. They are working on a plan to fundraise for youth to attend the World Congress, and the WSC was supportive.**

**SIHA gave a short presentation about their activities and their desire to bring health and wellness to the World Congress.”**

*Uraidah*

DECLINING MEMBERSHIP  
COMMUNICATION  
WEBSITE

**“Suyono invites Hannah and the Zone 3 team to take the task of regularly issuing an international newsletter similar to the present Zone 3 Magazine.”**

*Salama*





## DAY 5

VISITS TO VARIOUS WORLD CONGRESS SITES, INCLUDING:  
BORNEO FOOTBALL ACADEMY  
BINA CITA UTAMA SCHOOL  
BAHALAP HOTEL IN PALANGKA RAYA



**“Construction of the Borneo Football Sports Centre is almost complete. This is located about 15-20 min. walk / 5-10 min. drive down a sandy road from the Muhammad Subuh Centre, and about 30 min. walk from the Rungan Sari Resort.”** *Uraidah*



**“We also visited the Bina Cita Utama School, where we were given a tour through the various classes. Group picture on the so-called ‘tree house’ where they give art classes.”** *Hannah*

WC PROPOSALS  
THE WHITEBOOK  
ARCHIVES  
MSF

## DAY 6

**“In the coming months, the Executive team with the Zone Representatives will offer several zoom meetings for the delegates to get to know and to discuss the World Congress proposals that were sent in. In this way, hopefully most of the work on the proposals can be done before the congress.”**

*Salama*





**“In the afternoon, we visited the Bahalap Hotel in Palangka Raya - approximately a 1 hour drive from Rungan Sari. Business meetings during WC will mostly take place in this hotel given that it has proper meeting facilities, 11 meeting rooms, and a large enough ballroom (2,000 person capacity) to host plenary sessions and latihans.” Uraidah**



WORLD CONGRESS TIMING WORLD CONGRESS PROGRAMME WINGS

# DAY 7

**“The WCOT shared a draft programme for World Congress that was guided by the principle of bringing us all together as one, as advised by the IHs...**

**Much feedback and ideas were given to the WCOT team, which were promised to be considered ...**

**The WSC expressed their gratitude and trust to the organising team who has many aspects to consider.”**

*Uraidah*



WSA FINANCES WORLD CONGRESS ASSISTANCE FUND

# DAY 8

**“Discussion about funding for delegates, members and youth to attend World Congress. Different views and experiences were shared. It was agreed that local or national helpers need to be involved when funding is requested. Delegates need to take their role seriously, and certainly so when they have received funding. Regarding the youth, they need to make an effort, but we do our best to support them.” Hannah**



# DAY 9

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

**All topics discussed over the last days were reviewed and translated into agreed action points.**



# WORLD CONGRESS UPDATE

BY THE **WCOT TEAM**

**T**he recent World Subud Council meeting hosted in Kalimantan from February 6-14, 2023, provided a fantastic opportunity for discussions and collaboration amongst the WSA, the Wings, the Affiliates, the Congress Organising Team, Subud Indonesia, and the soon-to-be hosts of the upcoming World Congress from Rungan Sari and Palangka Raya.

**The visitors were able to visit some of the facilities planned for the congress and get an experience of being in Kalimantan.**

The main topics on the table included the congress dates and the congress programme, as most of the logistics will depend heavily on both of these factors.

## THE DATES

**The congress dates are currently confirmed as January 4-15, 2024.**

Any change to these dates will depend on the permit for holding a large gathering approved by the provincial and central police. The provincial police have already given their verbal assurance that the proposed date should be acceptable. Still, we need to wait for the final confirmation issued by the central police.

Although no changes to these dates are anticipated, we encourage all members to hold off on buying tickets or making any reservations until we receive the permit from the police.





## THE PROGRAMME

In the lead up to the WSC meeting, the WCOT had reached out to the main groups involved in the congress to understand their needs and requirements: we consulted with the International Helpers, the WSA Executive, the Zone Representatives, the Wings (SDIA, SESI, SICA, SIHA), Subud Youth, and MSF.

The International Helpers had some particular requests they felt strongly about. These included doing everything possible to ensure we have 'one congress', including not programming competitive activities at the time of the plenary sessions and kejiwaan activities.

Once the WSC had confirmed the dates for the congress and had decided on the locations, it was possible to review and tentatively agree on a broad, preliminary schedule.

**While more details will be available soon, we can say that the congress will probably open for plenary sessions at one of the major hotels in Palangka Raya, with activities moving later to Rungan Sari, and returning to the initial location for the final plenary events.**



In Palangka Raya, the focus will be on kejiwaan activities and plenary congress business (including testing for officers). In Rungan Sari, the Delegates will continue with their work, while for others the focus will shift to the Wings, culminating in a day featuring visits to and presentations by major projects.

The Wings presented a plan for an integrated 'Subud Village' and a concept for a unified programme, which was well received.

The WCOT is currently considering all of the facility requirements, and has requested that the various stakeholders mentioned above determine which activities can be accommodated within the existing facilities — so that we can know what temporary facilities we may need to add for the Congress, budget permitting.

## STAY INFORMED

For all the latest news and updates regarding the congress, please visit our dedicated congress website: [www.subudworldcongress.org](http://www.subudworldcongress.org)

The website is currently in its early stages but is constantly being updated and will be the main hub for all congress-related information, news, tips and more. You can also sign up for our mailing list directly on the website home page.

## FAQS

A list of frequently asked questions has been compiled for members, and will be regularly review and updated.

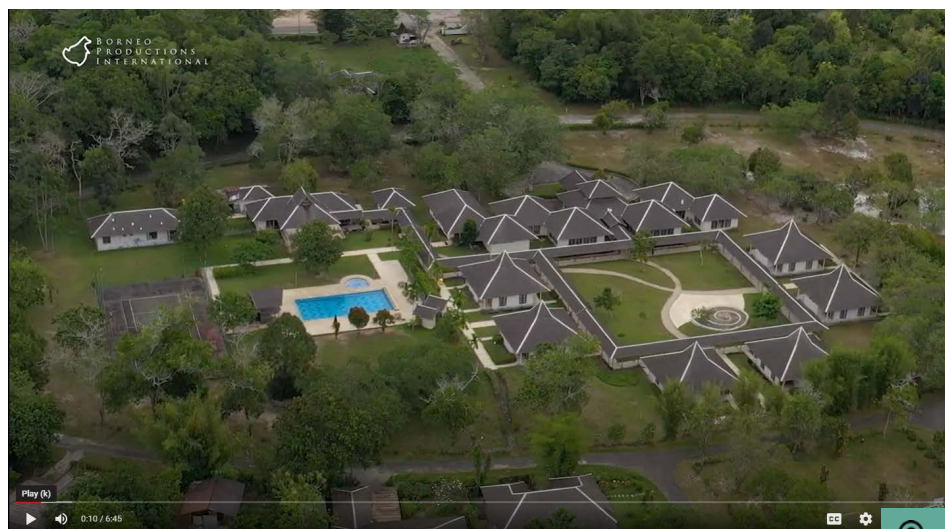
Topics covered include flights, visas, customs, COVID-19 vaccinations, travel in Palangka Raya, using your phone, weather, and tourist activities.

READ THE FAQS [HERE](#)

## HEALTH

A comprehensive document covering health issues related to travel in Indonesia and Kalimantan has been put together.

READ THE HEALTH INFORMATION [HERE](#)



Click [HERE](#) to watch the fly-through video of Rungan Sari, created by Björn Vaughn





Dear brothers and sisters worldwide,

The world congress is only ten months away and we are putting our thoughts into the activities we'd like to offer. As Wing representatives we met every day at breakfast whilst we were gathered at the WSC meeting in Kalimantan in February and discussed how we wanted to coordinate our efforts to make a nicely integrated congress.

**We did lots of brainstorming, coming up with a "Subud village" experience centred around the Latihan hall and BCU school buildings in the heart of the Rungan Sari estate.**

This echoes what those of you who attended the Freiburg congress would have experienced, but this time we get to use actual buildings and the green spaces around them, which is great.

Our intention is to have a hub of Wings spaces in the village area to meet and offer discussions, workshops, break-out latihan spaces for testing about wings matters.

Our hope is that whilst there will be a framework of a schedule, there will also be comfortable spaces set up to allow the spontaneous to happen. Most of all we want to celebrate being together in all the glorious ways we enjoy doing this.

**We would like there to be tasty food & drink offerings around the outside, café space for entrepreneurs, market stalls for locals as well as Subud members and a cool rest area for getting away from the heat.**



# WINGS

@ **WORLD CONGRESS**

BY THE WINGS - **VINCENT MOUNT, SDIA CHAIR; GAYE THAVISIN, SESI CO-CHAIR; RUSYDAH ZIESEL, SICA CHAIR; ALBATINA PHILLIMORE, SIHA CHAIR**

Treatment spaces for our health and well-being as well as a place to source Second Aid products and expertise, in addition to the mandatory First Aid provided.

The school will enable us to have classroom spaces for arts and crafts activities, and other children and family-oriented activities. They have a nice play space and a permaculture garden too. There is a swimming pool in the hotel not more than 300m away, and a pleasant 15-minute forest walk along a boardwalk over a stream to the area to the north where the Muhammad Subuh Centre (MSC) and Eco Village are located.

**The village hub area would complement other spaces on the Subud-owned land such as the MSC pendopo building complex which will offer more plenary session space, with larger rooms for meetings and testing.**

Near that is the Eco Village which the Youth have their eye on to make a nice hub for young people to gather in. This has a campfire space, a stage area, a small bar/cafe and dormitory style sleeping accommodation nestled against the forest edge.

Further north still, another 10 minute walk from the MSC pendopo building, still within the Subud land lies the Borneo Football complex, which has developed over the last ten years and has some buildings available for use, including a super new sports hall which we can use for large latihan, and will have a dormitory building that can be used at congress also.

We want to have a grand celebration to open the large new hall at the Congress, that you can all be present at with us to thank and acknowledge

all those who have donated to this fantastic Susila Dharma project.



Hopefully they'll give us a good demonstration of their football skills and talk about the work they do with local schools and communities, inspiring boys and girls to take part and learn valuable skills. I'm sure they'll be wanting to practise their English with everyone, and you better be prepared to play some football! Girls too, they have a whole cohort of young warrior women! With any luck we will have a good dance together, and maybe even a water balloon fight! Anything to help us cope with the heat.

Speaking of Susila Dharma projects, we can offer visits to all six of them in the Rungan Sari area!

Other than the Football project and the BCU school, which are located on campus, these include the YTS community development project



working in agriculture and fish farming in the local area, the YUM project that is working on agroforestry and a stunting prevention programme, the Ransel Buku school library on the river Rungan, and the Permaculture project just twenty minutes walk from Rungan Sari where you can sit in the café and sample their famous brownies.

**We'll be organising the trips to these projects that you'll sign up for, and then you can see for yourselves the courageous and inspiring humanitarian ventures that Subud folk have started in Kalimantan.**

There are local Subud enterprises such as Borneo Escape and WOW Borneo that will also be available for excursions. We plan to hold discussions and presentations about all the projects, both enterprises and humanitarian projects, and offer a question and answer session with all the projects together.

**Jungle Walks, boat trips and so much more will be on the agenda to enable you to feel you can really connect with this very special area.**

Music, performances and exhibitions will be an integral part of our offering of course. Anyone wishing to offer their skills – please contact us at [WingsatWC@subud.org](mailto:WingsatWC@subud.org).

There may well be opportunities for volunteering at or before the congress, but these are being explored at the moment with the congress organising team, and with our various projects around the area, to see if they can host volunteers. We'll come back to you about this soon.

We're hoping that you will be keen to offer a few hours to help at the congress to make a difference during your time in Kalimantan.

**We're keen to leave a legacy for the future of the Kalimantan community, and are exploring ways in which we could do that.**

This might be improving the play area at the BCU school, buying a defibrillator for the Rungan Sari estate, or creating a tree-top walk that would increase the attractiveness of the area to tourists which may help local tourist enterprises. If you have any other ideas that you feel we might leave as something for the future please do get in touch!

**So come and be adventurous, join us and experience the heat and humidity amidst the forest, the putting things into action, the place that Bapak advised Subud to develop in. See what it's all about and come together with your Subud family in Kalimantan.**

Top: YUM agroforestry presentation  
Bottom: Ransel Buku project  
Bottom left: the art treehouse at BCU school

Top to bottom: The Rungan Sari Resort; YPK permaculture project; the wings at work; river trip along the Sei Gohong





The International Helpers in Area 1 have recently attended three National Congresses. As our Area has been slow to open up after the pandemic, it was wonderful to reconnect with our members again in person.

## NEW ZEALAND

Last November our dewan met in Christchurch for the New Zealand National Congress. Prior, in pairs, we visited Auckland, Wellington and Nelson.

**Christchurch held their Congress at their Subud Hall and coupled the indoor meetings with outdoor lunches that were generously catered for by the local members.**

New Zealanders take advantage of good weather to be outdoors and the weather obliged. Dinners were also provided and enjoyed at the end of long days.



The happy New Zealand Congress attendees

## AUSTRALIA

January commenced with the Australian National Congress in Perth, held at a recreational centre situated on a really beautiful spot along the River.

**Congress was a very family affair with many young couples with babies.**

Latihans and Kejiwaan sessions were well attended. The chair of the World Congress Organising Team gave an update/presentation, and everyone enjoyed entertainment over several evenings at the fabulous outdoor amphitheatre. Frances Madden gave one of her excellent performances.



Area 1 IHs with Perth city in the background

## INDONESIA

As IH liaison, Pak Suryadi attended the Muhammad Subuh Foundation meeting in Los Angeles, after Congress, and then joined the International Helper dewan in Jakarta, most of whom were able to attend our catch up there.

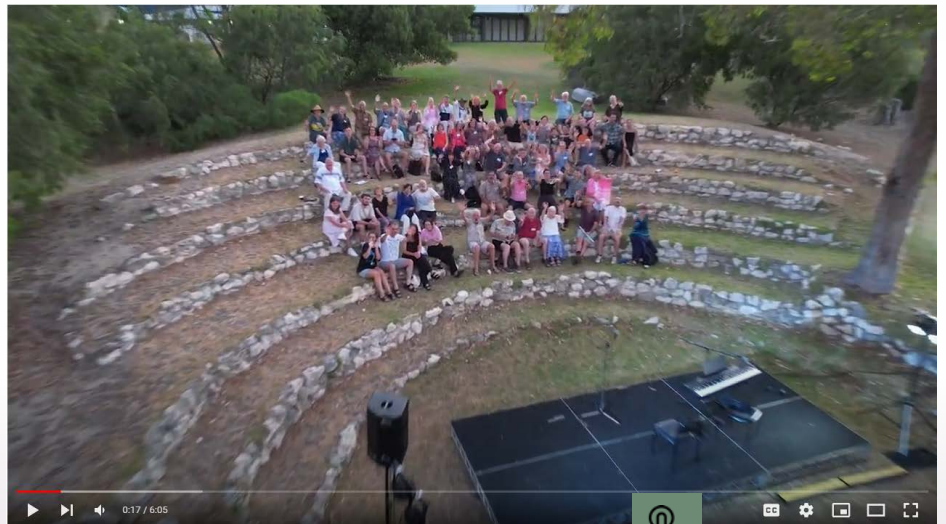
# AREA 1 DEWAN TRAVELS

We spent a week doing latihan, testing, attending to important issues and working on our programme for the World Subud Council meeting. IHs also held a worldwide helper kejiwaan session.

**Indonesia held their 30th National Congress in Surabaya February 3rd -5th and all the IHs went there on their way to the WSC meeting.**



Men International Helpers with National and Regional Helpers



Subud Australia Perth Congress 2023 <https://youtu.be/r15SS0E0h1g>





Opening Ceremony at the Indonesian Congress

IHs attended the opening and closing ceremonies, several plenaries, daily latihan and a kejiwaan session held by the NHs. We also held a latihan with the Indonesian National and Regional helpers.

Our IH dewan then travelled to Rungan Sari, Kalimantan for the WSC meeting, February 6 - 14. It was a full and busy programme, especially due to the upcoming World Congress in January 2024, and our attendance



Dancers at the Indonesian Congress Opening Ceremony. Click [HERE](#) to watch

was required at the meetings, latihan and Kejiwaan sessions. We also visited the hotel in Palangka Raya and several places in Rungan Sari (Borneo Football and Bina Cita Utama School) that will possibly be used for World Congress.

Following the WSC meeting, Area 1 IHs visited the Palangka Raya group for latihan and supper, then attended the Zone meeting, February 18 - 20. The Indonesian chair and Zone 1&2 rep officiated. Many countries were unable to attend for various reasons.

**Area 1 IHs did latihan together and met with the delegates who will be working at World Congress, to test the function of their roles and advise on their responsibilities.**



Zone 1 & 2 meeting

**Now back home, we continue with Zoom meetings and recently attended the Subud Youth virtual kejiwaan gathering in early March.**

The International Helper dewan plans to meet for two weeks from end September to mid-October in Portugal. As for other travel arrangements in Area 1, we feel first of all an obligation to visit those countries who were unable to attend the Zone meeting, but as yet all plans are still in process.



# AREA 2 DEWAN TRAVELS



## ATHENS, 6 - 12 OCTOBER

The Greek Subud family, full days sharing latihan, testing, company, and such a feeling of love.

## ASSISI GATHERING, 26 OCTOBER - 3 NOVEMBER

Area 2 participated together with other IHs from other areas. An intense and very good time with latihan, testing and useful meetings.



## FRANCE, 6 - 18 SEPTEMBER

Visiting groups of Subud France driven in a van by Ra'ouf, chair, and Josefa Kc. A very blessed experience travelling together and go from one group to another. We met members from Paris group in Saint Prix and then Saint Pierre du Mon, Montbrun-Bocage, Mane. Joy and love accompanied us all the time!! An unforgettable time spent together thanks God.



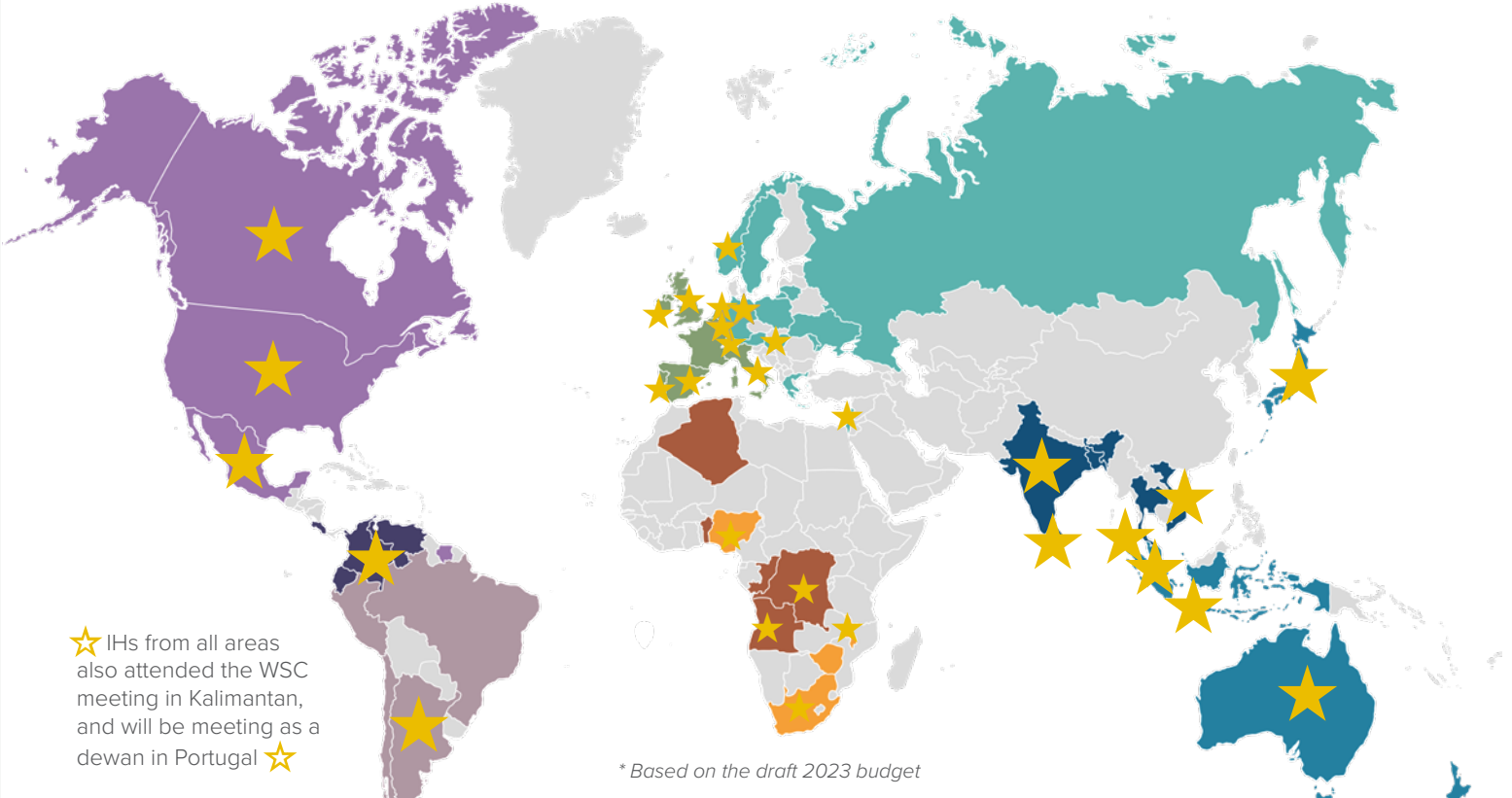
Josefa Moglia, KC for France, said:

**"I would like to express my gratitude for their visit...Throughout this trip, we were impressed by their constant sense of humour and by the perfect harmony among them. Their listening, their kindness and their patience touched us... Working with them has given me a better understanding of the helper's role."**



# INTERNATIONAL HELPERS

## 2023 TRAVEL PROGRAMME\*



★ IHs from all areas also attended the WSC meeting in Kalimantan, and will be meeting as a dewan in Portugal ★

\*Based on the draft 2023 budget

**✈ AREA 3**

ZONE 9   
 ZONE 8   
 ZONE 7

★ COLOMBIA ★ MEXICO  
 ★ CANADA ★ USA  
 ★ ARGENTINA

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IHs: Kohar Parra Bustillo, Joan Fromme, Benedict Herrman, Illène Pevec, Halinah Rizzo-Busack, Humphrey Williams

**✈ AREA 2**

ZONE 6   
 ZONE 5   
 ZONE 4   
 ZONE 3

★ BELGIUM ★ BRITAIN ★ IRELAND  
 ★ ITALY ★ NETHERLANDS ★ SPAIN  
 ★ PORTUGAL ★ GERMANY  
 ★ HUNGARY ★ ISRAEL ★ NORWAY  
 ★ SWITZERLAND ★ MALAWI ★ NIGERIA ★  
 SOUTH AFRICA ★ ANGOLA  
 ★ CONGO DRC

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

**✈ AREA 1**

ZONE 2   
 ZONE 1

★ INDONESIA ★ AUSTRALIA  
 ★ INDIA ★ SRI LANKA ★ JAPAN  
 ★ VIETNAM ★ MALAYSIA  
 ★ SINGAPORE

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IHs: Hermina Flynn, Rohmana Friend, Hussein Rawlings, Isti da Silva, Sudarmadji Haryono Sumohadiwidjojo, Suryadi Haryono Sumohadiwidjojo

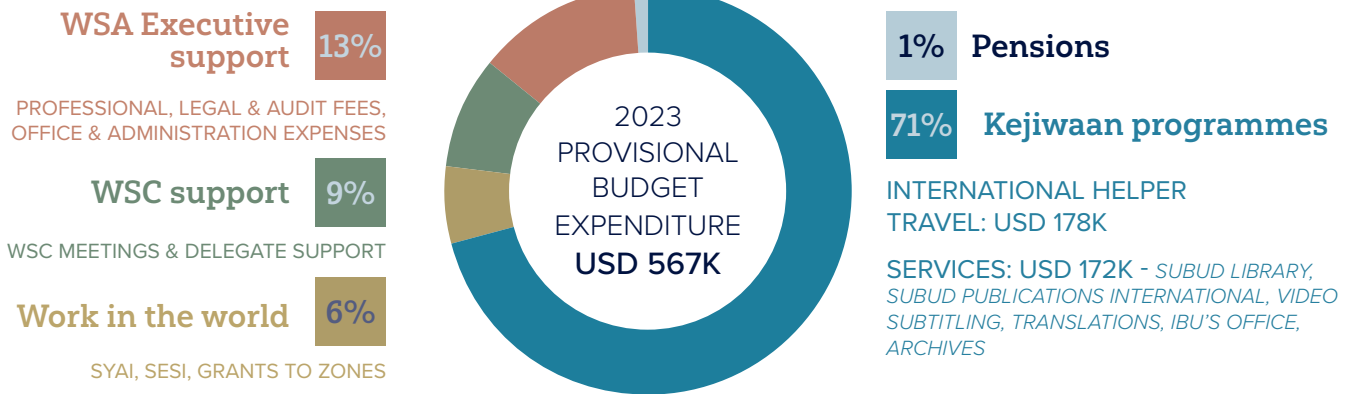




# WSA FINANCES

## A CHAT WITH SUBUD USA

BY HANNAH BAERVELDT, WSA TREASURER



A couple of weeks ago the WSA executive committee had the pleasure of meeting some of the Subud USA national committee. We were introduced to Philip Lindstrom (chairman), Alexandra Boyer (committee councillor), and Rafiq Dossani (treasurer). Rosetta Narvaez (interim vice chairperson) was hoping to join the call but at the last minute was unable to attend.

Finances were the focus of the meeting, and Rosetta was kind enough to pose some questions for the WSA treasurer before the meeting via email. We would like to share our responses to the topics they highlighted (paraphrased below):

### 1. Why is the 2023 budget higher than the 2022 unaudited actual, especially IH travel and the 'Subud work in the world' section. Could you speak to the large increases?

**IHs:** As the global pandemic has now eased, the international helpers are finally able to begin to travel more freely and confidently. They have proposed a very active year to make up for the travel lost to the pandemic. Unfortunately, prices have now increased dramatically, and insurance is now always advised. This results in a larger budget that is more than twice that of 2022. [2022: USD 80k vs. 2023: USD 178k]

**Subud work in the world:** The primary reason for the increase in budget is due to the upcoming world congress, especially in the areas of communications, IT, and translations. Also, Care Support budget is set at USD 7,000 despite having only disbursed less than USD 500 in 2022.

### 2. Is there a draft 2024 forecast budget available? Or is a World Congress budget for 2024 available yet?

The forecast budget for the World Congress is not yet available. However, we feel we should be able to arrange the World Congress for a similar total cost as previous world congresses, despite higher costs now due to inflation.

### 3. Is the WSA budget accruing for or reserving for the World Congress expenses?

The WSA has a reserve fund for the World Congress of about USD 150,000. This is to be used for venue deposits, upfront costs like online registration system, set-up costs and the like. It is our intention to replenish everything that we use from this fund with revenues from the World Congress so that we are able to pass a replenished fund containing the full amount to the next WSA administration.

### 4. Any other discussion that would shed light on the budget difference for 2023 given the 2020-2021 Covid impact.

An additional USD 100k+ is specified in the 2023 budget which wasn't required in 2022: We have scheduled a World Subud Council meeting (about USD 30k), and we anticipate making down-payments for world congress venues, rentals, and transportation (USD 75k). The World Congress Reserve Fund will provide the funding for this latter budget item.

## CONNECT WITH US

If any readers have questions about the WSA finances, please contact us at [wsa.treasurer@subud.org](mailto:wsa.treasurer@subud.org).

You appreciate transparency and openness, and we support you in this. Thank you very much for your continued support of the programmes of the World Subud Association. Together, we can ensure that the organisation of Subud is strong and centred, and that the latihan kejiwaan is passed to the next generation in its original form as received by Bapak.



# CALL FOR ZONE REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS

At World Congress new Zone Representatives will take over the work of the current team.

**Being a Zone Representative is a great way to work together with Subud sisters and brothers from around the world, and learn more about our rich Subud organisation.**

Besides representing the countries in a Zone, a ZR is also a member of the World Subud Council (WSC) and a director of the World Subud Association (WSA). The WSA board of directors, together with the executive team, is responsible for the implementation of approved resolutions at world congress, as well as for the day to day running of the international organisation and all its services.

To see which countries are part of each zone, please check out the website [subud.org/zones-countries/](http://subud.org/zones-countries/).

If you are interested in the role, test with your national helpers. For any follow up questions please contact your zonal representative.



## THE CURRENT ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

From left to right, upper row: Ana Sofia Mazzini (Zone 9), Muchtar Rawlings (Zone 1&2), Uraidah Hassani (Zone 7), Helen Munoz (Zone 8)  
Left to right lower row: Hannah de Roo (Zone 3), Salama Gielge (Zone 4), Lutfiya Murray (Zone 5)

## JOB DESCRIPTION

The Zone Representative serves a variety of functions:

### ZONE COORDINATOR

- ◆ Is familiar with each country in their zone
- ◆ Facilitates zone business
- ◆ Coordinates and supports communication within the Zone
- ◆ Assists national bodies to be active members of the WSA
- ◆ Chairs Zone Council meetings (frequency determined by needs of the Zone)
- ◆ Supports affiliate Wings projects and development in the Zone
- ◆ Leads the Zone Council in identifying objectives, priorities, programmes and work

### MEMBER OF WORLD SUBUD COUNCIL (WSC)

- ◆ Represents the countries of the Zone on the WSC and acts as communication liaison between the WSC and the Zone Council
- ◆ In each country, creates awareness of WSA membership and WSC meetings and solicits proposals from the Zone Council to WSC meetings
- ◆ Fundraises for the WSA from member countries in the zone
- ◆ Ensures World Congress objectives are carried out between congresses
- ◆ Seeks candidates for international positions

### DIRECTOR OF WORLD SUBUD ASSOCIATION (WSA)

- ◆ The board of directors of the WSA consists of the WSA chairperson and the zone representatives, being the voting members of the WSC. It is the body responsible before law for actions of the WSA between congresses
- ◆ Ensures monies spent by WSA are in accordance with charity law, donors' wishes and the aims of the association
- ◆ Ensures member countries receive annual financial reports
- ◆ Maintains the assets of the association
- ◆ Ensures that actions of the association comply with the aims and constitution of the association and accord with charity law



# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## WSA CHAIR

The WSA chair is selected at World Congress through guidance received in the latihan and by voting of the Congress Delegations. The chair holds office for 4 – 5 years from World Congress to World Congress. The position serves two main functions - as the President of the WSA and as the Chair and coordinator of the WSC, who encourages productive interaction between WSC and the members of Subud.

## WSA EXECUTIVE CHAIR

The WSA Executive Chairperson is selected at World Congress through guidance received in the latihan and is voted by the congress delegations. The WSA Executive chairperson then chooses the members of the Executive Committee. The WSA Executive chairperson is the chief executive officer of the WSA.

Application for nominations should be sent at the latest 3 (three) months before World Congress by 5 October 2023 to [swc.proposal@subud.org](mailto:swc.proposal@subud.org)

READ THE  
FULL CALL FOR  
NOMINATION,  
INCLUDING ROLES,  
RESPONSIBILITIES  
AND APPLICATION  
PROCEDURE  
[HERE](#)

## CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL HELPER

The Dewan of the international helpers will soon send a letter via the WSA Executive to the Zones for widespread distribution to their countries.

The letter will specify criteria, deadlines and procedures and all that is necessary to be a candidate and be tested, in person, at the next World Congress in Kalimantan in 2024.

We thank you for your attention.

With love and respect,

The Dewan of international helpers

## MSF TRUSTEE

The World Subud Association kindly invites you to apply for the role of trustee for the Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF). We are looking to fill five vacancies in January 2024. Active Subud members around the world are encouraged to consider applying. The nomination procedure will be distributed shortly through your zone representatives and the Subud media.



# A MAJOR MILESTONE WSA ARCHIVES CANBERRA

SOON TO HAVE A PROPER HOME!

BY **MATTHEW MOIR, WSA ARCHIVES**

A WSA Archives Charter was adopted at the Freiburg Subud World Congress in 2018, and an additional resolution from the delegates created a WSA Archives Subcommittee, reporting to the WSA Executive.

**The Subcommittee has had the provision of a purpose-built climate-controlled archival facility for the WSA Archive Canberra collections as a major priority since then.**

The Archive in Canberra has a 30-year history. In 1993 Canberra became a major international locus of Subud Archives with Harlinah Longcroft's decision to establish this as the home for the History of Subud collections. During the 2005-2010 ISC term the archive in Canberra was designated as one of the two main WSA Archives, the other being the Cilandak Archive.

Canberra has served as the principal repository for the founding and corporate records of the international entities of the Subud organisation, including the WSA and its wings, affiliates, and major projects. Records at risk globally have also been sent to Canberra.

**The Canberra collections also include the WSA Film and Video archives, and a WSA Photographic collection of 20,000 images.**

Amalijah Thompson, who was then the WSA Archivist in Canberra, played a principal role in the Memnon project, and in recognition of her audio-visual archival expertise, the digital files of Bapak's talks from this project were sent to Canberra in 2013, followed by the original analogue tape recordings of the talks.



Entrance to the Subud Canberra Hall

The need for a permanent archival home for these irreplaceable collections has been acknowledged by WSA over many years, but this never happened. Instead, since 2006 WSA Archives Canberra has leased units in a commercial storage centre, where there is no climate control, lighting, or working space, and risks of increased rates of degradation. Bapak's tapes and digital records on hard drives from the Memnon project have also been stored in these facilities since 2020, when the Artsound studio became unavailable.

Three previous plans for an archive facility in Canberra were developed this term but were deemed beyond WSA's financial resources. A fourth concept plan was presented at the WSA meeting in Rungan Sari in mid-February and was given provisional approval. Following further consultation with the principal contractors and Subud Canberra the final design and quotations were presented to the WSA Board on March 11, and the project proposal received unanimous support and approval.

The archive facility will be located on the Subud Canberra land, adjacent to the neighbouring property occupied by a Buddhist temple. The facility will comprise three 40 foot (12 meter) insulated and climate-controlled high containers to serve as the repositories for the collections, together with an office and processing space for work on the archives.



Site for the WSA Archive building (where the container is currently located)

These containers and the office will sit on the 150 mm thick reinforced concrete slab of 16.50 x 16.34 meters and a Colorbond shed roof and walls will be constructed to cover and enclose the entire space. There will be a covered passageway on one side of the building giving access between entrances to the office and the containers.

Development approval (DA) from ACTPLA, the planning authority, is anticipated to take 4 months or more. The entire project is projected to be completed in 4-6 months following DA approval if there are no unforeseen delays. The overall cost of the project is USD \$482,043. WSA has allocated a bequest of USD \$79,626 from an Australian member, Lavinia Sinclair, to this project, and we understand that another bequest to MSF from Harlinah Longcroft is designated for WSA Archives Canberra and will be quite substantial. We anticipate these two bequests will meet nearly 50% of the funding needs.

The WSA Archives Subcommittee plans to secure the additional funding needed through grant applications and a fundraising campaign, Friends of WSA Archives, with Subud members.

**For further information about this project write to [matthew.moir@subud.org](mailto:matthew.moir@subud.org). Details of the fundraising campaign will be announced shortly.**





# SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE IN SUBUD

BY FELIX PRIETO, SYAI COORDINATOR





Among the many priorities in our society one that is also very urgent is the enhancement of human relationships.

One example is our newer generations. They need us beyond the traditional support for basic survival, education and guidance but in addition most need real “human” role models who interact with them within parameters of authentic, respectful communication and affectionate relationships. I refer here primarily the newer generations, but the needs of all generations are also important.

**The Subud World Congress, and other gatherings, are opportunities for us to address the above-mentioned needs and provide spaces, times, agendas, and resources, to all members of different “generations” to engage each other in truly authentic fraternal exchanges where solidarity, respect, joy, friendship, and human love prevail.**

There is currently an intergenerational critical mass of members working to create an international Subud network among all of us, regardless of generation, nationality, race, gender, “culture”, or marital status. Accordingly, we want to raise funds to ensure that we can sponsor as many Subud youths as possible to participate in the next World Congress.



**The following sisters and brothers are active participants in their respective zones and are eager to start fund raising projects.**

*(Please note, the list of active participants will likely grow as projects develop)*

**ZONE 1:** MASHUDI SUMOHADIWIDJOJO, ALEXANDRA DALY, LOLITA MAUREEN

**ZONE 2:** SUSHEEL BALA

**ZONE 3:** THIJS HUGENHOLTZ, MAHRUS HARNADI, SELINA WISNOM, CLARA RUST, HANNAH DE ROO

**ZONE 4:** EDGAR TYMALOUS, SALAMA GIELGE, RUSYDAH ZIESEL

**ZONE 5 & 6:** EMMANUEL MBASSI

**ZONE 7:** ROBINA BELTRAN, ADENA VON-HAHN, URAIDAH HASSANI, MARINI FERNANDEZ, FELIX PRIETO

**ZONE 8:** MIRANDA WILD, SEBASTIAN WILD, FERNANDA RIOS, RANITA BASTO, HELEN MUÑOZ

**ZONE 9:** VALERIE MARTINEZ, ANA SOFIA MAZZINI SALOM

**Please contact those in your zone, ASAP, to share your ideas, feelings, and resources to assist their efforts.**

Perhaps in the near future you, too, would like to help coordinate these efforts. For now, however, the great spirit knows how you can best do it to sponsor as many of our Subud youth as possible to participate in the next World Congress.

Thank you in advance to all of you for your support.

With fraternal love,

Felix Prieto, SYAI Coordinator.

[syai.coordinator@subud.org](mailto:syai.coordinator@subud.org)





# MSF TEAM MEETS IN LOS ANGELES

BY **ELAINA DODSON, MSF TRUSTEE**

For the first time in more than three years, the Muhammad Subud Foundation trustees, staff, and international helper liaisons were able to meet in-person. We gathered in Los Angeles in mid-January, 2023, at the beautiful Subud Los Angeles centre on Wilshire Boulevard.

Seven trustees were there in-person—MSF Chair Mauricio Castillo, Vice-Chair Elaina Dodson, Treasurer Michael Heathcote, Corporate Secretary Lucian Parshall, Marston Gregory, Markus Fraval, and Nahum Harlap. Trustee Federica Pulido attended via Zoom. Our grant administrator, Renato Sotelo, also attended in-person, as did MSF's investment advisor Helene Jelman. We were blessed to have four international helpers with us—Halinah Rizzo Busack, Suryadi Haryono, Benedict Herrman, and Humphrey Williams.

**Thanks to our IHs, who were generous with their time and inner capacities, we were able to test about topics of essential relevance to the inner state and outer functioning of MSF.**

Many of us received that those working for MSF need to feel much more expansive within ourselves, in order to maintain the channel through which the Latihan and content of MSF may affect our outer actions and decisions.

Much discussion was focused on MSF's financial situation and investment strategy following the 2022 global market sell-off and amid the current inflationary cycle. MSF's portfolio is divided between U.S., European, and Pacific Rim equities. Subud member Helene Jelman, senior investment manager with PK Wealth, Ltd., provided a comprehensive review of her recommended investment strategy, which keeps MSF on a mostly conservative course but leaves room for quick adjustments if the markets turn positive. In addition, MSF unanimously approved adding infrastructure, clean energy, and managed futures strategies to the portfolio asset allocation, adding to its policy of Socially Responsible Investment.

**MSF unanimously approved increasing MSF's long-term return objective of the portfolio from inflation +2.5% to inflation +4%, and inflation projections from 2.25% to 2.9%. These figures are based on standard ten-year projections.**

Significant time was also spent on revising and clarifying the MSF bylaws, to bring them up to date with current procedures. These bylaws changes have been in the works for nine years, and MSF hopes they can be approved by the directors of the World Subud Association this year.

**We discussed at length the MSF grant application process, and improving communication to Subud groups to help those applying for funding better understand what MSF does and does not fund, and what is required for an application to be considered.**

Other subjects discussed involved the upcoming selection process for new MSF trustees, and the structural problems of Adi Puri—once Bapak's house in Wisma Subud in Cilandak, Indonesia.

**We also spent quite a bit of time on MSF communications, aware that many members report feeling disconnected from the foundation and its mission.**

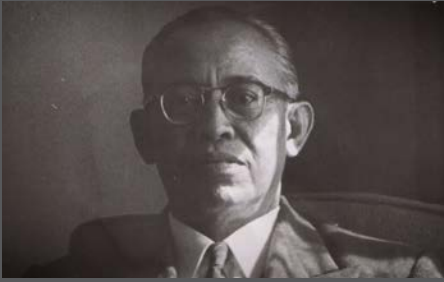
We discussed ongoing revisions to the MSF website and ensuring multiple newsletters every year. New communications standing committee chair Markus Fraval presented strategies for gathering input around the world and increasing MSF's visibility among the Subud membership.

On two days, the MSF team was fortunate to be able to meet with the members of Subud Los Angeles and Subud San Diego. Both groups welcomed us with deep Latihans, wonderful spirit, and delicious food. There were questions about what MSF is and does, as well as its history and ways to donate to the foundation. It was uplifting to see the level of interest we did.

**A final note: trustees discussed the necessary expenses of running a foundation like MSF. The team has made a concerted effort to reduce administrative costs and believes that they are now as lean as possible.**

After three years of pandemic-imposed Zoom meetings, we were grateful to be together and discuss thorny issues as well as receiving once again, through testing, the inspirational nature and content of MSF as it was first revealed to our late brother Varinda Vittachi and later confirmed by Bapak. Those who work for MSF must always be deeply mindful of the content and mission of MSF to honour Subud's founder, Bapak, by providing a lasting material foundation for the long-term development of Subud around the world. We are, and remain, always open to suggestions for improvement, and to talking about any issues or aspects of MSF.





**THE MUHAMMAD SUBUH FOUNDATION SERVES TO BUILD A LASTING FINANCIAL CAPACITY FOR THE SUBUD COMMUNITY WITH DEDICATION TO THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF SUBUD.**

WATCH THE MSF VIDEO (2018) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ORIGINS AND AIMS OF THE FOUNDATION: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/l1ZM8D0Yrfs>



# MSF AT THE WSC MEETING, RUNGAN SARI

BY **MARKUS FRAVAL, MSF TRUSTEE**

**M**SF trustees Mauricio Castillo (Chair), Elaina Dodson (Vice Chair) and Markus Fraval, were able to attend the World Subud Council meeting in Rungan Sari, Kalimantan, alongside ex-officio trustee and WSA Chair, Nahum Harlap.

**The meeting was a productive one, covering a lot of topics in an open, harmonious way, led ably by WSA Executive Chair, Suyono Sumohadiwidjo.**

As well as the World Subud Council and a number of local and international visitors, we were fortunate to also receive visits from Ibu Yati, Ibu Ismana as well as Tuti and Sharif Horthy.

**MSF sessions at the WSC meeting included discussions on the relationship between MSF and WSC, the current state of Adi Puri in Wisma Subud, and the best way to proceed with a selection process for new trustees who will start at the next World Congress.**

MSF sought feedback from the WSC in terms of the way it is operating and its relationship with the WSC. Most feedback was very positive, but there



Markus Fraval (centre) with his son (left) and Area 1 IH Hussein Rawlings (right)

was also some concern expressed about the level of administrative costs borne by MSF, and the lack of awareness and closeness of Subud members in general to MSF and its activities.

Both these matters are areas identified for improvement by the existing trustees. Fortunately, administrative costs have been reducing steadily year on year as a % of funds managed, but there is a feeling we need to redouble our efforts to reach out to our Subud brothers and sisters to fully realise MSF's role and importance to the future development of Subud.

Similar discussions occurred in relation to the selection process for new trustees. In 2024, five trustees will step down and another focus at the meeting was how collectively we should best organise a selection process to fill these positions. There were differing impressions of the current process and how well it has worked.

**However, the Zone Reps and MSF trustees present were able to test together with the International Helpers and there was a unanimous feeling that a selection process that is as wide and open as possible is of huge importance to MSF and to Subud in general.**

Lastly, we heard from Yayasan Muhammad Subuh (YMS) about the poor condition of Adi Puri, the meeting space at the front of Wisma Subud that used to be Bapak's house. Damage to the building has meant that long-term rentals are no longer viable, which imposes severe financial constraints, and there are also some potential safety concerns. A subcommittee made of members of YMS, Yayasan Subud, MSF among others has been put together to examine this in more detail and to recommend a way forward.

Mixed in with the meetings were side trips to the planned Congress venue in Palangkaraya, and to various Subud projects including Borneo Football, Yayasan Usaha Mulia's (YUM) training and agroforestry projects, the BCU School and Jayadi and Frederika Paembonan's permaculture project and café.

**For someone who had not been to Rungan Sari in over 10 years it was an inspiring demonstration of the fruits of the Latihan now increasingly visible in Kalimantan!**

# MSF CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS FOR SUBUD HOUSES 2023

## FROM APRIL 1 TO JULY 31, 2023

BY **RENATO SOTELO, GRANT MANAGER, MUHAMMAD SUBUH FOUNDATION**

**D**ear Brothers and Sisters,  
**The Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF) is pleased to announce the 2023 Call for Grant Proposals for Subud houses (for property acquisition or capital improvement projects) beginning April 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2023.**

For this year's process there will be an initial period to submit a [Pre-application form](#) from April 1 until May 31 in order for MSF to review your project eligibility, and then a final period to complete a **Final Application** form from June 1 until July 31 for those eligible projects. *Please note that the pre-application form is a mandatory requirement in order to apply for the MSF grant process.*

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation encourages the applicants to read the [Grant Process Guidelines](#) which includes all relevant aspects related to the entire process. After reading the Grant Process Guidelines you will have to fill in the **Pre-application form** (available online from April 1 until May 31, 2023). This form will help the trustees make sure the project meets the basic requirements to start the final application process by completing the **Final Application form** which will be sent after the pre application is reviewed and considered eligible by the board of trustees (from June 1 until July 31, 2023).

Please note that filling in the [Pre-application form](#) is the first step of the process and in case your project is considered eligible, you will receive by email the **Final Application** form in which you will be required to upload the project's supporting documents such as construction permits, business plan, timeline, etc.

Additionally, we will be having several workshops for the Subud Community in order to provide details and solve any questions regarding the grant process. Each workshop will have the same content and will be held on Saturday April 8, Saturday May 27, and Saturday July 1, 2023. You can register to one of these workshops by filling in the [MSF Grant Workshops Registration](#) form where you may also find local time zones. Please note that the workshops are not mandatory requirements to apply for a grant, they are only informative.

On behalf of the MSF trustees and staff, we encourage our beloved Subud Community to learn more about this Call for Grant Proposals in the [Grant Process 2023](#) section on our website.

In case you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to write to MSF at [renato.sotelo@msubuhfoundation.org](mailto:renato.sotelo@msubuhfoundation.org)

With love and gratitude,

Renato Sotelo  
Grant manager  
Muhammad Subuh Foundation

**55 SUBUD  
HOUSES  
GRANTED  
SINCE 1991**

**GRANTS  
2019-2022:**

**8 SUBUD  
HOUSES**

**TOTALLING  
USD 136,616**

**INCLUDING:**

**SUBUD BANDUNG,  
INDONESIA -  
USD 9,200**

**SUBUD SUNSHINE  
COAST, AUSTRALIA -  
USD 20,000**

**SUBUD MARIN,  
CALIFORNIA, USA -  
USD 32,000**

**SUBUD ARCATA,  
CALIFORNIA, USA -  
USD 15,000**





## CURRENT PROJECT - DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHLANDS

BY **ANDREW BROMLEY, SUBUD SPAIN**

**H**aving built our new Latihan halls in 2016, we bought a section of land around half a hectare or two acres, South of the halls, in 2020 with the help of MSF. We had no immediate plans to develop it - the main reason for the purchase was to facilitate the change of use of the Subud Centre for meetings.

COVID slowed things down but also gave us time to plan. Sometime last year a group meeting approved a plan which included a forest garden, guest accommodation, camping, performance area and other group facilities.

**We wanted to use the syntropic agroforestry system for the planting so that was planned for the first stage of the project - 77 trees which will be around 20% of the total.**

It included an irrigation system, hiring a digger to make trenches for the irrigation and planting, wood pruning for the bottom of the planting trenches, horse manure from a neighbour, 20 sacks of organic fertiliser and 30 sacks of olive chippings for a mulch, plus the trees. The cost was around €2000 which was raised from group donations at €20 per metre of trench.

**We offered a work day and got 23 volunteers which is almost half the group (having doubled our numbers since building the new halls).**

Starting at 8.00 with breaks for coffee and lunch we finished all the preparation at 5.00 and two weeks later had a morning for planting and turning on the irrigation system with a further 16 volunteers.

**We are currently planning the next stage of the project which will be the area adjacent to the halls and will become somewhere for the group to enjoy with outdoor kitchen facilities, children's area and performance space.**

We should be ready to present the detailed plans to the group in 2 or 3 weeks.

So nice to be retired!

**W**ith joy we share with the entire Subud world, the SUBUD AIRBNB project, which began in 2019 with the aim of generating income for the Subud association and being self-sustaining.

We are a small group and smaller even after the pandemic. Ten members including the President, Treasurer, Kejiwaan Councillor and a large house of their own to maintain.

### **We responded to the call of the MSF in the 2017 and applied for a grant.**

In order to access and meet the requirements, we had to modify our statutes, open bank accounts and register as a non-profit entity subject to donations with the Peruvian government. It took us a year to do and redo the paperwork and we finally did it.

We received the donation and began the remodelling stage of the Subud house. The most important thing was to make a space independent with an independent door from the street, to fit out a small kitchen and a bathroom. Likewise, remodelling the space for the latihan of men and women and completing a staircase that was unfinished for years. This process took approximately six months.

### **Six months with the house under construction, dealing with the workers and doing latihan in the middle of the construction materials but with a lot of faith that all the effort would be for the best.**

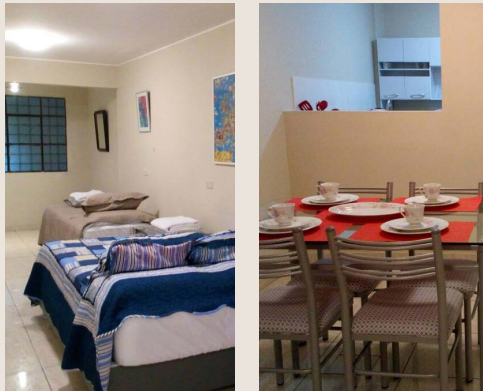
In June 2019 the house was ready to receive guests and we built our profile on the AIRBNB portal. We had money left over for decoration and other details, so we started with what we had at home. It took us a while to understand the market, how much we could charge given the area and the condition of the house.

# SUBUD ENTERPRISE IN PERU

BY ANA SOFIA MAZZINI, ZONE 9 REPRESENTATIVE



INTERESTED IN STAYING AT THE PERU SUBUD HOUSE? BOOK VIA [airbnb HERE](#)



**The first guest finally arrived on June 22, 2019. Bapak's birthday. It was a good sign that we were doing the right thing.**

At the beginning, it took us a lot of time and money to go to the house to clean every 3 days and change and wash sheets, in addition to attending to the multiple requirements that guests had. Little by little we improved our organisation, we established the minimum length of stay at one week to be able to handle it and we anticipated all the requirements.

**In the first year we had 80% occupancy and received the Super Host category. Then the pandemic came and everything stopped for months. Even so, with the money raised we were able to cover all the expenses of the house.**

We have continued to improve our organisation and today we have local people who help us with cleaning, washing sheets and a full service taxi driver who supports us with any requirement or damage to the house. We manage everything from the phone and we pay them online. It is really practical. We continue with the Super host category, with 90 % occupancy. We pay all the operating expenses, the costs of the Subud house, the taxes, the fee for the WSA and this year we have been able to pay the airfare for our President to the Zone 9 meeting that will take place at the end of April in Chile.

**We share this story to encourage other countries to start a project in their Subud home. We have been strengthened externally, however, the internal growth and the understanding of Bapak's advice on the importance of companies has been the most valuable part of this experience.**



# SUBUD UKRAINE



BY **MATVIY MASLOV, CHAIR OF SUBUD UKRAINE**

The Dnipro Subud members with the large battery, purchased with the support of Susila Dharma, Zone 4 and Subud members around the world

**O**n behalf of Ukrainians and especially Subud members I'm very grateful to Subud members and Susila Dharma for providing us with the material support throughout the year.

**Using Susila Dharma's donations we support both Subud members and other Ukrainians who suffer.**

We finance food, clothes, medical aid, support relocated people, people hurt by Russians, provide first aid medicine supplies and sometimes even help to buy food for animals in the zoos :)

We've had huge blackouts this winter, the situation was drastic - it was quite possible to be with no electricity, heating and water at all.

**So we bought two large batteries for our Subud houses, so they could host both Subud members, their families and acquaintances if there would be a total blackout. It is called "unbreakability centres" here :) Thank God we avoided the blackout.**

Now the situation is much, much better. We have electricity, heating, and food in stores. Russians still regularly try to hit our infrastructure with missiles and Iranian drones - people die unfortunately, but thanks to the Western anti-air weapons few of them

reach their targets and the casualties are limited. We are already used to air raid alerts, barely take notice. The worst situation is in Dnipro - they are closest to the war, more missile types can reach them.

**All the Subud members in Ukraine are doing well, some we support regularly - buy food and drugs - especially elderly people, relocated Subud members from Sloviansk (the city very close to the war being shelled regularly) and the ones who still live in Sloviansk.**

# WISMA MULIA

## CELEBRATES

### 50 YEARS OF CARE



Wisma Mulia “is a unique and welcoming community which offers both independent living and a more structured system of residential care.”

[www.wismamulia.co.uk](http://www.wismamulia.co.uk)



*We subud members pray to Almighty God that  
 Those who live in this house may always surrender  
 to God and receive his guidance and blessings*

THIS FOUNDATION STONE WAS LAID BY  
 BAPAK MUHAMMAD-SUBUH SUMOHADIWIDJOJO  
 ON THE 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 1977

BY **DAVID BARKER, SUBUD BRITAIN**

**W**isma Mulia reached fifty years of age this March. The home was founded in March 1973 by Subud members.

**Wisma Mulia was set up to provide a home for elderly Subud members and over many years the property has been developed to provide care and accommodation for 30 people. Currently 11 Subud members live there.**

Bapak visited in 1977 to lay the foundation stone for the Latihan hall and new buildings, and a second time in 1981. Ibu Rahayu and other members of Bapak’s family visited on a number of occasions.

**Care home fees across the UK have risen steeply in recent years and local authority help for residents which was forthcoming for many, many years is now much harder to obtain.**

The owner of the project is Fountain Housing Association Ltd and is charitably based.

**The Board of Management has decided to launch an appeal for funds to enable Subud members unable to pay the full fee to continue living there.**

The appeal will be officially launched during the summer.

We intend to hold a celebration on Saturday, 9th September from 2-6pm at the Home. Further information can be obtained from [Emmabarker22@icloud.com](mailto:Emmabarker22@icloud.com)





# SUBUD INDONESIA 30TH NATIONAL CONGRESS

EXTRACT FROM A REPORT BY  
**SUBUD INDONESIA NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

**S**ubud Indonesia just finished the 30th National Congress in Surabaya, 3rd-5th February 2023 after being delayed for two years due the Covid-19 pandemic.

It was attended by almost 600 members, an unexpected number of participants. Besides Indonesian members, there were also WSA Chairman, WSC officers, International Helpers, and Subud members from abroad as the observers; while local government and ministry representatives were present for the opening ceremony...

During the congress, there was an amazing Bapak Subuh journey photos exhibition with interesting pictures and completed description about who and what was Bapak Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo.

On Sunday morning, M. Ridwan was elected again as the Subud Indonesian chairman for the fifth times in a row while for the next Congress location all the delegates agreed to be held in Semarang, Central Java in 2025.



Ibu Yati and Ibu Ismana cutting the rice mountain



Members connecting during the congress

EXTRACT FROM A REPORT BY  
**ARIFIN DWI SLAMET, SUBUD INDONESIA**

**F**or us members of Subud Indonesia, a national congress is a moment that goes beyond mere organisational matters. Indeed, the national congress is considered essential, because it is in this event that the work programmes of the national committee and the national helpers dewan are put together, up to the appointment of new regional helpers and new chairpersons of wing bodies who will replace those who have completed their tenure.

The majority of members, however, who deliberately paid a lot of money to be able to attend a congress, treated it a place to stay in touch, to gather to share their longing to meet their distant brothers and sisters...

Hanging out in coffee shops or street food stalls, sitting cross-legged on mats on the ground or on long wooden benches, members from many parts of the country joined in for the informal, laid-back, boisterous atmosphere—a mix of two-way talks on experiences with the Latihan, chatter filled with jokes followed by bursts of laughter, and sing songs spoofed on Subud themes.

YOU CAN READ THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S FULL ARTICLE [HERE](#)

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# E-LANGO WELCOMED BY SUBUD PORTUGAL

BY **SABARIAH VAN BEEK, SUBUD NETHERLANDS**

*The international E-lango enterprise chose Portugal as the location for their business meeting. Sabariah van Beek shares about the warm welcome the E-Lango team received from Subud Portugal.*

**W**hen you go to a meeting with lovely Subud brothers and sisters you never know how much love to expect!

Our E-Lango language services enterprise team decided to combine our business meeting with a visit to the Associação de Solidariedade Subud-Roda Viva school in Lisbon in person, spending a day with Daniela Dinis, the Director, to learn more about its day-to-day running, its deep roots going back to the beginnings with ICDP and support from Susila Dharma, and its over 40 years of Subud Portugal's own members' history of working there with real, and ongoing, commitment.

**We were met with the various brothers and sisters of Subud Portugal in all their immense openness and love and warm hospitality.**



Subud Portugal welcomes E-Lango at the Lisbon Subud House

Over the four days, we shared several group latihans in Lisbon, and travelled to Bucelas, the Albergaria 'country home' of Subud Portugal which is still waiting for official approval of its plans for residential development. On that chilly Sunday a bonfire was made outside, while inside a grand meal from the members was spread out for everyone - we were over 30 people with some girls and boys and dogs adding to the happiness, gathering comfortably to eat together. Hamid da Silva from the

**E-LANGO IS A SUCCESSFUL SUBUD ENTERPRISE THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2021 AND INCLUDES MEMBERS FROM ZONES 3 AND 4.**

Porto group had also come making it a representative gathering of Subud Portugal, and on our last day, after Latihan, he invited us all to delight in an authentically delicious Portuguese lunch at a nearby café.

To hear one another's stories, the telling of all kinds of experiences, family news, and hopes and plans for not only developments to the existing undertakings, but for the future of Subud in our lives and of our lives in Subud: one could feel a deep awareness in the air that whatever we were sharing in each moment contained a blessing.

**Subud Portugal's enormous welcome was more than the sum of its work and the hospitality of so many of its members.**

It was also the confirmation for all of us that in discovering the purpose of enterprise, and following it up, trusting in where our sharing could lead, we were given the joy of being together as one, and that despite our different languages, capacities and experiences.

**From E-Lango to Subud Portugal, a very big thank you and hugs to each of you... always around the bonfire!**



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# SUBUD AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONGRESS, PERTH



BY **ANTONY TIBBS, SUBUD AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CHAIR** (PICTURED RIGHT)

Subud Australia held its first in-person National Congress since the onset of COVID in January 2023 at the Point Walter Recreation and Conference Centre in Perth, Western Australia. This venue is situated on a hill overlooking the beautiful Swan River.

**We had around 160 attendees, including some International Helpers from Indonesia and a few other guests from overseas.**

The Subud Australia Congress business meetings were productive and harmonious, all gracefully and skilfully steered by outgoing National Chair David Ohri. Most of the 14 groups that make up Subud Australia reported that latihan attendance and group activities had been curtailed over the past few years as a result of COVID, and yet all the Chairpeople were feeling optimistic about the future as members were returning to group latihans.

There were several changes to the National Committee at Congress, with the appointments of a new Chair (Antony Tibbs), Vice Chair (Alfiah Blond), and Secretary (Danica Bustillo). There were also new Chair appointments for SICA (Audrey



Lonergan), SDA (Bethia Blond) and SES (Mursalin New). Our wonderful dewan of National Helpers were all in attendance and were very busy helping supporting kejiwaan activities at congress and holding a quiet space in all business meetings.

**There was a programme of workshops and presentations from members on topics like brain health, basket weaving, and vocal exercises.**

The 2024 World Congress Organising Team was represented by Rusdi Bustillo from Kalimantan, whose presentation was probably the most well-attended meeting of our congress. He gave us a flavour of what to expect at World Congress, including some pictures, maps and video of the area where it will be held. There were a lot of questions from the audience, and a real sense of excitement about the event.

The congress also had a series of fantastic cultural events including a dance performance from a local indigenous Australian group, an open mic night showcasing the musical talents of members, a bush dance and a moonlit concert in the outdoor amphitheatre.



**It was lovely to see many young families with children and youth at congress.**

The children enjoyed the swimming pool and the play area, complete with a mini ball pool! The nearby ping pong table hosted many epic matches between young and old alike. Other youth activities included special kejiwaan sessions, football matches, board games and Subud Olympics that included all ages and culminated in an epic tug-of-war under the eucalyptus trees.

**There were also a number of successful fundraising efforts, which is a testament to the generosity of Subud members. A total of \$5,105.66 was raised for Susila Dharma Australia.**

A major part of this came from an exciting auction for the benefit of Susila Dharma that prompted enthusiastic bidding and included a significant anonymous donation. The local Perth members also showcased their baking skills with a cake sale which raised \$503.02.

**Our thanks to Almighty God for such a blessed and successful National Congress.**

I would also like to thank our congress coordinator Simon Blond and his organising team for putting on such a wonderful congress that gave us all a chance to meet together.

**W**hen Uraidah Hassani, our Zone 7 Rep, told us about the new international Subud magazine that is being planned and asked for news about inspiring projects or activities that are happening in, or planned for, Canada - my mind went blank! I asked others, but their minds were equally blank!!

Maybe this is because some members in Canada, like others around the world, are still recovering from the debilitating affect of the Covid pandemic on our Subud life.

**Sure, many folks are returning to in-person latihan and some are starting to, once again, travel to Subud gatherings, but there is still some hesitancy by some to return to the way things were pre-Covid, particularly by those who feel vulnerable due to various health challenges.**

But it is not all doom and gloom and there are a number of Subud highlights that are happening and planned in Canada.

We often hear comments (and complaining!) about our ageing Subud membership and the lack of involvement by our younger members.

**While it is true that our average age has been increasing over recent decades, there are a couple of highlights that I am aware of, where younger members have stepped up and are providing an active, enthusiastic and valued contribution.**

# SUBUD CANADA UPDATE

BY **DAVE HITCHCOCK, CHAIR OF SUBUD CANADA**

One of these is on the Board of Susila Dharma Canada, where 3 young women from Subud Quebec are now working as Directors, helping to plan and implement the funding of exciting projects in Canada and around the world. The other is the Board/National Committee of Subud Toronto, where a younger member will be taking over as Group Chair in May, with others filling a number of key positions. This is really encouraging and we hope they will start a trend of other young people becoming more involved.



Following a couple of years when regional gatherings were cancelled in Canada due to Covid, last year saw a cautious return of these events.

**It quickly became clear that our members were yearning for an opportunity to be together in person once again.**

So, regional gatherings are once again being planned for this spring/early summer. Registration information will be available in April, but the dates and locations of these gatherings have been confirmed:

- ◆ Camp Kawartha, near Peterborough, Ontario in Eastern Canada will be from May 19 to 22.
- ◆ Crescent Beach Family Gathering at Crescent Beach, just south of Vancouver, BC in Western Canada will be from June 23 to 25.

There will not be a national in-person gathering this year, but the Subud Canada AGM will take place on June 11 by Zoom.

**And then there is the World Congress Exploratory Team, on which Subud members from Canada and the US are working together (and how much fun is that!) on a proposal to host the 2028 World Congress in North America.**

So, maybe my mind wasn't so blank after all!

Three young Subud Quebec members are directors of Susila Dharma Canada



Top:  
Emaline Gonzalez

Middle:  
Paula Renomeron

Bottom:  
Camila Valencia Rojas



# A ROUND UP OF WHAT'S COMING UP ACROSS THE WORLD IN SUBUD

ALSO VISIT [SUBUDWORLDNEWS.COM/EVENTS](https://subudworldnews.com/events) FOR  
DETAILS OF OTHER EVENTS AS THEY ARE ADDED

DATE	EVENT
April 16	KEJIWAAN MEETING IN BUDAPEST. Orthodox Easter Sunday. Guests welcome. Contact for <a href="#">Konrad</a> for details
April 16	SUBUD IRELAND NATIONAL CONGRESS. One-day congress in Cork. For details contact <a href="mailto:blillis01@yahoo.co.uk">blillis01@yahoo.co.uk</a>
April 21-23	SUBUD VENEZUELA NATIONAL CONGRESS, El Tigre city, Estado Anzoátegui
April 28-30	HELPER'S GATHERING IN DURHAM NC, hosted by the Subud USA National Helpers and the East Coast Regional Helpers
April 29-May 01	ZONE 9 MEETING in Santiago de Chile. For details contact <a href="mailto:Zone9@subud.org">Zone9@subud.org</a>
May 07	WORLD LATIHAN - 03:00 (Los Angeles) - 05:00 (Bogota/Mexico City) - 06:00 (New York/Santiago de Chile) - 10:00 (GMT) - 11:00 (London) - 12:00 (Paris) - 17:00 (Jakarta) - 20:00 (Sydney) - 22:00 (New Zealand)
May 19-22	CAMP KAWARTHA, near Peterborough, Ontario in Eastern Canada. Registration information will be available in April
May 18-21	SUBUD FRANCE NATIONAL CONGRESS at the Centre du Lazaret in Sète. For details contact <a href="mailto:cc@subudfrance.fr">cc@subudfrance.fr</a> or <a href="mailto:secretariat@subud.fr">secretariat@subud.fr</a>
May 26-29	CALIFORNIA REGIONAL GATHERING San Damiano Retreat in Danville, CA. The website is up and running at: <a href="https://congress.subudcalifornia.org/">congress.subudcalifornia.org/</a>
May 27-29	MIDWEST REGIONAL CONGRESS, AMERICA. Contact <a href="mailto:bmattson2035@gmail.com">bmattson2035@gmail.com</a>
June 03	WORLD LATIHAN - 13:00 (Los Angeles) - 15:00 (Bogota/Mexico City) - 16:00 (New York/Santiago de Chile) - 20:00 (GMT) - 21:00 (London) - 22:00 (Paris)
June 04	WORLD LATIHAN - 03:00 (Jakarta) - 06:00 (Sydney) - 08:00 (New Zealand)
June 9-11	ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL GATHERING in Boulder, CO. For further information contact <a href="mailto:edokson@gmail.com">edokson@gmail.com</a>
June 23 to 25	CRESCENT BEACH FAMILY GATHERING at Crescent Beach, just south of Vancouver, BC in Western Canada. Registration information will be available in April
July 01	WORLD LATIHAN - 20:00 (Los Angeles) - 21:00 (Mexico City) - 22:00 (Bogota) - 23:00 (New York/Santiago de Chile)
July 02	WORLD LATIHAN - 3:00 (GMT) - 4:00 (London) - 5:00 (Paris) - 10:00 (Jakarta) - 13:00 (Sydney) - 15:00 (New Zealand)
July 06-13	SUMMER HOLIDAY IN GREECE. Naiades Almiros River Hotel, Crete. Please contact <a href="#">Subud Greece</a>
July 21	KEJIWAAN MEETING OF HELPERS – Colombia, Amanecer
July 22 - 23	SUBUD ZONE 8 GATHERING 2023, Amanecer, Colombia. For details contact <a href="mailto:zone8@subud.org">zone8@subud.org</a>
July 24-28	SUBUD BRITAIN NATIONAL CONGRESS at Stoke College in Suffolk. For details contact <a href="mailto:national.secretary@subudbritain.org">national.secretary@subudbritain.org</a>
July 29 - 30	COLOMBIAN-VENEZUELAN BINATIONAL MEETING in Colombia
August 06	WORLD LATIHAN - 03:00 (Los Angeles) - 05:00 (Bogota/Mexico City) - 06:00 (New York/Santiago de Chile) - 10:00 (GMT) - 11:00 (London) - 12:00 (Paris) - 17:00 (Jakarta) - 20:00 (Sydney) - 22:00 (New Zealand)
September 07-10	SUBUD USA NATIONAL CONGRESS at the Amani Events Center and Wyndham Hotel. For details contact <a href="mailto:info@subudusa.org">info@subudusa.org</a>
September 27 - October 2	ZONE 3 MEETING in Perth, Scotland at the Royal George Hotel. For details contact <a href="mailto:zone3@subud.org">zone3@subud.org</a>
October 12-15	NATIONAL CONGRESS SUBUD SPAIN, in El Escorial. For details please contact <a href="#">Paloma de la Vina</a>
November 9-12	PACIFIC NORTHWEST GATHERING Menucha kedjiwaan weekend in the Colombia River Gorge Oregon. For further information contact <a href="mailto:lstackms@gmail.com">lstackms@gmail.com</a>
January 04-15	2024 SUBUD WORLD CONGRESS IN KALIMANTAN

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