

Your Subud Australia E-News

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

HEADING INTO CONGRESS

I've been in discussion with the Melbourne Congress Organizing Committee, and I see a couple of excellent, viable options being firmed up, to replace St Mary's. They still have some final investigations, and a final decision to make. I have no doubt that the problem is solved — and it quite possibly with an option that is better than the original.

Congress is four months away. It's time to start thinking forward, in order to make best use of that week. We have a number of initiatives afoot: how can we best advance them further? What are the gaps or problems that we are not tending too? What are the opportunities that we are failing to seize?

What are your answers to these questions?

Congress is structured so as to include:

Kejiwaan

Business

Social life

Where do your answers fit into this structure? Please contact the National Committee or the Congress Organising Committee, so that we can start to incorporate your ideas into a more detailed plan for that one week when we are all together.

Best

David W

National Chair

GROUP NEWS

Central Australia – Mardijah S

The perennially blue skies has been decorated with drifts of small clouds passing over - promising rain and occasionally giving a few much needed sprinkles, to this dry land of nomads!

Likewise we have the occasional visitor - Diana J, from the Byron Bay area has been in Alice for a few weeks, working on a book on local Aboriginal art. Now she is away south in the Pitjantjantjara Lands filming, but will come back to Alice to stay with me for a while later this month.

Laksar B will be coming back to visit the Centre next week - he is missing the space and the stars.

Irma's beautiful boy Hayden had his first birthday last week and excelled himself this week by drinking a small bottle of bright green food colouring!

I just heard that I was re-elected to the Board of Susila Dharma International for another 4 years at the recent gathering in Amanacer.

September is one of the best times to visit the Centre and visitors are always welcome. Love, Mardijah

Melbourne – Rohana F

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, 3 - 10 JANUARY 2009

Dear brothers and sisters,

Seeing the number of calls we have had from all of you, this is just to let you know that we have found a venue. After weeks of searching and sifting out what would best suit our needs and pockets, there are two locations we are concentrating on. Within a week to ten days, we will be able to finalize costings and send out the registration forms. The dates of the congress are still the same, January 3 - 10. We are awaiting information from the accommodation and catering managers. We have tweaked the prices as much as we can so that it is affordable for all.

Thank you all so much for being patient.

Sunshine Coast - Bereny H

We haven't been "on-air" for a few months, but now there are some things to report! Sunshine group has begun fundraising for ICDP to support Renee G in her efforts to bring the programme to Australia. The momentum began with one of our members hosting a most delicious lunch at their home, providing ALL the food - which was just incredible, with one or two other dishes donated, and those of us who attended contributed financially - it was quite a special day. We now each take turns to provide something to have with our coffee on Sunday mornings after latihan and make donations for ICDP. The amount is growing and we'll soon be able to forward a cheque to Renee. It is such a simple thing to do and we're amazed how quickly funds can grow!

Other news - we have an opening coming up in September to add to our numbers - some go, others arrive - our membership has many ebbs and flows.

Adelaide South – Tomik S

A SUCCESS AT BYRON BAY & A LESSON FROM PERTH 2005

I asked David W on the 24 June 2008 if he would act as my proxy at the coming Subud Australia National Congress to re-submit our RESOLUTION presented in ADELAIDE CONGRESS 2008 to the BYRON BAY CONGRESS and the rest is history.

I wish to congratulate the COUNCIL and Chairman David W for getting a RESOLUTION passed by the Subud National Congress 2008, that corrected the mistake made in PERTH CONGRESS 2005.

You have done your best and you have done your maximum.

I also wish to thank David W for acting as my proxy during the Congress in Byron Bay. The above result has opened up the way for Subud Adelaide South to resume its participation in Subud activities on national level.

Thank you brothers and sisters in the COUNCIL by accepting the term "PERMANENT PROXY" and 'legitimising' the use of it and now I can use it 'legally and lawfully'.

We together have made one positive step forward.

Best is now to spend our time doing the LATIHAN as diligently as we can, at every heartbeat, as Beloved and Respected BAPAK had said. It is time to move forward and spend more time on the worship.

Brisbane – Hilton B

Life in Brisbane is running harmoniously. Clearview Centre business has picked up a lot recently and it is becoming a challenge to keep up with clients and juggling bookings.

ICDP work is still in progress, with another meeting held at the Clearview Centre last weekend.

Sebastian F has received some nice pieces of artwork to display in the Clearview Centre Gallery. Hopefully an open day to show off the works will happen in a few weeks time.

MONEY MATTERS

Dear Friends,

The Subud Australia financial year ends on the 30th of September 2008. If any group contributions would like to be included to meet this year's National Budget could they be relayed to me ASAP.

Many thanks,

Sebastiana P

Subud Australia Bookkeeper

WINGS UPDATES

Susila Dharma – Renee G

Most of my work during the month of August hovered around preparing for the ICDP Meeting at the Clearview Centre on Sunday August 31st. That is lucky, because you and everyone else can now get it all in a nutshell.

We are fortunate to have received as a tool a power point presentation from Lailah A which Alex B worked on somewhat to address our local audience. The presentation given by Alex was very well received. Most members present commented that they now understand much better what ICDP is about. There was definitely enthusiasm amongst us. Afterwards we sat in the garden around our long table and had much to talk about while enjoying blissful refreshments. We are now ready to go forward, meaning to find people interested in training. The more people we can find, the less costly it will be per member.

Would anyone interested in training address me as soon as possible. I have received more specific information from Lailah to distribute to anyone who asks for it. Alex gives me only until Wednesday September 10 to come up with numbers. I do think it is good to work the iron while it is hot.

This could be the beginning of an exciting exhilarating new Chapter for Subud Australia and beyond and much more happiness and creativity for families. (for an ICDP Power Point presentation, please email Renee at <hexamo2@gmail.com>

...and this from Olvia Reksodipoetro Chairperson

Foundation for Noble Work YAYASAN USAHA MULIA ("YUM")

I have just met with the VIDA (Volunteering for International Development from Australia) Regional Manager who suggested we send an application to replace our present VIDA volunteer who will be leaving in February.

VIDA volunteers are more experienced than AYADs and stay longer in a post (18 months). The VIDA volunteer we have now - Candice O'Brien - is incredibly good.

I attach extract of the proposal we have prepared for the new post and below is the address of the VIDA website:

<http://www.vidavolunteers.com.au/asp/home.aspx>

As always, we have a better chance to obtain a volunteer if we already have a candidate. If you know anyone with the qualifications required (Subud or not) and interested in an assignment in Indonesia, that would be great.

P.S.: We will be getting a new AYAD in October for Community Health Education in Kalimantan and are applying for another one for the Children's Village to assist with Youth Development to start in March. We already have candidates for both these assignments.

...also, Congratulations to Mardijah S on being re-elected to the board of Susila Dharma International!

REPORT FROM AMANECER – Asmaniah F

In July the Americas gathering was held at Amanacer in Colombia and the WSC meeting took place at the same time. In addition, Susila Dharma

International met with a focus on projects in the Americas and the MSF Board

also met. SIHA (Subud International Health Association) held a two-day meeting which attracted participants from various fields of health care, and the SICA Board met. There was an Enterprise workshop which was well attended by both those involved in enterprises and interested onlookers.

So what was the purpose of this meeting and why was it in Amanacer? This is because the Gathering of the Americas was happening there and for economies of scale, the annual WSC meeting was held there. There were people from all the South American countries, Cuba, Mexico, North America, Canada, Hawaii who had come for the gathering and then the Zone Reps (the African rep was not able to be present) who are the legal representatives of the World Subud Association, Osanna as chair of the World Subud Association together with the WSA Executive team – Garrett, Maya, Samuel and our hard working secretary Julia, not forgetting most of the international helpers. So as usual, it was a very concentrated time of many things happening concurrently, with wonderful Latin American dancing displays on several evenings.

For myself it was an absolute joy to work again with the whole international

dewan. This is only the third time we have all been together since we were appointed at the world congress in Innsbruck, although of course email is a wonderful tool in between times. We come from all walks of life and many different countries and yet we are able to work together, men and women, with real love and respect for one another. We had our own agenda, were involved in the kejiwaan days of the gathering, general latihans and testing, the WSC meetings and we spread ourselves among the meetings of MSF, SDI, and SICA.

A lot of work was done on the World Congress – the content of the congress, the appointment of the next international team both committee and helpers – how and when, the timetabling, finances etc. In the past some appointments have been made purely on the results of testing but in the future, all candidates will have to be suitably qualified for the position and in some cases, already active in that sphere or have past experience. WSA committed to raising US\$30,000 to fund young people to the World Congress and asked MSF to match this.

Other reports of the gathering will be available on the Subud World News website (subudworldnews.com) This is just to share with you a little of what went on.

Hasta luego, Asmaniah

E-FICTION

If you would like to read a continuation of the 'Sarah and the Moon' story - you may need to write it or encourage someone you know to write it.

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