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 practice and use of the latihan and the human activities 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 chair 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.

The 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. Topics of interest and worldwide concern are discussed at World Subud Council meetings.

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Welcome to Issue 2 of Subud Connect

In this bumper issue you will find lots of news and information about activities within our Subud community, as well as an in-depth presentation about the upcoming world congress in Kalimantan.

Please take some time to go through the various sections we have prepared for you. It may be helpful to file this issue on your computer, or print out the printer-friendly version, so you can easily come back to it anytime.

We have a special feature on the Archives and the History of Subud, reminding us of the importance of preserving and connecting with our Subud roots. As such, this issue’s cover photo of Ibu Ismana and Ibu Rahayu visiting Disneyland in 1958 comes from the archives collection.

A new section in the magazine is called ‘Latihan in action’, where we witness how Subud members across the world are following their inner guidance. From a spontaneous Subud tour, to enterprises and social projects; these articles demonstrate how the Latihan Kejiwaan of Subud is moving members and touching people around them.

Of course we follow the travels of the International Helpers as they connect with members far and wide, and we are sharing the experience of members coming together at national and zonal gatherings.

WSA updates regarding Care Support and Translations are included, as well as reminders of international roles for the coming term.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this issue.

And as we are heading towards the end of 2023, we wish all our readers a wonderful holiday season and blessed new year!

Write to us at connect@subud.org with any comments or feedback, or to share your news.
Until now, the WSA History of Subud Project has focused on telling the story of Bapak’s life and the initial spread of the latihan outside of Indonesia and around the world.

The three volumes Harlinah Longcroft worked on for nearly 40 years covered the period from Bapak’s birth in 1901 through to the first Subud World Congress in England in 1959. This is just the very beginning.

Bapak described the latihan kejiwaan of Subud as unique in the history of the world and that the way it came into the world and spread around the globe was not planned by humans but proceeded through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Subud exists today through a series of remarkable unplanned events. Our Subud history reminds us of this.

It also reminds us that we belong to an international association, a truly global family that spans generations, cultures, religions, belief systems and ethnicity, and provides a living record of the “latihan in action.” It develops our connections and empathy and helps us understand our personal and shared experiences. Our challenges, suffering, joy, failures and successes give us a sense of context for our lives and our existence by connecting with and honouring the experiences of those who came before us.

Our history helps give us a shared perspective on where we are now, and where we might want to go.

We can understand our present-day issues by asking deeper questions as to why things are the way they are. It seeks answers from inquiry and understanding what we have done in the past. It helps us reflect on the lessons learned and how we may use this understanding going forward.

The WSA History of Subud Project started in 1983 when Harlinah Longcroft began interviewing Subud members and collecting Subud documents from all over the world.

This became the basis for the “History of Subud Collection” in the WSA Canberra archives and resulted in the two History of Subud books Harlinah wrote and published in 1993 (Vol. 1) and 2000 (Vol. 2).

The third volume, covering 1958-1959, was around two-thirds complete when Harlinah passed away in December 2022.

The new WSA History of Subud Project team consists of Amalijah Thompson, Ridwan Lowther, Sandra Creemers and Rashidah Pope. They are working on revising, adapting, and publishing Volumes 1, 2 and 3 by July 2024, if not before.

After this aspect of the project is complete, a shorter “Concise History of Subud” covering 1901-2024 will be written and will be available for the public.

For more information about the WSA History of Subud Project, see this presentation.
Canberra in south-eastern Australia became a major international locus for Subud Archives in 1993 with Harlinah Longcroft's decision to establish this as her base for the History of Subud project.

During the 2005-2013 ISC term the Subud archives in Clandak and Canberra were designated as the two main WSA Archives, both being exclusively for international collections.

WSA Archives Canberra is the only Subud international archive centre for which WSA has sole administrative, operational, and financial responsibility.

The Canberra collections also include the WSA Film and Video archives, the WSA Sound Archives, and a WSA Photographic collection of 20,000 images. Records at risk globally have also been sent to Canberra.

Despite their importance to Subud, these irreplaceable collections have never been stored in a facility meeting archival standards.

Initially the collections were kept in private homes, then in rented space in a school, and since 2006 they have been in a commercial storage centre, where the units have no lighting or working space, and the lack of climate control and environmental hazards heighten the rate and risks of degradation. An exception was the WSA Film collection that was housed in cold storage at the National Library of Australia until this resource became unavailable in 2020.

On completion of the Mennon project, the digital files of Bapak’s talks were sent to Canberra in 2013, followed by the original analogue tape recordings of the talks. They were placed in a secure, climate-controlled studio of Artsound FM, a community-based radio station, which also served as working space for the WSA Archivist, Amalijah Thompson. They remained there until mid-2020 when the circumstances of Artsound changed, and concerns about the safety of the collections and associated computer and audio-visual equipment, led to the decision to transfer them to the commercial storage facility. In this context Amalijah Thompson stepped down from her long-standing role as the WSA Archivist for the Canberra collections. Without archival working space it has not been feasible to hire an archivist since.

For the last few years no records have been added, and although these vital collections are well-organised and ‘secure’ they have been unmanaged and effectively inaccessible.

The construction of a purpose-built facility for the WSA Archive in Canberra has been a WSA intention for two decades.

2021
- An architectural plan was then developed for a two-stage construction in October 2021 but this was also too costly.

2020
- The first architectural plans were developed by September 2020, but the cost was beyond the resources of the WSA.

2018
- A purpose-built facility in Canberra was identified as a critical priority at the start of this Council’s term.

2019
- A modular building was then investigated in mid-2020, but this did not offer significant savings over local construction.

2023
- FEBRUARY
  - The concept plan, together with preliminary costings following consultation with the contractors - First Sheds and Canberra Containers - was presented at the WSC meeting in Rungan Sari. Provisional approval to proceed was granted.

MARCH
- Final plans and formal quotes totalling USD 482,041 were presented to the WSA Board of Directors and approved.
- Subud Canberra agreed to act as the local agent and the channel for contractor payments. Because of Subud Canberra’s legal structure, this enables reimbursement of goods and services tax (GST).
- Formal legal agreements have been entered into between WSA and Subud Canberra and between Subud Canberra and the contractors.

MAY
- The plans were submitted to the Australian Capital Territory Planning Authority for Development Approval (DA) and Building Approval (BA).

NOVEMBER
- Written approval has been received for the DA. The BA is expected to take a few weeks.
CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES

The archive facility will be located on the Subud Canberra land, and comprise of three 12-metre insulated and climate-controlled high containers, together with an office and archival workspace.

### 2023
- **DECEMBER**
  - Site mobilisation
  - Procurement of shed materials
  - Procurement of containers

### 2024
- **FEBRUARY**
  - Containers on-site
- **MARCH**
  - Shed erection
- **APRIL**
  - Project handover by First Shed contractors

Subud archives are the tangible record of the coming of the latihan kejiwaan into the world in the 20th century. These records, comprised of paper documents, films, videos, audio tapes, and photographs, are slowly deteriorating over time. Most of these are the original items that can serve as undeniable proof to people in the future of how the Grace of Subud arrived and spread through humanity. Without archives, we have no historical reference point for those not yet in Subud.

FUNDING & FUNDRAISING

Building a modest, cost-effective facility for the WSA Canberra Archives, together...

The project funding had a strong foundation...

- Subud Canberra has provided the land, and is assisting with the project.
- Subud Australia is also very supportive. Two years ago they generously provided WSA with funds to conduct a feasibility study and create an initial design.
- A large portion of the construction cost will be paid for with bequests from Lavinia Sinclair and Harlinah Longcroft, both from Australia.
- The Muhammad Subuh Foundation has provided a grant of USD 25,000 and disbursed earmarked funds.
- Five Subud members made generous donations.

By July 2023, 70% of the total project cost had been raised. The project cost is projected as USD 455,672.

The WSA launched a fundraising campaign for the remaining USD 105,238. Donations were received from:

- A further five individual Subud members (USD 44,500)
- Subud groups, nationals and zones, including:
  - Subud Australia (USD 27,448)
  - Subud Netherlands
  - Subud Sri Lanka
  - Subud Vancouver
  - Zone 3
  - Zone 8

The project shortfall is now just USD 4,005.

The support that has been shown by ‘Friends of the Archives’ is felt with deep gratitude.

If you wish to make a donation visit subud.org/donate-now/
In September 2023, at its National Congress near Washington DC, Subud USA proudly showcased its national headquarters at the Amani Centre, the new home of the SUSA International Archives and the Amani centerprise. Two hundred-plus national and global members attended the Congress, including WSA Chair Nahum Harlap, WSA Executive Suyono, and Matthew Moir, WSA Archives Subcommittee Chair. This event commemorated nearly 10 years of successful operation since Amani’s public unveiling in Fall 2014.

Amani sits on a peaceful green two-acre campus in residential Beltsville, Maryland, near the U.S. Department of Agriculture HQ and Archives, NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Centre, and the University of Maryland, with 40,000 students, a “Top 5” U.S. College in Archives and Library Science. While still being finalised, the U.S. Government and the Governor of Maryland recently announced plans to relocate the FBI headquarters, with 12,000 employees, to a 60-acre site less than 10 minutes away.

In Summer 2021, after 25 years in storage in Phoenix, AZ, SUSA’s vast archive collection was moved to its new Amani home. Fifty years ago, Bapak designated the USA as one of five locations for an international archive. Now, at long last, the collection is accessible; it goes back to 1957 and is truly international in scope, with nearly 1,000 boxes of documents and audio-visual materials.

The Archives facility includes:
- A state-of-the-art climate-controlled vault
- A spacious open area for sorting and video-conferencing
- A comfy lounge for reading and video-viewing
- A Media Centre for filming and video productions
- A separate office and photographic room
- A handicapped lift made possible by MSF

More than 1000 items have been digitized and are available online through the WSA Archives website www.wsarchives.org. In addition, the SUSA Archives website provides a living history of our efforts to preserve Bapak’s and Subud’s legacy www.susaarchives.com.

In late 2022, through an unexpected gift from Subud Washington DC, Subud USA took full ownership of the Amani Centre and Centerprise. Subud USA then bought and upgraded “Twin Oaks”, the cozy 3-story house next door. This has allowed Amani to provide living quarters to an on-site manager and to the WSA Archivist, Daniela Moneta, along with guest housing for archivists and Subud visitors.

The Amani-Twin Oaks campus, or ATO, is unique in the Subud world, with latihan space for 100-150 people—a place for community and to preserve and access Subud’s fascinating history.

Best of all, it is self-sustaining; through the efforts of Howard Moneta, ATO’s manager, events are pre-booked into 2024. Amani is a living testament to the vision and perseverance, through many challenges, of scores of people over two decades, most especially Damanhuri and Rohanna Alkaitis and Barbara Thomas.

ATO now operates under Subud USA oversight (Philip Lindstrom, Chair), professionally managed by a team of experts organized into a Steering Committee including Lucas Boladian, Chair, and Matthew Clark, both past Subud USA Chairs (who also co-chair the US Archives Council).

Subud USA invites you to please consider having your next event or meeting at Amani and/or making use of the Archives.

Contact Matthew Clark at mmclark@ofcounselink.com to follow up.

A FEW MOMENTS WITH...
A CERTAIN WOMAN
IBU SITI RAHAYU WIRYOHUDOYO

This short segment video about Ibu Siti Rahayu was part of a CD entitled “Life is Movement; Let Us Move Together.” The film was directed by Faustine (Hannah) Sfeir and edited by Javier Atlagic, Camera Lorenzo Music and Hannah Baerveldt, interviewer Henrietta Music; Facilities Web Networks, Toronto.

The video can be viewed on the WSA Archives website here: atom.wsarchives.org/index.php/a-certain-woman

Welcome to Subud Archives International...
WORLD CONGRESS ORGANISATION

BY RUSDI BUSTILLO, WCOT COORDINATOR

Dear brothers and sisters,

By now we trust you are aware of the dates now fixed for the World Congress 2024:

The event itself will run from July 19 to 29, with arrival on the 18th and departure on the 30th. Registration will open mid-July.

In the meantime, the World Congress Organising Team (WCOT) has been working closely with the WSA Executive and the WSC to define the best way to host the World Congress in Kalimantan.

After many discussions, meetings, kejiwaan sessions, and attempts to be as inclusive and democratic as possible, we have concluded that a combination of seven days in the Bahalap Hotel in the city centre and four days in Rungan Sari (our Subud development) will provide an option that balances the hopes, needs, and wishes of members for kejiwaan experiences, of cial delegate working parties, the Wings programme, indoor and outdoor activities, all within a framework that is safe, practical and cost-effective.

In the spirit of “One Congress” as the International Helpers have been advising all along, we realise that the most important intention of the congress is to create an inner state and connection between us all, in which we can worship Almighty God, and follow the guidance of the latihan, working together in harmony and with respect — regardless of the external circumstances.

May we open up our feelings, so that the content of this congress may fulfill our needs and hopes for individual and collective growth, as well as contribute to the development of Subud as a whole.

On behalf of the WCOT, we ask forgiveness for any shortcomings in doing our work, and, personally, please forgive me if you find anything in this message of envy or out of place.

We hope to see you all in Kalimantan.

STAY INFORMED

For all the latest news and updates regarding the congress, please visit our dedicated congress website: www.subudworldcongress.org

This is 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.

COVID-19 TRAVEL REGULATIONS EASED

Indonesia has eased COVID-19 regulations, making it easier for all our members to travel. As of 9 June 2023, you no longer need to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or download the SATUSENAT app for international or domestic travel. Travellers are advised to check the latest regulations with their airline before departure.

More travel information is available at www.subudworldcongress.org/general-info

WORLD CONGRESS 2024

KALIMANTAN 2024

16th Subud World Congress

WORLD CONGRESS 2024 draws closer. The World Congress Organising Team (WCOT) has been working diligently alongside the WSA Executive to ensure preparations proceed smoothly.

As has been discussed in past sessions with the International Helpers, WSC, Wing bodies, and all other relevant stakeholders, WCOT adheres to the vision of a “One Congress” emphasising unity. The WCOT believes in achieving a harmonious balance between Palangka Raya and Rungan Sari as chosen Congress venues, recognising the practicalities of infrastructure support and the need to acknowledge our Subud legacy.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE FACILITIES AND ONGOING PREPARATIONS AT RUNGAN SARI FROM THE WCOT

WCOT is excited to share an overview of the facilities and ongoing preparations at Rungan Sari for the event.

The site plan is organised into three distinct zones, each catering to specific purposes for the Congress.

Due to limited existing facilities, temporary set-ups like tents and stages will accommodate some activities within the compound. For larger events like opening ceremonies and plenary sessions, the Bahalap Hotel venue will be utilised.

ZONE 1

Front area (adjacent to the main road): This zone serves as the gateway to Rungan Sari, focusing on essential aspects of the World Congress. The large tent is designated for kejiwaan and organisational events, providing a centralised space for communal gatherings. Meeting rooms and dining areas in the resort facilitate organisational meetings and provide dining facilities for participants.

ZONE 2

Central area (inside the Rungan Sari complex): The heart of the World Congress activities, this central zone houses the “Subud Village” dedicated to Wing Bodies activities and exhibitions. It accommodates a bazaar and outdoor activities, fostering a vibrant atmosphere.

ZONE 3

Back area (adjacent to Sei Gohong village): Situated at the back of Rungan Sari, zone 3 offers a serene setting with dining and social areas, spaces for relaxation, and ongoing kejiwaan and organisational events. Specific facilities for youth, including accommodation, food, and sports areas, are being planned in the BFIA football field.

In addition to these preparations, ongoing infrastructure development focuses on enhancing accessibility through road improvements and expanded parking areas. Venue facilities plan upgrades to optimise spaces for Congress activities.

The Muhammad Subuh Centre is actively fundraising to further enhance its facilities, including a bathroom extension. Your support is crucial. Find out more about the project and how to donate here.
The latest update from the WCOT and WSA Executive team highlights the completion and approval of a risk assessment for obtaining permits for the Subud World Congress event. This assessment, conducted by the Ditpamobvit department of the Central Kalimantan Regional Police, ensures the security of vital objects or events in the country.

In the standard process for acquiring permits for national or international events in Indonesia, this department assesses various aspects to ensure venue safety. The assessment focused mainly on Rungan Sari, one of the primary venues alongside Palangka Raya. The results were highly positive, and the choice of Palangka Raya, Central Kalimantan, for the Subud World Congress was well received.

The Central Kalimantan Regional Police, in coordination with the National Police of the Republic of Indonesia, has expressed full support for ensuring the safety of the event. The WCOT and WSA Executive team received positive feedback on the early completion of the permit process, anticipating better coordination for a well-prepared Subud World Congress event.

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Local authorities conducted assessments and surveys in Rungan Sari as part of the ongoing review process for the proposed venue by WCOT.

This continuous effort is integral to the due diligence required for the legal aspects of the World Congress in Kalimantan. Coordinating with local authorities is crucial to ensure the safety and feasibility of an event of this scale.

The WCOT logistic team, led by Tauhid Pandji with the help of Sulthon (a young and local Subud member from Palangka Raya), has been conducting surveys on various infrastructure aspects that need preparation for the upcoming event. During these surveys, the team is exploring low-cost accommodation options in Palangka Raya, aiming to provide more affordable lodging for Subud members.

In addition to local coordination, organising the World Congress in Kalimantan requires engagement with the central government. Subud Indonesia together with the WSA, registered under the Ministry of Education and Culture, sought support and legal backing for the international event in Central Kalimantan through meetings with the government representatives.

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The event industry in Palangka Raya is substantial, hosting various well-executed events throughout the year. The WCOT team is actively studying different event schemes in the area, engaging with individuals who have local wisdom and experience in organising scalable events in the city. This exploration may lead to future valuable collaborations that enhance the organisation of the Subud World Congress in Kalimantan.
WINGS @ WORLD CONGRESS

BY THE WINGS - VINCENT MOUNT, SDIA CHAIR; GAYE THAVISIN & HAMMOND PEEK, SESI CO-CHAIRS; RUSTYAAH ZIESEL, SICA CHAIR; ALBATINA PHILLMORE, SIHA CHAIR; SYIA REPRESENTATIVES, MAHRUS HARNADI & ALEXANDRA DALY

THE WINGS ARE EXPLORING HOW BEST TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL MEMBERS AT WORLD CONGRESS

We all feel that the Wings are not separate entities, but rather each Wing is represented in the other Wings, to a greater or lesser extent. We are collaborating to create an integrated Wings experience at World Congress.

APPROACH
We will create a flexible structure with themed or focused sessions. Our intention is that most of these sessions will be offered during the four days in Rungan Sari, but we will also provide some in Palangka Raya, where they can complement the delegates programme.

We will strive to be aware of our inner guide to bring and share the most important or significant quality of what we represent to congress.

COMMON AIMS
We would like all our sessions to be inclusive, with the emphasis on communication, respect, and how to create Subud oneness through personal interactions and experiences with latihan at the centre.

THEMES
We will explore themes together through our sessions, including:

- Community, culture and endeavour - with a particular focus on Rungan Sari
- Behaviour and communication
- Health and wellbeing
- Education and learning

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
Our sessions will follow shared guiding principles to achieve our common aims, including:

- Facilitation
  - Assigning facilitators so sessions are managed, timed and flow
  - Creating space for people to speak, but not dominate
- Circle Time
  - Sitting in circles where we face one another and avoiding rows
  - Speaking only when moved to do so, and speaking from the self
- Lightness and Health
  - Bringing laughter and joy to lighten the spirit and connect us
  - Creating space during and between meetings for breaks and relaxation

- Break Out Groups
  - Encouraging small sharing groups where each participant can really share and listen more deeply
  - Collectively feeding back into a larger group

THE SUBUD VILLAGE JOINT WINGS PROPOSAL ‘ZONE 2’ AREA
We want to create a space that illustrates and facilitates the ‘integrated Wings’ concept, with the latihan in the centre...
The dewan of International Helpers met in Porto during the first two weeks of October, in preparation for the upcoming Subud World Congress and to discuss the state of Subud in all Areas.

International Helpers Meet in Porto, Portugal

WSA Chair Nahum Harlap joined the International Helpers for planning and testing prior to the WSC meeting that was held on October 14. At that meeting various scenarios for world congress were discussed, as well as some of the side topics.

In order to talk about the kejiwaan programme for world congress, the Internal Helper dewan held meetings via Zoom with helpers and KCS from around the world.

Preparation for the World Congress also included meetings and kejiwaan work with WCOT members Rusdi Bustillo and Robiyanto Sumohadiwidjojo, who came over from Indonesia.

Four questions were proposed by the International Helper dewan to test for all council members at the start of this meeting:

1. What is the purpose of this World Congress in Kalimantan for the growth and development of Subud in the world?
2. How would God have me face the challenges of this congress?
3. What is the inner feeling of 'One Congress'?
4. Feel from within the compromise needed for the WSC to reach a harmonious agreement about the Subud World Congress venues and programme.

World Congress 2024

WORLD CONGRESS PROPOSALS

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To date, three member countries have proposed resolutions - Australia, Britain and Spain.

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Want to know more?

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PROPOSALS TO HOST THE NEXT WORLD CONGRESS

At the 16th World Congress in Kalimantan, the location of the next world congress will be determined through testing by the current dewan of International Helpers, and approved by Congress. Countries are invited to submit proposals to host the next World Congress by January 19, 2024, and will present their proposal to Congress in July. Read the Call for Nomination for more details. To date, two proposals have been submitted - by Subud Britain, and a joint proposal by Subud Canada and Subud USA.

SUBUD BRITAIN
PREFERRED VENUE: Scottish Event Campus (SEC) GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

SUBUD CANADA & SUBUD USA
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We then met for sharing which was open and connective. We had lunch together, then more latihan and testing. We were delighted to take part in the opening of a new member, who had come across Subud before Covid. We met with helpers Dewans initially, discussing and testing about being Bapak’s helper.

We then met with the members for latihan, testing and sharing. We ate delicious joyful dinners together.

The latihans were good. The understanding for the need to feel the inner quiet prior to starting the latihan has developed and generally the latihans ran for the normal 30 minutes. Helpers are more confident in offering testing that may help develop the inner capacity of the members.

Much of the discussion centred around Indonesian members being the hosts for brothers and sisters from around the world at the upcoming World Congress. As ever, the everyday miracle of the latihan was present in the closeness we all felt as sisters and brothers together, from different walks of life.

We missed dear Uncle Robert who had passed away since our last visit, but the feeling of happiness that he continues on his journey encompassed us.
During September, Kamilla and Valentin travelled to Africa, visiting Angola and the Congo DRC. They attended the Zone 6 meeting, September 15-17, which was held in the newly refurbished Subud house in Kinshasa.

There were 65 attendees, including country delegates from Angola, Benin, Congo Brazaville and Congo Kinshasa. There were 34 resolutions resulting from the last meeting in 2017; all points were discussed, and the two working groups were formed to work through kejiwaan and committee/project-related resolutions. Outcomes included the appointment of a helper to Congo Brazzaville.

A new Zone Representative was appointed at the meeting - Emanuel Mbassi from Angola. His work will start after World Congress, when he takes over the role from the current Zone Representative, Mendes Lemba Mente.

While it was just Kamilla and Valentin attending from the Area 2 dewan, they felt that the whole dewan of International Helpers were with them, as well as the Zone Representatives and World Subud Council, who supported the meeting financially.
In addition to attending the WSC meeting in Kalimantan and the International Helper meeting in Porto this year, our Dewan was blessed with the opportunity to attend the Zone 8 and Zone 9 Zonal meetings in Amanecer and Santiago de Chile, and we visited Colombia, Mexico and Canada and the US National Congress.

Some moments from these travels are shared here...

**BOGOTA, COLOMBIA**  
**APRIL 23–24**

**POAYAN, COLOMBIA**  
**JULY 17–18**

**BUCARAMANGA, COLOMBIA**  
**APRIL 25–26**

**ZONE 8 MEETING - AMANECER, COLOMBIA**  
**JULY 21–23**

**SUBUD CHILE & ZONE 9 MEETING**  
**APRIL 29 – MAY 2**

A harmonious meeting...

**MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA**  
**JULY 27–28**

**POAYAN, COLOMBIA**  
**JULY 17–18**

**CALI, COLOMBIA**  
**JULY 18–20**

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**JULY 17–18**

**ZONE 8 MEETING - AMANECER, COLOMBIA**  
**JULY 21–23**

**CARIBE REGION**  
**JULY 24–26**

**PUEBLO, MEXICO**  
**AUGUST 8–9**
When Ramon and Elisabeth Medina heard of an opening at the French International School in Jakarta for a music teacher, they packed their bags, closed their music school in France, and headed for Indonesia.

‘We will try it for a year,’ said Elisabeth. They never imagined where the adventure would lead.

Living in Jakarta is a challenge for most expatriates, they naturally miss something from home. In Ramon’s case, it was bread. Compared to a freshly baked sourdough loaf, bread in Jakarta was like cotton wool. Frustrated, Ramon started baking his own. Soon friends and colleagues wanted him to bake sourdough bread for them – he needed a bigger oven!

Aged 54 and tired of teaching, Ramon made a dramatic shift. With no culinary training, armed with dedication, diligence, and YouTube, he quit the school to start a bakery. But bakeries are not permitted under Indonesia’s foreign investment laws; he had to bake more than bread. In 2014 along with a partner he opened Levant Boulangerie – Pâtisserie in a small shop in Jakarta’s Kemang area with 5 people to help him. One year later he opened a second and bigger outlet opposite the French School. Ramon now employed 20 people.

Rising at 3am every day, he baked sourdough breads, croissants, pain au chocolat, feuilleté aux pépite de chocolat, tartelettes and quiches for the French community - teachers, students, and parents. It was like Paris in Java.

Seeing the business expand faster than rising dough, Elisabeth also quit and joined Ramon. But with the lockdowns during the Covid-19 pandemic, the French School closed down and many expatriates headed home. Who would buy Ramon’s bread, baguettes and tartelettes?

What looked like a disaster became a windfall: Levant started selling online, orders flooded in.From then on, the business flourished, and yet more employees had to be hired. Marketing and social media turned out to be essential tools. ‘Working together with other people is more challenging but also much more rewarding,’ says Elisabeth.

In 2023, Levant moved to even bigger premises designed by a Subud member. To Ramon and Elisabeth’s amazement, queues formed in the street to get in. ‘We never expected the business to attract so many people as it has,’ says Elisabeth. It was no longer a hangout for the French community, but for the Indonesian upper and middle classes.

The business is still growing organically - ‘We never had a plan, we followed what happened, step by step,’ says Elisabeth - but each stage of growth brings new challenges: developing systems, steering complex regulations, managing a staff that now numbers ninety! ‘That was a tough lesson,’ says Elisabeth. ‘I can’t deny that many times, we thought of getting on a plane back to France, but Ramon’s dedication, patience, persistence and courage have kept us going. Baking is Ramon’s passion; it just makes him happy.’

Visiting Levant nowadays reflects the promise that is stated on their website: We make all our products in-house by hand, using traditional recipes and techniques.

Asked what the biggest lesson for her has been, Elisabeth says, ‘Enterprise is a reflection of yourself. What I am learning is not to criticise, but to support the process by being there and just see how I can best contribute.’

p.s. We didn’t get to interview Ramon, he was too busy interviewing job applicants :)
AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY
TWO YOUNG SUBUD MEMBERS SHARE ABOUT THEIR SPONTANEOUS TRAVELS ACROSS EUROPE ... AND THE SUBUD GROUPS, GATHERINGS & HOSPITALITY THEY ENCOUNTERED ALONG THEIR WAY...

BY MIRANDA WILD (ECUADOR) AND ISIDRO JIMENEZ (COLOMBIA)

A Subud tour was never our plan... Six months into our travels, this is exactly what we have done. If you are wondering who we are, well... our names are Miranda Wild and Isidro Jimenez, from Ecuador and Colombia respectively. We come from Subud families, having grown up around Subud activities since we were kids.

In March of this year we had plans to travel. Isidro would be travelling to Indonesia with his family, while I would be travelling to Spain and Scotland for work and to visit family. This would mean we would not see each other for at least a month, therefore we agreed to reunite in June.

Our initial plan was to meet in Scotland, visit family and then find a place to settle in the UK for around six months before travelling to the Subud World Congress in Kalimantan, Indonesia, when it was due to take place in January 2024. Within these plans the only Subud activity, apart from continuing with our weekly latihans, was the World Congress. What actually happened looks remarkably different.

We travelled to five countries (Scotland, England, Spain, France, and Italy), visited eight Subud groups, participated in four Subud gatherings, and stayed in more than twenty six places of which twenty were people’s homes, twelve of which were Subud members.

While we travelled around Scotland, enjoying the heatwave, eating good food, dipping into the freezing Atlantic Ocean, and having fun with our family and friends, we heard that Subud Britain’s National Congress would take place in July, on the exact dates that I got back from my second trip to Spain. We immediately felt this was something we wanted to attend.

Once at the congress, we did latihan, camped, volunteered in the kitchen, made willow crowns, watched Blue Spirits documentary (an inspiring SD project based in the UK - read more about it on page 34), ate good food (prepared especially for the youth by the Lewes Subud group members), did latihan, and got to know more Subud and non Subud youth.

For our final Subud event we participated in Subud Spain’s National Congress. Once more this was a very special experience and we are very grateful for this opportunity.

The latihans were very deep, and meaningful. As in every congress, we witnessed how Subud events are done differently. We interpreted for the English speakers, watched a very profound Bapak’s talk, drank lots of coffee and tea, tasted some delicious olives and olive oil, and got to know more of the Spanish culture.

We played table games, went out for walks, tried aerial yoga, listened to the presentation of Enthum house (another very inspiring SD project based in the UK - read more about it on page 34), ate good food (prepared especially for the youth by the Lewes Subud group members), did latihan, and got to know more Subud and non Subud youth.

As with the Zone 3 gathering, we were not the only Subud youth present, in total eleven Subud youth from around the world participated in this gathering, which was a wonderful reunion.

You may wonder how it is possible that we participated in so many Subud events in such a short time, and how we have been able to travel for such a long time... No, it is not because we are loaded ;), but thanks to the amazing love, kindness and generosity of the people who hosted us, fed us, gave us lifts, and gifts.

We are forever grateful for this generosity and love. It has given us such hope and love for our family, friends, our Subud family, and for humanity itself.

A deep thank you to all you amazing people who helped us make this trip a reality!

With love, Miranda and Isidro
SEKOLAH CITA BUANA: BUILDING A COMMUNITY

BY HANNAH DE ROO, ZONE 3 REPRESENTATIVE

What is at present an impressive school for around 515 pupils in the center of South Jakarta, called Sekolah Cita Buana, started many years ago in Bapak’s House with just nine children, some of them are Subud families living in Wisma Subud, Cilandak.

When Ibu Ismana, the wife of Bapak’s late son Pak Haryono, was asked by some expat parents to educate their children, she had no idea that almost twenty-eight years later, a third building would be added to the school she has developed since the late nineties.

This new building is dedicated to Special Education children and has gone through a long development period. When Ibu Ismana, now 91 years of age, is still full of energy and inspiration. She emphasizes that she was not at all an expert in education at first but has gone through a long learning process, in which the learning continues until this very day. “I have been fortunate,” she says, “the right people came when we needed them.”

Several family members are involved at the school, and Suyono (currently WSA Executive Chairperson) has been on the board from very early on. He is the Executive Director, with his wife, sister, and brother also active in the school.

Ibu Ismana recalls Bapak’s advice: “When I have to decide, I have to listen to the people.” Although Ibu Ismana rarely speaks about Subud during her work at the school, she always tries to put the Latihan at the centre of everything. In practice, that means always looking for harmony and cooperation, especially when things are difficult, and making consensus-based decisions. This way, the loving and respectful atmosphere often touches teachers, parents, and their children.

Ibu Ismana feels it’s essential that the school values she has developed in the long-standing board members was the son of the first minister of foreign affairs, who is also a Subud member and had always supported Bapak in the early days.

Cita Buana also supports other Subud schools in Indonesia, like the BCU in Kalimantan. They have given technical support and shared resources whenever possible.

Dear Ibu Ismana is full of stories and experiences that have enriched her long life in Subud, and at the same time, she enjoys engaging with the youth by sharing her wisdom. She knows that educating children with love and respect creates the opportunity to pass those values on to the next generation.

This is already happening because alumni are sending their children to the school that has been the foundation of their own lives.

We are blessed to have Ibu Ismana with us and witness the fruits of a life dedicated to putting the Latihan into practice and following Bapak’s advice.
ENTHUM FOUNDATION

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF UNACCOMPANIED YOUNG ASYLUM SEEKERS

BY VINCENT MOUNT, SOJA CHAIR

THE PROJECT

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he Enthum project is located in Eastbourne in south Britain, and provides two residential centres for unaccompanied young asylum seekers, aged 16–18 years. It was born out of a courageous effort of Lili Simonsson and her fellow director Jo McDonald to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable young people coming to Britain fleeing the conflicts and challenges of life in their home countries. They started with one centre and have since set up another nearby, so they can accommodate 14 young people at a time.

We know many of you Subud folk in Britain and abroad have supported Enthum, and we as Susila Dharma are grateful to you. We have been able to support its work with English teaching, special outings and most importantly, the therapy work that Enthum offers its residents and staff, helping them face the trauma inside. The project is mostly successful in its fundraising support, but where we make a difference is with all the added extras that make life at Enthum much better than the alternative care options.

Susila Dharma

ENTHUM EVENT

In October, Susila Dharma organised an event at the new Lewes Subud centre to share with Subud members about the current situation of the Enthum project, which has been supported by Susila Dharma Britain since its inception 7 or 8 years ago.

At the event members got to hear from Lili and from Lee Sedgley, a Subud member who is the project manager at Enthum. They also got to hear directly from Aida, Enthum’s first resident who comes from Iran. She’s now studying biochemistry at university in Britain, and has offered her support to the project as a mentor to the young residents currently living there.

The Enthum project has been through many challenges, and continues to work with the government system of support and bureaucracy that is limited in what it provides and causes the management team to have to work very hard together. I hope they don’t get too down as individuals and as a team, but can remember to look up above the horizon from time to time and see where they have come through on their journey, and know that many people here care deeply about the situation for refugees and migrants, and want to make a difference.

We are invited to be at this event and would like to thank you for your generous support. We wish Enthum success in the future.

VINCENT MOUNT

www.enthumfoundation.org
On the charitable side, we have raised close to AUD1m to support many projects here and overseas.

We’ve helped regional Australian families through floods and fires, and supported the homeless. We recently raised AUD56K to provide warm gear and food to homeless people in our region. Overseas, we’ve supported several YUM projects, and one non-Subud charity that provides housing, food, healthcare and education to destitute Cambodian girls.

After all these successes, it was time to rebrand our websites and social media. We are delighted with the results so we hope you will check them at www.dharmacare.org.au and www.sinecera.org.au. This time, we are proud to include info about Subud and SDIA!!

There have been many changes since a new Board and full-time CEO was appointed in 2016. We have renovated Sine Cera so that it now elicits fabulous testimonials, and services a real need for people to get away into the wilderness and share each other’s company. It is a 100-bed facility popular with a wide range of groups. As a result, its value has increased from under AUD1m in 2016 to AUD2.4m today.

Our earlier websites did not mention Subud, mainly because we were not doing any charitable work and Sine Cera was a wreck. There was nothing to shout about. But now we really do have something to of er and to show the public.

We often say we are not forthcoming in talking about Subud, but I think somewhere deep inside, we have not been very proud of our achievements since Bapak died.

I suspect Subud is entering a virtuous upward spiral...
Zone 3 held its delegates meeting in Perth, Scotland this year. There were over 60 participants, of which half were delegates. Members came from near and as afar as Australia to join the fruitful gathering.

Thanks to the hard work of our local hosts, Mirabelle-Viviana and Harman Scott – also the managers of the local Perth Subud house and centreprise - a wonderful meeting venue was found at the Royal George Hotel. This provided the perfect space for a harmonious and integrated gathering that balanced kejiwaan, business and time for creating connections and sharing with each other.

The gracious hospitality of Mirabelle-Viviana and Harman was unlimited, and we are deeply thankful for all their hard work in making the gathering possible, and a success.

FROM HANNAH DE ROO, ZONE 3 REPRESENTATIVE AND RUTH TAYLOR, ZONE 3 SECRETARY

Early in 2023 Hannah de Roo, Zone 3 Representative told myself and my husband, Harman, about her idea to hold the Zone 3 meeting in Perth, Scotland in autumn 2023 to give the Zone 3 delegates a chance to get a feel for the country that offers to host the 17th Subud World Congress (see page 20 for more information).

Harman and I both wholeheartedly supported the idea knowing that an event like that would bring good and strengthening vibes to Scotland. We agreed to help Hannah and Ruth to organise the gathering on this end, up here in Scotland.

It was an honour and great experience to work with Hannah and Ruth to host the event. Both work hand in hand, with deep respect for each other and for others which encourages greatly the process and everyone working with them. Several times I was humbled by their ability to lead in a mindful and Subud manner, when there had been slight discrepancies.

Hannah had a clear idea that she would like the meeting to be welcoming to the wider Subud community (observers) and to make it a gathering to spend time together beyond the delegates business. The zone’s decision to support the youth to attend by financing their stay at the Perth Subud Centre added to this notion.

It was exciting then to see the bookings for the Zone 3 gathering increase, and in the end to have additionally to the delegates again the same number of observers.

Between 28 September - 2nd October, over 60 Subud folks from around Europe and further afield, gathered for the Zonal meeting in the Royal George Hotel in Perth, chosen for the main event. The venue was a success, meeting the needs of the gathering in such a friendly and accommodating way.

In the official programme, Hannah and Ruth included a sharing circle for all attendees, not just delegates, where we were asked to become quiet first. From that quiet place we were encouraged to speak for a minute or two what we felt important to share.

This time together brought us all close and gave everyone a deeper awareness for each other when it came to the business meeting.

Again, I thought the set up for the business meeting was well thought through. The delegates sat in the inner circle to discuss, and the observers were asked to sit in an outer circle and witness. It created the idea of us around and the delegates actually holding them in their work. I am still intrigued what power this set up has.

The Sunday event where the meeting participants came to the Subud Centre in Perth for latihan and tea with home-made scones was a great blessing for all. The latihan flowed so strongly and freely.

For us and the attending members from the region, the Zone 3 gathering was a wonderful experience and it enriched the influence of the Latihan in this part of the world greatly.

Thank you and love to us all.

HOSTING ZONE 3

BY MIRABELLE-VIVIANA SCOTT, SUBUD BRITAIN
During 2023, very important events have taken place across Zone 8. This includes the Subud Zone 8 Meeting held in Amanecer on July 21-23, the Binational Meeting between Colombia and Venezuela on July 29 and 30; the visit of four Area 3 International Helpers to all groups in the country and the support and collaboration in the organisation of the Zonal and Binational Meetings. In October, two regional meetings were held in Colombia: one in the centre of the country and another in the northeast, in which the new representative of Zone 8 was elected for the period 2024-2029.

The motto of the zonal meeting was “Your presence unites us,” referring to the Power of God that allowed this to be the first non-virtual, but in-person, zonal meeting after the pandemic. There were 193 people in attendance, both from Zone 8 and from other areas: Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Chile, United States, New Zealand, Germany, Canada, Norway.

It was a “Meeting to see each other again.” fraternal, harmonious filled with a blessed atmosphere of peace and joy that aroused motivation for the members to feel the desire to get more involved with Subud!

A significant event was the generous donation made by a Colombian helper of 100 books of Bapak’s Guide and Advice for Helpers, which were given to the Helpers in the Zone 8.

**ZONE MEETING PROGRAMME**

**FIRST DAY:**
Bapak’s Talk video; helpers’ meeting and kejiwaan workshop; general Latihan every day. Some people presented themselves to be tested for some international positions and some for national positions in Colombia.

SECOND AND THIRD DAY:
The wonderful Tebaida Children’s Symphonic Band; organisation and kejiwaan reports from countries; zone 9 representative and treasurer reports; SDIA; WSA Archives; Fundación Amanecer, and MSF; conversation with Mental Health Commission; crisis and Latihan; conversation with director of the GHFP; report from the Working Group on World Congress 2024 proposals; integration bonfire led by Fundación Amanecer, Subud Youth and Wings; and a Business Fair.

Really, time was short for everything we wanted to share and experience, but there will be other opportunities to do so!
SUBUD USA
NATIONAL CONGRESS

A RICH CONGRESS EXPERIENCE

Our National Congress felt like a family reunion where about 200 people gathered in person for the first time since the pandemic.

Held in Washington, DC from September 7-11, it was also a business congress where new officers were elected by delegates from across the country.

Finally, we had a chance to tour the Subud WSA archives housed in the Amani Centre and new Twin Oaks property [see Matthew Clark’s article about in on page 12-15].

The setting for the congress was the Crowne Plaza Hotel, a former Marriott property. The hotel is located in College Park, not far from the University of Maryland campus and 3½ miles from the Amani Centre.

The Crowne Plaza provided all the spaces we needed—grand ballrooms for the three latihans a day, break out rooms for testing, and a dining room that served great food. You could see clusters of Subud members in every corner of the hotel, deep in conversation...

Some members from the Midwest and even farther regions combined a “great American road trip” with travelling to D.C. Some enjoyed tourist time in the Capital and quaint towns.

Not since the 2014 Softel Congress in Redwood City were so many members in the mood to attend a national gathering.

We hosted international visitors. These included Suwono Sumohadiwidjojo, WSA Executive and Nahum Harlap, the WSA Chair; plus Hannah de Roo, Zone Representative from Zone 3. Matthew Moor of the WSA Archives came to confer with the Subud USA Archive team. Rashidah Pope from Canberra, Australia attended so she could use our Archives to complete writing Volume 3 of The History of Subud. She is finishing Harlinah Longcroft’s lifetime project after Harlinah’s passing...

... With meticulous attention to detail by the Congress team (especially Philip Lindstrom and Alexandra ter Horst, our Operations Manager), everything that needed to happen unfolded seemingly effortlessly.

The National Helpers supported the entire event with marathon testing for of cers and many roles as well as of ering personal testing.

During the opening ceremony, the National Helpers and Committee greeted members with a rendition of “Here Comes the Sun,” to signal that our “long cold lonely winter” was over!

The national congress of Subud Spain took place from October 12-15 in the beautiful town of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, just one hour outside of Madrid.

El Escorial (pictured above) is a historical residence of the king of Spain, built in the 16th century by order of Philip II, and one of the largest Renaissance buildings in the world.

The congress took place in a nuns residence, near the main complex of buildings that is a UNESCO World heritage site.

Around 70 participants, including quite a few young guests from abroad, joined for latihan and kejiwaan sessions and general plenaries.

Robiyanto Sumohadiwidjojo gave a presentation on the upcoming World Congress in Kalimantan, explaining the challenges and answering many questions. This was much appreciated and helped members to get a better understanding of what can be expected of this world congress.

National helper Victor Carbayo from Madrid was appointed as the new chair for Spain. Some twenty years ago Victor already fulfilled the same role, when he initiated a world congress in Granada which eventually moved to Innsbruck.

For the role of Committee Councillor Salomón Guain was appointed, who is from the Alicante group. KC Melina Nebauer had to stand down for health reasons and was replaced by Beata Alexander from the Orgiva group.

Carla Moreno and Paloma de la Vina ended their national committee roles and received a warm applause for all their dedicated work over the years.

Over three days many discussions took place and the atmosphere was very alive, as can be expected in Spain.

The presence of a group of youthful members from as far as Australia, Ecuador, Colombia, Indonesia and France, lightened up the event.

As Zone 3 representative, I gave a short international update and enjoyed connecting individually with many members.

Congratulations to Subud Spain for a successful congress!
F or delegates (and hopefully many interested members) the meeting will be an opportunity to elect the new Zone representative and to prepare for the World Congress proposal(s) of course apart from kejiwaan and sharing about the developments and situation in the Zone countries.

For all participants, the KCs are meeting two days earlier to prepare the kejiwaan content. SCA is planning arts workshops and activities for children, more Wings for families and youth.

THE VENUE
Reichenau an der Rax is a traditional spa in the beautiful “Viennese Alps”, an archery parcour, sauna and steam bath. The area offers beautiful hiking trails, the cable car to the top of Rax mountain offers an alpine experience.

The hotel has a pet farm, a playground, an archery parcour, sauna and steam bath. The area of gorgeous hiking trails, the cable car to the top of Rax, mountain offers an alpine experience. Built in 1925 with the length of 2160 m and difference in altitude of 1017 m, it was the first passenger cable car in the current borders of Austria.

Austria’s KC Rihanna and her husband Matthias, residents of Reichenau and avid mountainers, offer good weather provided a guided hiking tour for those wishing to stay a day longer.

PRICES
The hotel offers daily flat rate including accommodation, full board, cofee breaks with fruit and cake in the use of all meeting rooms and spa area.

Prices per person and night:
- Single room: 42 €
- Double room: 45 €
- Triple room: 65 €
- 4 or more adults in room: 75 €
- Dorm (5 to 10 persons in room, shared bath and toilet): 66 €
- Day guests (no accommodation): 49 €
- Guests fasting (early breakfast and no lunch) get 25% discount per day (in each price category).
- Children (in family room with 2 adults): 0-6 years: free, 7-12 years: -50%, 13-15 years: -30%

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Administration
The emergency need must be verified by local helpers and then national helpers who, in turn, pass the request to the Executive team. After verifying the documentation and the availability of funds, the matter is passed to the relevant Area dewan of International Helpers for testing.

Fundraising
Fund raising allows for a more inclusive solution.

Historically, the funding was a line item in the WSA budget. This, to some of us, doesn’t feel right, and Ibu Rahaya has expressed her view in a talk which inspired us in addressing this matter - 13 CDK.

We read Ibu Rahaya’s advice to be that Care Support funds would come from individual members who feel moved to donate to such a purpose, and if there are no such donations and the funding stops, the facility cannot continue.

There is, indeed, a fundamental difference between a budget line item that is allocated from the WSA general budget, and an amount of money that was contributed and earmarked for this purpose by individual members moved to do so.

The former feels devoid of human content while the latter facilitates a manifestation of the kejiwaan in members, which is more in line with the role of the WSA, which is to facilitate members’ acting on the guidance they receive, rather than to take on the responsibility directly.

It would be a shame if the WSA takes upon itself responsibilities that are really members’ responsibilities and in doing so, frustrates members’ opportunity to be guided by the kejiwaan to donate.

Consequently, we decided that the most appropriate way forward is for the WSA, SDIA and any other Subud entity to cooperate in an annual fundraiser. Members will be given the opportunity to donate to this purpose if they feel moved to do so.

The amount of Care Support emergency funds available will depend entirely on the generosity of individual members.

REICHENAU AN DER RAX, AUSTRIA

THE VENUE
Reichenau an der Rax is a traditional spa in the beautiful “Viennese Alps”, one hour by train or car from Vienna.

The hotel Fackl-Wirt of ers the whole house with 12 meeting rooms to our disposal. The hotel has around 120 beds, further guests can be accommodated to the same condition in partner hotels in close vicinity.

The hotel offers 4 am breakfast for those fasting Ramadan.

FOR FAMILIES AND YOUTH
The hotel has a pet farm, a playground, an archery parcour, sauna and steam bath. The area of gorgeous hiking trails, the cable car to the top of Rax, mountain offers an alpine experience. Built in 1925 with the length of 2160 m and difference in altitude of 1017 m, it was the first passenger cable car in the current borders of Austria.

Austria’s KC Rihanna and her husband Matthias, residents of Reichenau and avid mountainers, offer good weather provided a guided hiking tour for those wishing to stay a day longer.

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**TRANSLATIONS**

**SUBTITLING THREE NEW VIDEO TALKS**

68 TJK 6, 83 LON 14 - 70 WOB 3

In October we completed a video talk of Bapak during the World Congress in the UK (68 TJK 6). By the end of this year, God willing, we will finish a talk Bapak gave in Wolfsburg, Germany (70 WOB 3). At the end of the talk Bapak gives a ‘souvenir’, with a song in Javanese.

As always, these and other videos are available in the Subud Library and have been subtitled in different languages including English, Spanish and French.

In this regard, WSA & YS agreed to do the following preparatory work:

1. To obtain a market value of the combined WSA and YS land lots from a property appraisal company.
2. To conduct detailed land measurements, which include topography work on the combined WSA and YS land lots by a certified surveyor.
3. To relocate the water pipelines that cross the WS and YS land lots to manage flood control in the Wisma Subud Compound.

Based on the result of the work above and mutual understanding between WSA and YS, on May 5, 2021, the WSA Board approved the new selling price of IDR 12,000,000,000 or USD 768,000 for the combined land lots of 595.8m², comprising 458.33m² (WSA) and 137.50m² (YS). However, we have not been able to attract much interest due to the fierce competition from other properties available for sale in Wisma Subud-Cilandak.

We would like to offer the WSA - YS land lots to Subud members who would like to own property at Wisma Subud-Cilandak at the price mentioned above, where some proceeds from the sale will significantly assist in improving Subud heritage at Wisma Subud Compound, such as the guest house and Latihan hall.

We are also ready to help the buyers obtain the land certificate.

For further information, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with sumohadiwidjojo@subud.org or susanangdananjaya@yahoo.com.

**EX-BSB LAND**

**WISMA SUBUD, CILANDAK**

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**BY SUSYONO SUMOHADIWIDJOJO, WSA EXECUTIVE CHAIR**

In 2002, WSA received a donation of a plot of land at Wisma Subud-Cilandak from BSB Residual Asset Trust. The land lot is located in the southeast corner of Wisma Subud Compound, an open field, unmarked, and adjacent to a small piece of land lot owned by Yayasan Subud (YS).

At the end of 2020, the WSA & YS agreed to sell the combined WSA and YS land lots, where the proceeds are expected to help both organisations financially, especially for YS, which requires funding to improve its property in Wisma Subud-Cilandak.

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**COMING UP**

**SICA Explore with Trina Frometa**

*“Dance for People with Parkinson’s”*

Friday, December 17

Watch this promotional video for the upcoming Zoom presentation on December 17 at 18:00 London, 19:00 Paris / December 18 at 10:00 Jakarta, 15:00 Sydney, 07:00 Christchurch.

Zoom link: Meeting ID: 878 9063 0209, Passcode: 005239

Trina Frometa is an award-winning Venezuelan choreographer whose work is lucid, visually sophisticated, and speaks with emotional clarity to a broad audience. In 1995, Trina founded Proyecto Movimiento and Taller D’Movimiento to develop and promote her passion for contemporary dance in South America and around the world.

Most recently, Ms. Frometa was awarded a full scholarship from Mark Morris Dance Group (Brooklyn NY) and the Dance for PD program to become certified as a Dance Teacher for Parkinson Disease.

**LEONARDO WILD**

Story Writing Made Simple

https://youtu.be/C-Fg28vaVHQ

**RUSYDAH ZEISEL**

“Bebudibe Your Creativity”

https://youtu.be/HzQqeyh8Stw

**ALINA KONRAD**

Arts Journaling

https://youtu.be/FHlAhAVGQ

**SIHA NEWS**

**NEW ISSUE IS OUT NOW**

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Visit SIHA’s website, www.subudhealth.org, and sign up to gain Subud member-only access to a rich variety of resources, including Bapak’s Talks and discussion forums.

** land lots for sale to subud members**

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TOTAL LAND SIZE FOR SALE: 595.83m²
CARE SUPPORT PROGRAM
COORDINATOR NEEDED

The coordinator of the Care Support Program (CSP) is under the responsibility of the WSA Executive Chair. The CSP coordinator is appointed by the WSA Executive Chair and functions from World Congress to World Congress. The newly elected WSA Executive Chair has the discretion to re-appoint the sitting CSP coordinator for another term. For the selection of a coordinator, the WSA Executive Chair shall decide whether testing by the international helpers is required.

The CSP team comprises: the coordinator, one male and one female IH liaison, the WSA Executive and the WSA treasurer.

The roles and responsibilities of the CSP coordinator are:
1. To review and verify CSP applications from Subud members.
2. To support and coordinate the work of the CSP team.
3. To facilitate – by regular conference calls and frequent email exchanges – regular contact and communication among the CSP team members to ensure that the work is being done effectively and efficiently.
4. To work in consultation with the other CSP team members to establish an annual budget and to submit this budget to the ISC Chair.
5. To ensure that the CSP does not use funds in excess of the approved allocated annual budget. The CSP coordinator may submit a revised budget to the SC should there be an need to exceed the allocated budget.
6. To prepare, in consultation with others, the annual report for the World Subud Council, the report to World Congress and other articles and announcements for WSA Newsletter, the Subud World News, Subud Voice, etc., as needed to inform the membership about the work and progress of the CSP.
7. To encourage CSP services in response to an identified need within the Subud membership.
8. To help facilitate, nurture, and encourage a caring attitude and culture within and among the Subud membership – especially at the local level. Communication among the CSP team members to ensure that the work is being done effectively and efficiently.
9. To ensure that due diligence procedures and practices are in place in how CSP services are run and operated.
10. To encourage and support the creation of national assistance programs for Subud members in need.
11. To work in full harmony with the IH’s and other helpers involved in the necessary testing.
12. To cooperate with other Wings and Services of the WSA whenever necessary.

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

We thank you for your attention.

With love and respect,
The Dewan of international helpers

APPLICATION 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 of ce 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 of cer of the WSA.

CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL HELPER

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

This specifies the 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.

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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 three vacancies in 2024. Active Subud members around the world are encouraged to consider applying.

The nomination procedure letter is available to read HERE. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2024.
A ROUND UP OF WHAT’S COMING UP ACROSS THE WORLD IN SUBUD

WHAT’S ON

December 15
SICA EXPLORE with Trina Froventa - Dance for People with Parkinson. Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8789063029?pwd=Vmk1M1k0OW44MTVJUXoyb3AzNHVjZT09 Meeting ID: 878 9063 0299 Passcode: 005239. 10:00 LA; 13:00 London; 19:00 Paris / December 16 - 01:00 Jakarta; 05:00 Sydney; 07:00 Christchurch

January 03-10
NATIONAL CONGRESS SUBUD AUSTRALIA at the Sine Cera Rainforest Retreat, New South Wales. For details contact: oznationalcongress@gmail.com

January 05-08
COME DANCE WITH US! Event at the Wolfsburg Subud House. Register here. Contact: Thijs Hugenholtz thishugenholtz@gmail.com

January 06
WORLD LATHAN - 19:00 (Los Angeles) - 21:00 (Mexico City) - 02:00 (Jakarta) - 04:00 (Paris) - 16:00 (Sydney) - 19:00 (London) - 21:00 (Paris) - 03:00 (GMT) - 05:00 (New York/Bogota) - 07:00 (Santiago de Chile) - 11:00 (Jakarta) - 14:00 (Sydney) - 16:00 (New Zealand)

January 07
WORLD LATHAN - 00:00 (Santiago de Chile) - 03:00 (GMT) - 03:00 (London) - 04:00 (Paris) - 11:00 (Jakarta) - 14:00 (Sydney) - 16:00 (New Zealand)

February 04
WORLD LATHAN - 02:00 (Santiago de Chile) - 04:00 (Mexico City) - 05:00 (New York/Bogota) - 07:00 (Santiago de Chile) - 10:00 (GMT) - 11:00 (London) - 11:00 (Paris) - 17:00 (Jakarta) - 21:00 (Sydney) - 23:00 (New Zealand)

March 02
WORLD LATHAN - 12:00 (Los Angeles) - 14:00 (Mexico City) - 15:00 (New York/Bogota) - 17:00 (Santiago de Chile) - 20:00 (GMT) - 20:00 (London) - 21:00 (Paris)

March 03
WORLD LATHAN - 03:00 (Jakarta) - 07:00 (Sydney) - 09:00 (New Zealand)

March 23 - April 03
ZONE 4 MEETING in Reichenau an der Rax, Austria. Check here for details

July 18-30
SUBUD WORLD CONGRESS IN KALIMANTAN - Registration will open in January 2024. Congress days - July 19-29, arrivals - July 18, departures - July 30

2025 January 31 - February 02
SUBUD INDONESIA XXV NATIONAL CONGRESS in Semarang as part of the Centennial Celebrations. See here for more details.

Wishing all our readers a wonderful holiday season and blessed new year.

WE’LL BE BACK WITH ANOTHER ISSUE OF SUBUD connect IN 2024, BEFORE WORLD CONGRESS.
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