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# Special INDONESIA EDITION

» The feeling that the Elias Dumit, Chair and Lucia Boehm Deputy Chair had before coming to Indonesia, was not only so that all could begin the process of working as a Dewan, but more importantly to bring the message that this was a new team and its priorities are members, Subud houses, and Bapak's mission and vision. «



Wisma Subud, Latihan Hall Photo: Hadiyono

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# MEMBERS OF WSA MEET IN INDONESIA

The World Subud Association is the umbrella organization for the world wide Subud community, which includes 54 member countries. There are Subud members in 86 countries world wide.

What's new in our world of WSA! Many of you have already heard that some of us; members of the World Subud Council - including all the International Helpers - are just returning from an intense and very positive season of work in Indonesia.

The foundation of our work together during this term has been the collaboration between helper and organization, looking together at the needs of Subud in the various regions of the world. For this reason, we started to have a series of virtual and also presential meetings by Area, where we can have a closer look at the needs of

members of those areas, zones, countries and especially the local groups hosting us.

One of the most recent meetings was for Area 1 (Asia-Pacific); it took place in Indonesia, with the presence of several arms of our organization: the International Helpers, the Representative of Zone 1-2 (Suryadi Sumohadiwidjojo), SICA Chair (Sebastian Flynn), SESI Chair (Hadrian Fraval), MSF Chair (Marston Gregory), Archive Coordinator, (Armand Bisson), as well as WSA Chair Elias, Deputy Chair Lucia, Executive Chair Ismanah, Exec Vice-Chair, Anwar, WSA treasurer, Hilaria and WSA secretary ,Salamah.

The main aim initially was to attend the Indonesian Congress, at the end of February. Indonesia is the country with the largest Subud membership in the world and we felt the timing correct to establish a closer and direct link with the national committee, helpers and membership of the country in general.

A second area meeting occurred in Area 3 (The Americas) during the Zone 8 gathering. This meeting also saw many Subud groups represented, zone 7 and 8 representatives; Fernando Fatah and Paloma Munoz, SICA, Vice Chair, Felix Prieto, SYA representative Konrad Munoz, and Kohar Para for SDI (who came but could not get

into the country due to passport difficulty), Area 3 International Helpers, WSA chair Elias, and WSA Executive Chair, Ismanah.

Again our main aim to have the Area 3 meeting in Quito was to be able to mix with the members while we were meeting to do our work. Much good work was done during that meeting reflecting a feeling of harmony and great emphasis on the kejiwan side to help our work. The IHs met with many National and Local helpers as well as members during the congress. For further details please visit Subud.org and read the report of Zone 8 gathering.

### In line with our new ideas for news we would like to bring you these short articles:

**1st** We have learned that "Poems for Peace" have received extreme recognition both in and out of Subud. There have been more than a million hits on the site. Performers from outside of Subud have asked to be part of our presentations and performances. This is an ongoing project that highlights the feelings that Subud conveys through its efforts.

**2nd** While in Puebla members were asked to raise funds to help with the planting of trees on the Subud property. It was felt that this would not generate much interest but to our amazement over 2,300.00 USD was raised and donated to Subud Mexico. Look for the article on the tree plantation after the planting season.

**3rd** Elaine Pevec's project "A Child's Garden of Peace for Puebla's Children" continues to bring joy to the young children and adults participating in the project. By being part of the planting and caring of the garden, children are learning about the environment, about nutrition and health as it relates to the food they eat.



World Subud Council at Adi Puri, Bapak's former home in Wisma Subud, Cilandak, Indonesia

# Indonesia's National Congress

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Ibu Siti Rahayu at the Indonesian National Congress.

Subud Indonesia held its National Congress in February in Anyer, a beach resort located some 2 hours from Jakarta. Attended by approximately 850 members, it was the biggest Subud Indonesia National Congress ever held. It was also special because all the WSA team and IH area 1, a few IH area 2 and 3 as well as other Subud members from overseas were presents also.

At the opening ceremony, a representative of the Directorate General of Tradition and Beliefs gave a wonderful opening speech about Subud. Ibu Siti Rahayu gave a talk on Friday evening and testing the next day. Besides organizational meetings, there was a photo exhibition about Bapak's journey, several workshops and cultural performances by Subud members.

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On Sunday morning, testing for the Committee and venue for next National Congress were held. M. Ridwan was reelected as the Subud Indonesia Chair, Rahayu Morris as Susila Dharma Indonesia Chairperson and Pandji Alfi as Subud Youth Indonesia Chair.

The rest of the committee continues for the next term. The next Subud Indonesia National Congress will be located in Yogyakarta in 2017.

# International Helpers In Cilandak



IH's share experiences with local helpers in Wisma Subud

All 18 International Helpers and the WSA executive members met in Wisma Subud to strengthen our Dewan and make plans on how to move forward on several issues that require common understanding. We were very blessed and honored that Ibu Rahayu was able to meet and speak with us to give guidance and clarity. Ibu gave several talks that will be translated and published for all to read.

We were very grateful to learn that Ibu Rahayu is giving a great deal of energy and attention to the overall legacy of Bapak's talks and explanations, and her own contributions. Although grateful to the previous IH's who tried to make explanations available in an easily used fashion in the form of guidebooks, they did not have access to final translations of talks or the many resources that are available today. Because of this, it has been decided that a new edition of this book be created using final translations.

A team of people including representatives from Ibu Rahayu's Office,

the Archives, the WSC, and the International Helpers will be working together to achieve this goal. You will be hearing soon from the IH's in your area 'how' you can contribute to this book. We ask for your patience and support in addressing this project.

With Love,  
The International helpers.

- Area 1:** Rashida Cooper, Istigomah Jenkins, Rosario Moir, Nahum Harlap, Lewis Haywood, Matthew Moir
- Area 2:** Olivia Brady, Dahliani Drejza, Sjarifah Roberts, Sahlan Crona, Arifin Konrad, Sanderson Topham
- Area 3:** Sarita Rodriguez Martinez, Myriam Ramsey, Suzanne Renna, Sjarifuddin Harris, Nahmud Nestman, Hoan Toan Phan

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Members of WSC at the Indonesian Congress

# THE FIRST 8 MONTHS

A CONVERSATION WITH WSA CHAIR ELIAS DUMIT

*New WSA secretary Salamah D. Le Claire spoke with Elias about his experience as chair and what he hopes for the future.*

As we sat on his porch in Rungan Sari, with the overhead fan circulating the hot air, sipping green tea with ginger and mint, I asked Elias if he could comment on what it meant for him to be Chair of WSA (World Subud Association) and what his experience has been like at the start of his four-year term.



*Elias speaking at the Indonesian National Congress*

He began by saying that after taking on the responsibility as chair of WSA he felt very supported by the Subud community.

"I feel very encouraged by the support I have received from Subud members wherever I go and I particularly appreciate their trust. I also feel happy to work with a team of long time Subud members who have a wish to serve Subud and continue to preserve Bapak's and Ibu's legacy," said Elias.

At first he was able to connect with the team via social media and subsequently personally by visiting team members and joining in small meetings. As the process of meeting to become a Dewan has already started, he already feels close to the team. This will make his work during the coming WSC meeting easier.

Elias is now starting to look at the needs of Subud at the present time as well as the congress resolutions and recommendations.



*Ibu Rahayu with members of the WSA, MSF and the archives team.*

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## Helper Work and Archives are Vital to Subud

It is strongly felt by Elias that one of the essential parts of Subud is the work of the International Helpers and support in their work is essential. International visits to countries is a priority in their work with helper capacity building. A recommendation of the World Subud Congress in Puebla was that each helper receive a guide which supports their work. As such the book needs to be simple, clear, consistent in terms of materials used and acceptable by all countries in terms of legal matters. Currently International Helpers are in the process of assessing exactly how this work will be completed.

Elias said that one of the aims for having the next council meeting in a Subud center and house, as is true in Santiago, Chile, is to be able to interact with the members of the group in a way that brings us closer to them.

He said that the team is currently looking at ways to refresh our official newsletter and editorial policies to reflect the values and aims that the members of the WSA team hope to promote, that is, by having many short articles on topics of interest.

As the archives form part of Bapak's and Ibu's legacy, we feel bound to preserve it for future generations. In this light we have already had some harmonious meetings with various archival groups of people.

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*Elias with young members from the Durham group in North Carolina, USA.*

with government officials who understood that Subud was not there for political reasons but for Susila Dharma. Further, he visited Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia. Not bad for the first six months!

The meetings in Indonesia generated a lot of action proposals to be approved of by the council members after which the team can do more work to activate its priorities. At the end of March, Elias will be visiting Ecuador for the Zone 8 meeting with the council members of the Americas who will be present.

# What the WSA has been doing

Some weeks ago we received from a Spanish Subud member a short message through Facebook with a simple question: "Is the WSA team and the World Subud Council working, has anything been done since World Congress? I don't hear anything."

The short answer is 'yes', there has been intense work ever since World Congress in Puebla. Communication is precisely the final missing link so that you all can have a clear idea of what has been going on.

Indeed, we are implementing a whole new editorial policy in the next issue of this e-News (the official newsletter of the WSA). It will carry different sections on topics related to our work and your interests, like: reporting on Subud Centers, inspiring projects and endeavors in terms of expressing the latihan into the world (in the context of Susila Dharma, Enterprise, SICA, SIHA and Youth activities. MSF activities. Our legacy in Subud (Archives, translation of talks etc). Short news from around the world (events, snapshots). Work in progress from the organization side.

By doing this we intend to send out a clearer message in terms of the direction of the WSA, as we see it, what we support and what we promote. The question we ask ourselves and you is "how do we work in Subud in line with the values of Susila Budhi Dharma?" We believe: if we work in harmony and respect for each other's differences, all our projects, endeavors, the spreading of Subud, will develop and flourish in a natural way. The nature of our work is in terms of creating a space to enable things to happen.

We are convinced, that the structure we did get from Bapak's advice is the right one for us. So we have been working closely together with harmony and mutual respect and self-assessment to overcome any difficulties present in our way. This helps us to develop qualities like "patience", "forgiveness", inner peace" and "understanding".

Our first aim, in implementing changes, in working towards SUBUD being one house with different rooms in it, is with becoming one body and working together (the image of a human body with its different parts, hands, feet, head, etc). We have to start with ourselves in the whole council, each one of us individually and in between us, working closely together as one, WSA team, Zone Reps, Wings and International Helpers-acknowledging our different roles and supporting each other in overcoming the challenges we face together in taking Subud forward. We remember a sentence from Bapak "harmony before progress". This is like the key to success in our work.

Half of our membership is from Indonesia, so we felt really important for us to build a stronger relationship with our brothers and sisters from this country. This was the reason for making Indonesia and Area 1 our first step.

While we were in Indonesia, not only did we witness first hand the moving spirit of the Indonesian youth having over 100 of them help to care for the members during the national congress in Anyer, but we also had meetings that encompassed all areas of our work; archives with an emphasis on Indonesia, Tape Unit team in Indonesia, YMS in Indonesia making clear to us the difference between YMS and MSF, International Helpers, the Translation team and Area 1 WSC with the WSA team and Youth projects and representation (Indonesian youth have now started an English course to prepare them for the next World Congress). Our greatest gift were our many meetings with Ibu Rahayu who helped give us the guidance and courage to move forward in our vision.

The WSA is responsible for the recommendations of the World Congress. The following points are only a sampling of the ways in which we addressed these during our meetings in Indonesia:

Helper capacity building: which was started by the IH, Zone 7, who returned from Indonesia to meet in California with a Kejiwan gathering of over 100 helpers from America. A major component of their work is in traveling to support members and helpers everywhere, this is one of our main objectives during our term.

Helpers Guide for all helpers: The IH received the mandate to produce a new Guidance Book for helpers reflecting Bapak's advice as it appears in the translations now available. This book is to be concise, clear and legally acceptable throughout the world.

Communication: It was determined during our meetings that we need to improve our websites, our internet access using tools such as google docs, box etc., and improve our newsletter.

Subud Houses: MSF has been looking at the needs of houses around the world and how to help them with finding ways to partner in the financing of house repairs.

Youth: Work with the Youth to help them through supporting their enterprises and incorporating their talents into our work for example the IT needs of Subud.

Further, to facilitate communication across the waters, one of our goals in these four years is to install these five languages as "official WSA languages": English, Spanish, Indonesian, French and Russian, at least to have all our eNews, websites and communications to members in these languages.

The WSA team:

Elias, Lucia, Ismanah, Anwar, Hilaria, Sakmah

# Enterprising Members INDONESIA



**In future editions of the Enews, the WSA team plans to include articles about enterprises and projects run by Subud members and to explain in a few words how they identified their talent and work. We hope these will inform and inspire members around the world.**

# - YUM - Cultivating Healthier Communities

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**D**aniela Bustillo leads a YUM (Yayasan Usaha Mulia / Foundation for Noble Work) agricultural project in Central Kalimantan to address food security in the region. This is a 4-year project funded by Susila Dharma Germany together with the German government.

In Indonesia, more than 37% of children suffer from moderate to severe stunting and it’s a major problem in Central Kalimantan where more than 40% of children are afflicted. As the project developed they saw first hand how children who were given healthier and more nutritious diets flour-

ished. They wondered how YUM could help to bring about a marked change in the children of the surrounding villages and decided that home gardens were an ideal solution.

“The aim of the home garden program at the family level is to get organic fresh vegetables and protein to the participants on a year round basis. Families grow vegetables and raise chickens and fish for protein in a sustainable and practical way. This was a hope but it had to be something that would make sense to the participants and that they could do on their own and thereby observe their own success,” said Daniela.



Healthy cooking classes have proved to be very popular in local villages.



Daniela with her son Hanif, husband Bahrun and a new friend.

### Working Together

The program trainers meet with the participants before anything is implemented and discussions are held regarding the purpose of the program and the best way to implement it in order to truly serve the participants’ needs. As a model has already been established at the YUM centers, the community is able to see it is possible to develop a sustainable vegetable garden, and are enthusiastic about gaining the knowledge and know how, to implement their own gardens. Problem solving is always worked out in groups who work together to find solutions.

Two main challenges have been; the sourcing of seeds and finding materials for good quality compost. Due to YUM’s efforts to facilitate the networking between sellers and buyers the participants buy only what they need for their use which is important considering their limited funds.

At first, the participants receive the seeds and tools to start the gardens and the families participate in the acquisition of the chickens and fish. For example, a family will be given two chickens and as their chicken population grows they give back three chickens per gifted chicken. These can then be distributed to other families.

Every year each garden is assessed in detail as to sustainability and success. Every garden is visited monthly by the trainers – 4 trainers visit 300 gardens a month. Participants are trained in self assessing their garden and problem solving in order to become independent and decrease the amount of support required. For many it is life changing.



“I’m so happy that I can now do this gardening work that is useful for my family... and the vegetables – so fresh and sweet, even my children eat them!” Ibu Yanti, participant from Habaring Hurung village.

### The Next Step

“The real challenge came with regards to food preparation. The families had good food but they fried the food with too much oil and generally food preparation was poor. So YUM began to have healthy cooking classes,” said Daniela.

The cooking classes have been extremely successful and the mothers report that the children are eating more vegetables and a better variety than before.

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### Cleaning up Communities

What about sanitation? What was evident is that the houses were clean, the area immediately in front of the house was clean but a few feet down the road was trash, garbage and waste. Evidence of diseases related to poor sanitation have been reported in the local clinics and are on the rise as the population increases.

Now there is a pilot program funded by the Japan Water Fund being started for water and garbage management. Some factors to consider are the costs and the ease of implementation as the house owners have to be able to do it themselves. The idea is to have low cost toilet systems with sealed septic tanks and a reeled system incorporated. The pilot program includes building 15 of these, combining this effort with workshops on sanitation and developing campaigns to collect garbage.

“It is very important that we also explain to communities why good sanitation is so important and the consequences to human health that result from poor water and garbage management as well as possible solutions to each problem,” said Daniela.

For more information on the work of YUM in Indonesia log onto <http://www.yumindonesia.org/>



YUM Village in Central Kalimantan

# - REVIVING - Rungan Sari's Eco Village

Henrih Horthy, Subud Youth Coordinator from 1997-2001 had a vision to construct an Eco Village in Rungan Sari, Central Kalimantan to host Subud Youth camps. At first things went well but over the years the Village became rundown and in 2007 Amaliya Lerrigo was asked to take over management of the village on a volunteer basis. The village is beginning to bear fruit and Amaliya was recently presented with the Regional award for eco tourism which makes the village the number one Eco Center in Central Kalimantan.

## Amaliyah explains how it all started:



It took a lot of hard work, clearly defined goals set every year which help to encourage and energize me into working very hard to achieve them and, of course, a good assistant is very important.

During the first year renovations took place. Cottages had no paint, rotting wood and were virtually falling apart. It took one full year doing this little by little before it was completed.

Then in 2008, we started to receive guests but had no marketing unit and no brochures so it was really only by word of mouth or overflow from neighboring Kalimantan Meeting

Center and Resort (also in Rungan Sari), that our customers arrived at the Eco village. The costs of running and maintaining the accommodations were barely covered. We eventually produced a brochure in 2009 and hired Lita Mustafa as our marketing person. The target customers, at that time, were companies and banks from the provincial capital, Palangkaraya. The business was small and barely met the expenses of running the village but it was working.

By 2010 we were attracting larger and larger groups. The companies would hold their training sessions here. They not only came to the



Welcome to the Eco Village located inside the Subud complex known as Rungan Sari in Central Kalimantan Photo : Simón Cherpitel

village to spend the night or the weekend but rented the MSC, Muhammad Subuh Centre, for meetings and also rented the surrounding forest and grounds. But we were barely keeping our heads above water. Our accounting system was not very good so we changed the system. From 2011 until this day we have steadily climbed the economic curve. We are also attracting groups from international non profits such as SIFOR and CERRES and many Australian NGOs have also started to come here.

## A Youth Experience

Every year groups of young students from local and international schools

in Jakarta stay at the village for an eco experience as part of the schools outbound programs. The students also enjoy river boat cruises. Subud member Gaye Tavishin's enterprise includes river boat journeys along the Kahayan river, visiting the Orangutan island, nature paths and villages along the river.

The cabins have been recently refurbished and we have added air conditioning to some. There are no TVs in the cabins as many foreigners have stated that what they especially like about being here is the quiet and the ability to just get away from the outside world.

"I need one more cabin", says Amaliya, "to satisfy the growing demand and I hope to apply for one of the three grants being offered this year by MSF for eco housing."



Inside one of the newly refurbished rooms.

# - GROWING - *a New Enterprise*

Indonesian Subud Member, Erwin Hudoyono went to the World Congress in Christchurch and when he returned he kept asking himself what kind of enterprise he could develop to help Subud Indonesia become more secure financially. The enterprise had to be stable and low risk. He searched and found that forestry was the one industry that survived when others failed. So he began his research and started to put together a proposal. He found new ways to work with teak (developed by the Indonesian government) which increased the root system and would allow the trees to grow faster. Currently, the first tree he planted in front of the Subud house in Bogor has grown 10 meters in 16 months.

### 'Teak is greater than Gold'

"I found that the return from teak wood is greater than that from gold. Teak is grown in limited areas of the world and Indonesia is one of those. For example, if you invest Rp120,000 (about \$10 US) for the 5 years of the growth process of ONE tree, the return is Rp. 500,000 (about \$45 US) as a lowest return estimate. Many foundations have become strong due to teak.

Subud member Ary Sutedja, after observing how hard Hudoyono had worked on putting his proposal together, was willing to help by sharing a large piece of land in Bali between two rivers and overlooking the sea. The first trees were planted in 2012 and now the area looks like a forest. After testing, Erwin decided to plant during the dry season instead of the wet as most people do and the trees survived and did not suffer from root rot. Further, after planting in Bali, the team found land in Jepara, a poor area in Java. The point for having the enterprise there was to empower the people of that area. They have started the project and the workers are subsidized for two years after which they have to become sustainable.

Erwin says the mission and vision of the enterprise is to provide long term support to Subud Indonesia and to contribute to a cleaner world. He said it is also based on Bapak's advice who reminded us about the importance of enterprises and not to forget about agriculture.



Erwin (center) with Ary Sutedja and Subud Indonesia Chair M. Ridwan in Bali.



The vast majority of commercial teak is grown in Indonesia.

# Expanding *The Arts*

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Ary Sutedja, a concert pianist and creative entrepreneur, has recently expanded the music school located in Wisma Subud, Jakarta that was started by Ibu Effendi to include all forms of artistic expression.

The school now combines all forms of art and the curriculum includes introductory classes in all disciplines; theater, dance, music and visual

arts. After this the students are more ready to choose which area they want to explore and become proficient in, explained Ary.

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having students free and creative in their endeavors", said Ary.

The school now has an outdoor stage used for dance and theatre. Although the school is small it is complete and now has over 80 students with performances twice a year. Further, all teachers have to perform once a year. What they demand of their students they must also do!



Ary Sutedja leads the new ARTS Center.



Music is at the heart of the school but now other forms of artistic expression are being taught.

# - PICTURING -

an enterprise

**“In truth, our enterprise is still in its infancy. Insyallah, with the help and grace of God Almighty, and the mandate that we carry out from Yang Mulia Bapak Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo who mentioned “enterprise dengan guyubnya yang didahulukan,” (enterprise with harmony as the highest priority) we may be blessed toward higher accomplishments,” said Bowo.**



Hadiyono: photo of a “selfie”

It began approximately three years ago, when Hadiyono (nicknamed Bowo) suddenly saw Yang Mulia Bapak Muhammad Subuh appear right before his eyes. Dusk was just approaching and he was sitting in the backyard of his home when it happened. Bapak then said, “Nak, kalau mau berenterprise itu guyubnya dulu nak.” (Child, if one was to start an enterprise, guyub (harmony) should be put ahead of all else). Then Bapak left, leaving Bowo confused with the meaning of Bapak’s words.

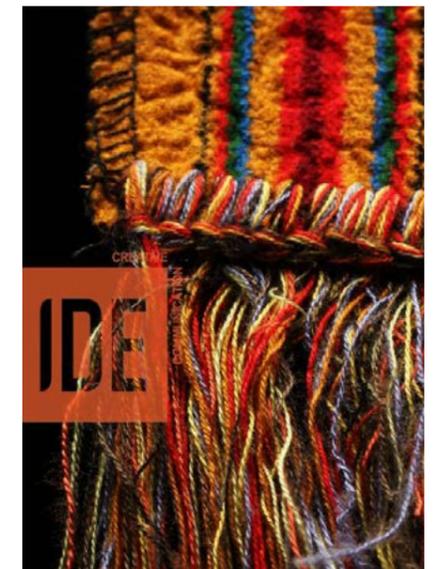
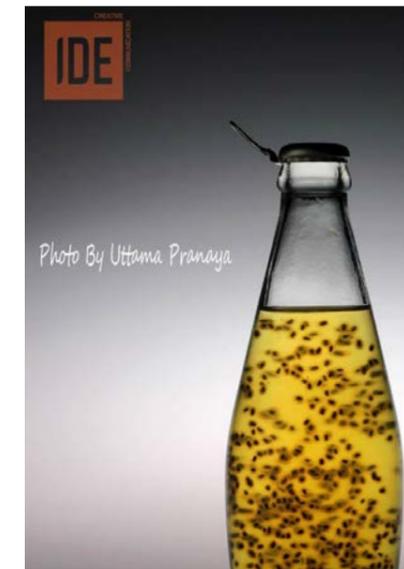
A few months later, Bowo received that he could help Subud with his photography skills that he has been blessed with. He knew he must start photography classes for Subud members who wish to join, free of charge. The first photography class was attended by a few members and was

conducted at the home of Iskandar Henry.

As soon as the first photography class concluded, Bowo felt moved to send an enterprise proposal to the Chairman of Subud Indonesia at that time, Suryadi Sumohadiwidjojo. Suryadi received the proposal with great appreciation and enthusiasm. He said, “This is wonderful! OK, you need a place to conduct the classes, yes? You can use the Council’s meeting room at Wisma Indonesia.” The next few groups of photography classes were then conducted there.

The photography classes turned out to be quite peculiar. Naturally, before starting and concluding the classes, Bowo would start with a short moment of silence. A couple of non-Subud members who participated went into a sort of crisis. Therefore, it was decided that only Subud members can participate in the photography classes. Subud candidates are also not allowed to participate until they are opened.

Two years passed, and three groups of classes were conducted when suddenly Bowo had a few pressing questions of himself. What is the result of these classes? The photography skills shared with the members can be used to start an enterprise outside of Subud, but how would the enterprise



take shape? Starting an enterprise in the photography industry is no small feat. A significant amount of capital is needed to start the enterprise as cameras, lenses, lights, studio, etc come with a hefty price tag. The kind of capital needed could not be raised by the participants alone.

A few weeks accompanied with questions, and sometimes confusion, passed and Bowo finally received the appropriate concept for the photography enterprise for Subud members. The answer was the ‘Foster Parents System’, that is, individual members who are willing to fund the equipment needed for the enterprise will get their capital returned and acquire profit from renting the equipment to the members who use the equipment for enterprises. However, as long as the equipment is used for the photography classes and in service for Subud events, there is no charge for the equipment.

Pak Suryadi was the first to decide to be a foster parent. Subsequently, Ibu Ary Sutedja was also willing to be a foster parent by allowing us to use one of JakArt’s office rooms on the second floor of Griya Lestari building in Wisma Subud. Our enterprise started to take shape and IDE Creative Communication was born.

The photography classes were then conducted in a more serious manner. Bowo formed different levels of classes. Basic Photography is open for all Subud members who are interested in learning photography. Advanced Photography and Pro Photography are given to Basic Photography graduates who join IDE Creative Communication.

These past eighteen months have been filled with jobs that were done professionally by IDE Creative Communication members. A few of the clients include: Ministry of Youth and Sports, JakArt, YPP, Dharma Mulia Gallery, Cita Buana, a number of weddings, Jakarta School of Arts, and many more.

Whenever the youth of IDE Creative Communication undertake any kind of work related to Subud, it is done free of charge as our bhakti (service) to SUBUD. This is also our way of showing our gratitude, appreciation and respect to God Almighty and for Yang Mulia Bapak.

Approximately two months ago, we were joined by Mr. Adi Prasusetyana as our newest foster parent. Mr. Adi helped us with the funds needed to proceed with Advanced Photography. In addition to Mr. Adi’s kindness, we have been blessed to be allowed to

use Mr. Haryono Sumohadiwidjojo’s house at Rancamaya as our studio for our upcoming Advanced Photography training.

“We, at IDE, feel that our enterprise is the reality of the message from Yang Mulia Bapak who mentioned that enterprise must be guyub (in harmony/harmonious). In reality, guyub (harmony) is in a higher priority order, above money. Guyub between the members of IDE is the main asset of this small and humble enterprise of ours,” said Bowo.

Up till now, ten groups of students have graduated in Basic Photography. Among the forty Subud graduates, there are several Subud youth members who are serious about launching an enterprise by joining IDE Creative Communication.

“In truth, our enterprise is still in its infancy. Insyallah, with the help and grace of God Almighty, and the mandate that we carry out from Yang Mulia Bapak Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo who mentioned “enterprise dengan guyubnya yang didahulukan,” (enterprise with harmony as the highest priority) we may be blessed toward higher accomplishments,” said Bowo.





Bapak with Subud members in Gilandak. Photo: WSA Archives, Canberra

# Our Subud World

## Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF)

Call for Grant Proposals -  
Application deadline April 30, 2015

Subud groups may submit proposals for grants and/or loans for the ownership/purchase/construction/renovation of Subud houses. You may find an application for a Subud house grant or loan at our website <http://www.msubuhfoundation.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/> or contact Lillian Shulman, MSF Administrator, for an application and for any questions, [lilianshulman@netscape.net](mailto:lilianshulman@netscape.net)

The submission deadline for applications is April 30, 2015. A second submission period is anticipated later in the Fall of 2015.

## SICA

In Memoriam is an idea or vision that International Helper Isti Jenkins had to remember Subud members who have passed away. SICA is looking to develop the idea into an international project. The proposal is open to individual artists or groups to consider what its form might consist of and to submit a proposal to create or contribute to it. The idea has drawn positive response so far and we aim to apply for dedicated funding or sponsorship.

The project may equally appeal to an established artist or to a group of young Subud members interested in developing the concept. Initial broad suggestions so far have been:

Working title: 'In Memoriam'

Form: Some kind of broadly abstract installation or sculpture (possibly portable or virtual artwork). Could have an IT or filmic aspect to make it adaptable and continuous and accessible everywhere simultaneously.

Content: to contain names and/or reference to Subud members who have passed away - on the basis that this honours their contribution to Subud in their lives on this Earth and symbolises that we continue to do the Latihan after we have passed away from this world.

**Further enquiries to SICA Chair  
Sebastian Flynn  
[sebastian@subud-sica.org](mailto:sebastian@subud-sica.org)**

## Seeking new SDIA Board members - This could be for you!

THE SUSILA DHARMA INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION (SDIA) is an association of SD national organizations and associate member projects from 28 countries, created to address Subud's social and charitable aims in the world. We believe that by working together, guided by the latihan, in an atmosphere of mutual respect we can achieve positive social, health, educational, environmental and economic changes that benefit our world.

On the SDIA Board, a number of vacancies are coming up, and we are looking for nominations of dedicated Subud members who have participated in organisational and/or kejiwaan responsibilities and meet the following criteria:

- + have some expertise, knowledge, experience, skills and competencies related to international development issues (i.e. education, health, justice, community development, non-profit organisations, food and agriculture, sustainability and environmental issues, governance, advocacy, etc);

- + have good skills in communication, facilitation and other related experiences;
- + be able to commit an average of 10 – 15 hours a week to SDIA-related work;
- + be able to participate in Board meetings (at least 6 Board meeting conference calls a year, attendance at one member/Board meeting a year; reading and preparing for board meetings, and other tasks as may arise from the work of the Board), and work on Board sub-committees;
- + be able to travel to one member meeting a year, meetings of the WSC (annual or as needed), and other meetings of SDIA members as needed;
- + be able to access internet and telephone on a daily basis (having a computer at home, having good internet access and a good phone line are all essential to good communication support) and be available to the Exec Director and staff;
- + be able to communicate well in English (common language of the Board), and other languages are a definite asset!

Nominees are welcome from all Areas, but particularly Area 1. For more information on the work of SDIA, our Board of Directors and the nomination/election process, please write directly to Virginia Hamida Thomas -

## SDIA

### Countdown to Human Force in India

#### Do you want to:

- + contribute in a concrete way to a social project?
- + learn about a new country first hand?
- + experience a new culture in a real and exciting way?
- + learn about global issues and the social issues affecting particular communities?
- + discover new talents and skills and gain confidence in yourself?
- + develop personally by exploring your inner life?
- + make new friends from all over the world?
- + have fun?

#### If the answer to these questions are yes, what are you waiting for?

The next Human Force camp will take place at Anisha, India – yes, we've been invited back! – between 17th and 30th June this year. It will cost a mere \$550 including board and lodging, trips, and transport to and from the airport in Bangalore. Here is just a small sample of the testimonials from volunteers at Human Force camps over the past six years.

This has made a huge impact on my life, and is definitely something I will always go back to, a wonderful memory.

The camp changed my vision and encouraged me to become a better human being I felt that this camp helped me to get closer to myself. Perhaps even more so than the improvement in the local community, the camp empowers its volunteers for future work in any field.

I discovered personal skills I didn't know I had and I gave myself the opportunity to try activities I would never have attempted to do in other situations

A huge thank you for keeping everything so beautiful...

Volunteers have benefitted on so many different levels – and now it could be your turn!

Please contact us now and ask for an information pack and application form. [getinvolved@susiladharma.org](mailto:getinvolved@susiladharma.org)

The countdown has started!



# Subud USA Helper Gathering

Sjarifuddin Harris, Suzanne Renna and Myriam Ramsey had the great pleasure and gift of attending the California helpers gathering in Sacramento March 6-8. This event was planned and organized by the California Regional Helpers and committee who invited all helpers to attend. Over 100 helpers from all areas of the United States were present. What made this event so special for us was that we flew straight from our IH meeting in Wisma Subud to the helper's meeting. We felt so full of guidance and quiet from our meeting that it became clear how fortunate we were to have an audience to share this with in person.

On Friday morning, we met with the California Regional Helpers and National Helpers at the home of Aminah and Benedict Herrman. We shared Ibu's reminders to us that as helpers we need to be aware of the place inside of us that receives God's guidance, the Budhi inside of us. This is something all helpers need to practice when giving applicant meetings, answering questions and conducting testing. Also that this process of connecting to the place inside of us can speak to that place in those who we talk and connect with. Ibu advised that using technology to have applicant meetings or openings you would lose this connection. We also shared information about the new helpers guide that will be created using final translations and that they would hearing soon ..... how any helper can contribute to this process.

We all went over to the venue for the 3:00 latihan. We had latihan and some whole group testing where we asked to receive an understanding of Bapak's mission. On Saturday we met again and tested how it was to move from the Budhi in our role as helpers and the result and not moving from that place and the result. The regional, national and international helpers worked together asking questions we had received. We then broke up into small groups and tested together basic helper questions such as how we are doing our job, how would God have us do our job and received our gifts and challenges.



That evening, Suzanne, Sjarifuddin and I gave a report on our meeting with Ibu and our visit to Wisma Subud followed by about 30 minutes of questions and answers. Many members approached us and thanked us for the information concerning Bapak's and Advise and Guidance and were very supportive of this process.

Sunday began with a general latihan and then we broke up into small groups to practice awareness testing. The gathering went well with a good mix of questions, awareness testing and checking in on how we are all doing as helpers and where we could improve. There were also several candidate helpers and young helpers present who received a lot of support in small groups and I believe came away with a good understanding of their role. Of course much happened that cannot be shared in words. The feeling of gratefulness to Almighty God for the gift of this latihan and sincerity of the helpers present was strong throughout the whole weekend. We give thanks to the California Regional Helpers, the committee who supported them and the Sacramento group who organized this event. It is our hope that more events like this can take place throughout the Subud world.

Love, Myriam Ramsey,  
Suzanne Renna, Sjarifuddin Harris

# Calendar 2015

## MAY 2015

28 - 3

ZONE 4 GATHERING, Danubius Health Spa Resort, Margaret Island, Budapest, Hungary

For more information and to register online go to:  
[www.subud-zone4.org/zone4-meeting-and-gathering/registration/](http://www.subud-zone4.org/zone4-meeting-and-gathering/registration/)

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MSF Board of Trustees Meeting - to be held at the Amani Center Washington, D.C

## MAY 2015

7-10

FRANCE NATIONAL CONGRESS in Sete

for futher communication please contact Georges Ivanoff at [georgesivanoff@gmail.com](mailto:georgesivanoff@gmail.com)

19-25

Subud Archive meeting for all archivists to be held in Wolfsburg, Germany . **Contact person** anwar. [wsaexec@subud.org](mailto:wsaexec@subud.org)

## JUNE 2015

17-30

HUMAN FORCE CAMP INDIA at the Anisha project for interested youth. (see article)

WSC meeting in Santiago Chile from Sept 14 - 14 with IHs and MSF arriving to meet the 11 - 14, 2015

## WORLD LATIHAN

### May

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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)

### June

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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)

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03:00 (Jakarta)  
06:00 (Sydney)  
08:00 (New Zealand)

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