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Dear National Committees,

We are writing to ask you for the first stage of your input with regard to the World Subud Association (WSA) business at the World Congress, to be held in New Zealand in January 2010.

As you may know, the WSA consists of the Subud national bodies and so the responsibility for the future direction of the WSA lies with member countries. Congress is the main meeting of the WSA during which the member countries decide the future direction, policies and goals of the WSA.

1. WSA WORKING PARTIES

At its last meeting, the World Subud Council (WSC) drafted an outline provisional program for the business side of Congress. This includes the Congress working parties. To keep the work simple and focused on priorities, the WSC recommended that there be a maximum of five working parties at Congress. Working parties are discussion groups established by Congress consisting of delegates and others to discuss and draft recommendations and proposals for the plenary. The five suggested working parties are:

- (1) The use and benefits of the latihan (including helper work)
- (2) Supporting endeavors, projects and enterprises,
- (3) Being present in and open to the world
- (4) Continuing to strengthen the organization and
- (5) WSA Finance, possibly together with MSF.

Some of these will be a continuation of the work done at the Innsbruck World Congress, and the WSC will be establishing a preliminary brief for the work of these groups. However, of course, these are only suggestions and if you have alternative ideas, please let your zonal representative and us know.

2. WSA CONGRESS BUSINESS

The WSC also suggested some guidelines for the content of Congress. We think that it is important to keep the business of Congress simple. We recommend that the Congress focuses on the direction for the WSA, our priorities, goals and major policies rather than on detailed points that might be best left to the next WSC and executive. This is an opportunity for the countries to take decisions on the future of the WSA during the next four years. What are the important next steps for us now as an international community?

We would look forward to hear from any of the WSA member countries about topics or questions that you think should be addressed at the Congress. If you have specific proposals then please send them to us and to your zonal representative. Please note that Zone Council meetings are held on the following dates:

Zone 8: April 8-10

Zone 7: April 27-29

Zone 9: May 1-3

Zone 3: May 23-30

Zone 4 August 1-9.

As the WSC meeting is at the beginning of June, we would ask that any initial ideas and proposals be sent in by 10th May.

We will be sending all delegates a delegate handbook and packet of materials and proposals closer to the time of Congress.

3. CONSULTATION WITH MEMBERS

We would ask you also to begin the process of consulting the members in your country about their recommendations or proposals with regard to Congress and the future of the WSA as soon as possible. We are open to any suggestions, not only with regard to the issues that need to be discussed at Congress, but also with regard to any aspect of the Congress.

4. WSA LIST-SERVER

For the purpose of discussion in preparation for Congress, we will be setting-up a list server for WSA member countries. You should be receiving an email about this in the next week or so. Any message on the list server will automatically go to all WSA national committees and to members of the WSC. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for us to translate the messages on the list server.

5. OVERALL CONGRESS PROGRAM

Of course, the Congress is also a big international gathering, spiritual event and cultural festival, as well as being a youth gathering and a jamboree of workshops and meetings. In order to give you an idea of the evolving Congress program, we are enclosing a preliminary draft of a paper regarding the overall content of the Congress and an initial draft program for the WSA business of Congress. The overall Congress program is still very much a work in progress.

And as one last note, delegates should notice that there is in the provisional program a kejiwaan day for delegates and early arrivals on Monday, 4th January, meaning the arrival date would be a day earlier.

Thank you very much,

ISC/WSA executive

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