



WSA and MSF Cooperation: Preserving our legacy

MISSION

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation honors the name of the founder of Subud, Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo.

It serves to build a lasting financial capacity for the Subud community, with emphasis on the long-term aims of the World Subud Association.

VISION

The Foundation envisages a Subud community that is active and effective in the world, in many fields of human endeavor. It supports this vision by providing financial and other assistance to a wide-range of activities and programs aimed at improving the condition of the communities they serve, including social and humanitarian work, cultural endeavors, child and youth projects, and others.

VALUES

As trustees of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation, we are guided in our work by the following values:

Integrity

In making decisions and carrying out our actions we are committed to working through personal integrity and best practice combined with inner guidance and common sense.

Openness

We base our relationship with donors, recipients and the community on transparency, candor and mutual trust.

Diversity

We value diversity of the human spirit and recognize the uniqueness of each human being and culture.

Sustainability

We believe in effecting sustainable change that has transformational goals and measurable positive outcomes, recognizing that how things are done is as important as what is done.

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From June 23rd to July 2nd, both the World Subud Council (WSC) and the Muhammad Subuh Foundation (the Foundation) held their respective annual meetings in the peaceful and inspiring environment of Rungan Sari, Central Kalimantan. While the WSC was working on the practical issues of implementing the World Subud Congress decisions, the Foundation initiated the process of deepening the understanding of its mission and the manner in which to carry it out, i.e. looking after the long term development of Subud in the spirit of fulfilling a genuinely complementary role to the World Subud Association.

In designing the Foundation programs (see page 4, "Strategic goals identified") for the long term development of Subud, the board of trustees was moved to join the WSA effort in preserving the original WSA Archives, as the heritage of the Subud community, which are currently in a critical state. Those Archives represent the legacy that Bapak has given to humankind, and it is incumbent upon all of us to look after and care for this valuable inheritance.



Photo by Hannah Baerveldt

Bactiar Lorot, MSF chairman, discusses the preservation of the audio tapes of Bapak's talks with Amalijah Thompson, professional archivist.

The number of Subud members who have personally attended the very special evenings with Bapak as he gave explanations about the spiritual practice of Subud grows fewer with each passing year. There were about 1700 talks given by Bapak that we know of. Not all were recorded, some were lost and a few are still missing. Some recordings were such poor quality that nothing could be retrieved from them. **We now have 1315 surviving talks.** These talks, together with the supporting evidence of how those talks were received - photos, films and documents - are the closest that we, and the generations to follow, can come to Bapak's physical presence, to hear his voice and feel the reality of his guidance.

A sample evaluation of the sound recordings of the talks was performed by Memnon in Belgium, the company recommended by all major archival institutions in Europe to carry out this work on our behalf, and it was found that some 70-80% appear to be in fair condition, and their preservation and restoration should proceed smoothly. However, the remaining recordings may have already deteriorated to the point of not being 100% salvageable. **"We won't know if we will be able to extract any signal until we start working on them, and the sooner we get started, the better,"** says Amalijah Thompson, professional archivist from Canberra, Australia. Amalijah has been working with Subud's archives since 1997, and has presented a comprehensive plan and budget to WSA for the work needed to preserve the Archives.

A draft proposal from the Muhammad Subuh Foundation was submitted to WSA, offering the Foundation's support and assistance to WSA to respond to the urgent need to make a renewed effort to preserve these talks without further delay. This draft proposal has prompted discussions of a 'contract of work' whereby the Foundation will assist WSA in a very defined and limited capacity. Initial drafts of this contract are now under negotiation, and WSA is conscientiously considering the Foundation's offer of assistance to fundraise and coordinate a specific part of the Archives project.

The board of trustees of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation feel that it is entirely within the Foundation's Vision and Mission to assist the World Subud Association with their efforts to preserve Bapak's talks.

If the Foundation's offer of assistance is accepted by WSA, a special and permanent account for earmarked funds will be created to serve as the receptacle for donations to cover the costs of this important long-term archival work. Matching grant discussions are already underway whereby a benefactor's contribution can be matched by potential donors, which would leverage each dollar given. For the permanent account, the Foundation will seek out benefactors to create an endowment fund so that future funding is assured for the continuing maintenance and operations of the Archives.

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INSIDE REPORT

MoU with Yayasan Subud established

Seven years ago to the day, Yayasan Subud (YS) committed to signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Muhammad Subuh Foundation and, on 21 June 2011, this MoU was finally signed. The MoU states that YS recognizes that certain assets, such as the latihan hall and guest house at Wisma Subud, are assets of the World Subud Association. YS still retains management control and is responsible for covering the costs of taxes, maintenance, repairs, and insurance for the property. The MoU ensures that YS will not sell or place liens against the property without first obtaining the permission to do so from the Muhammad Subuh Foundation. The Foundation, which holds assets on behalf of the World Subud Association, is also given the right to be represented at the Board meetings of YS.

Yayasan Subud and Yayasan Muhammad Subuh are partner organizations of the Foundation.

About two weeks after the MoU with YS was signed, the Foundation also completed a loan settlement agreement with Yayasan Muhammad Subuh. This agreement was primarily an accounting formality to more accurately reflect the reality of the financial situation between the two partner organizations. It also acknowledged the fact that the YMS is holding the assets of the World Subud Association that are commonly known as "Bapak's Big House" and the "Archive house".



Photo by Julia Hurd

Luke Pensenev, as WSA chairman, signs the MoU with Yayasan Subud along with Pak Haryono Sumohadiwidjojo (YS patron), Ibu Amaliya Lerrigo (YS), and Olvia Reksodipoetro (MSF trustee) on June 21st at Adi Puri, Jakarta.

BOARD NEWS

New appointments

At the annual meeting in Indonesia in June 2011, the World Subud Council and the Muhammad Subuh Foundation jointly appointed Bachtiar Lorot as chairman of the Foundation. Appointed by the WSC to four-year terms as trustees were Bachtiar Lorot, Heloise Jackson and Hannah Baerveldt, who continues into her second term. Remaining trustees fulfilling their current terms are Olvia Reksodipoetro, Lawrence Fryer (treasurer), Lailani Moody, and Luke Pensenev (ex-officio).

Tributes to outgoing trustees

Samuel Simonsson resigned as trustee and chairman earlier this year. His integrity, professionalism, and expertise will be greatly missed by the Board.

After serving two terms as trustee, Ibu Ismana Haryono has retired. The Board has very much appreciated her dedication and service over the years.

We would also like to thank Shyam Wadhera, outgoing trustee, for his service as trustee for the past two years.



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Bachtiar Lorot, as MSF chairman, signs an agreement with Yayasan Muhammad Subuh along with Ibu Sutinah, YMS chairwoman. Olvia Reksodipoetro (MSF), Farlan Williams (YMS), Ibu Tiwu (YMS), and Ibu Ismuwati Lee (YMS) witness the event on July 3rd at Adi Puri, Jakarta.

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Emphasizing the “Fun” in Fundraising!

By Marianne Harvey

When we moved to Brecon, which was a growing and vibrant group, we immediately got involved with all sorts of schemes to raise money to fund the Brecon Subud hall. We carried out the usual sorts of things, but were also able to be a little more creative too.

Some of the efforts that come to mind are the following:

Pamper yourself days – ladies paid to go to someone’s house, and have manicures/pedicures and the host brought in a clothing saleswoman, who normally made quite a few sales too.

Family weekends – we held activity weekends in Glansevin, donated to our cause by Harvey Peters.

Congress cafes – these were very hard work, but generally generated quite a lot of money.

Sponsored swims – I completed two of these – could be more difficult outside of the UK.

Clown around – this was a family entertainment afternoon, with a circus theme.

One member loaned every member of the group £10. The aim was to make this money “grow” as much as possible in a month, and apart from the winner, everything, apart from the initial £10, which went back to the instigator, went into the group funds.

We ran a stall during the Brecon Jazz festival, which was not as lucrative as we had hoped it would be!

The group in Brecon attracted a lot of new members, and at our greatest strength, we were some 90 members. As in all groups, I would guess that about half, say 40 – 50 members actively took part in these events.

The Subud house was a new build, and the land needed to be purchased too, so our fundraising was in addition to raising bank loans, and loans from private individuals. The whole project took about ten years to complete. At that point, the hall could be let out to non-Subud organizations to help cover expenses.

In addition to this, when Subud Italy purchased the house in Florence, we had an Italian evening, together with “gondola races” to raise money for their project. From memory, which is probably faulty, I think we raised about £200.00, from the 40 or so members who organised and came to it.

Our other long term fundraiser was playing bridge with another couple. We were all pretty fanatical, though not very good. The losers of each evening’s game paid 1p per point, and all the winnings went to the fundraising effort for the hall – namely shares in the names of MSF and Subud Britain. This continued for nearly 10 years!!!

In France, for the Subud Mayenne house, it has been quite different.

We submitted our ideas to Subud France, and after many discussions, it became very clear that the owners of our Subud house should be France, rather than individual members or a company.

Therefore, the fundraising was done centrally – we submitted our proposals to the National Office, they circulated them, and the money flowed in. We undertook a couple of presentations – an initial one in Innsbruck for our original project, then presentations in Poio at the zonal meeting, and French congresses.

We are very keen for the property here to be self-sustaining as far as possible, so we are looking at ways of using it to raise funds, both from within and outside of the Subud world.



Subud Brecon



Subud Mayenne was awarded a grant of US\$13,000 in 2007 from the Muhammad Subuh Foundation

Initially, we are hoping to let the Subud house to members who may be travelling through Europe – the two latihan rooms have double sofa beds, and there is a fully equipped bathroom and kitchen. This would not be a high earner, as it is very isolated, and any person staying would have to allow the group to practise the latihan twice a week. Still, there are always people travelling about who may want a bed for a few nights. We would also permit limited camping.

We will be approaching the local *Mairie* to determine if there are any local yoga, or such groups, who may prefer a more intimate space rather than the usual village halls, which tend to be rather more public. We will also be looking for local Quaker groups to see if they need a meeting space. We intend to put on small activity weekends, with people paying to come and meet all of us, whilst we arrange “fun” stuff – barbecues, walks, etc.

In the meantime, whilst Subud France pays our overheads (i.e. taxes, insurances, water, and power), we, as members of the association, pay our annual subscription to Subud France and also have a small monthly cash donation kept in-house for things like cleaning products, fuel for the garden machinery, etc.

Strategic goals identified

The Foundation was established to provide for the long term needs of Subud, but how does this goal translate into the ordinary day-to-day work and interim goal setting of the Foundation? At the recent meetings in Indonesia in June, the trustees pondered this question and arrived at seven strategic goals, or Foundation programs, to work towards. These goals were selected for their long-term impact and are listed in their order of importance for the Foundation:

1. Long-term financial capacity for Subud:

This must be our first priority in order to be able to provide funding, over the long-term, for the other six goals. Prudent care for investments and increasing contributions are two key elements of this goal.

2. Bapak's and Ibu Rahayu's talks:

This is a core goal for the Foundation, the legacy which must be preserved and promoted for the generations which follow us. The activities of this goal can be subdivided into:

- (a) **Archives:** to preserve and protect our inheritance to the highest standards available.
- (b) **Translations:** to ensure translations from the original Indonesian that are as accurate as possible and to enable member access through as many languages as needed.
- (c) **Promotion:** to ensure that members are aware of the importance of Bapak's and Ibu Rahayu's explanations regarding Subud and the process of the Subud spiritual practice known as the *latihan kejiwaan*.
- (d) **Distribution:** to facilitate cost-effective access for all Subud members.

3. Non-financial assets:

This goal covers caring for the assets the Foundation holds on behalf of the World Subud Association, which are managed by our partner organizations: Yayasan Subud, Yayasan Muhammad Subuh, and MSF Colombia.

4. Subud houses and their utilization:

This goal focuses on fostering the creation of new Subud houses as well as improving the current ones, emphasizing the utilization of these assets by the owners to generate income streams to enable the maintenance and running costs to be sustainable into the long term.

5. Helper work/travel:

The continued spread of Subud would not be possible without the work of the helpers, with whom rests the responsibility of explaining what Subud is, and passing on the contact first received by Bapak to any who desire this. Therefore, supporting this goal, with emphasis on supporting the international helpers, is essential for the long-term development of Subud.

6. Capacity-building:

In many instances, what is needed most in strengthening the development of Subud is non-financial, such as information, guidance, skills and expertise, and good governance. The Foundation recognizes the importance of these needs and supports efforts to provide them.

7. The "Wings" (partner Subud organizations):

The expressions spontaneously arising out of the practice of Subud to improve human life and conditions manifest in many different ways within each member. The Foundation seeks to support these expressions in the areas of:

- (a) Susila Dharma International Association (social projects)
- (b) Subud International Cultural Association (educational cultural projects*)
- (c) WSA Care Support Program (educational & humanitarian support for Subud members & their families)

The emphasis is on capacity-building for the partner Subud organizations.

**The charitable status of the Foundation limits the support of cultural endeavors to educational purposes only.*

FOUNDATION SUPPORT: SUBUD HOUSES

Subud La Florida

After many years of changing venues for meetings, the La Florida Subud group has finally acquired a property with the help of many members in Chile as well as the Muhammad Subuh Foundation.

To fundraise for the purchase of the facilities, the group organized a musical concert at a nearby school where several Subud members are teachers. The purchase was completed in March 2009 and renovations are planned that will provide for two meetings areas and a large patio at the back.

Local Subud youth attended the 13th World Congress in Christchurch in 2010 where they shared their desire for the creation of a Spiritual and Cultural Center, complete with library, at their new house.



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