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Supporting The Aims Of Subud For A Better World



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« A member reads Bapak's talk during celebrations marking the 20th Anniversary of Subud Ukraine. MSF has supported Subud Ukraine since 1997.

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WELCOME

Message from the Chair of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation



I am pleased to introduce to you the Foundation's second Newsletter of the year.

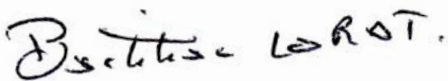
In this issue you will find out about our latest activities including results of our annual meeting at the Gathering of the America's in Vancouver, Canada and an update on the our newest program, "The Legacy Project" which supports the work of the archives in preserving Bapak's Words for Humanity.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some recent grants in support of international Subud organizations. A two year \$50,000 grant agreement was signed in early July with SDIA within the framework of the SDIA-MSF Memorandum of Understanding. A \$10,000 grant was also provided to SICA to hold a strategic planning and capacity building seminar in Vancouver, and a \$50,000 grant was provided to the WSA in June to support the international helpers work, the activities of the Care Support Program (Subud Education Fund), youth travel to the America's Gathering, the History of Subud and the publication of Bapak's volumes in Spanish.

The Legacy Project is moving ahead. The digitization of Bapak's audio talks is progressing well and on schedule. In Vancouver, the WSA and the Foundation confirmed that MSF will be responsible for fundraising for the archives. The Foundation, has already established a restricted archive fund that will support a 12 year archive plan. Two films on the process of digitization and the need to preserve Bapak's original audio recordings have been produced and premiered at the America's Gathering.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, on behalf of the Foundation team, for your kind and meaningful support of the Foundation's work.

Warmest regards



Bachtiar Lorot



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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

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.

MSF AT THE *Americas Gathering*

By Héloïse Jackson, MSF Trustee



The Gathering of the Americas was held at the University of British Columbia in the leafy suburbs of the beautiful city of Vancouver in June. WSA and MSF were also having their annual general meetings at the same time so it became truly international. Only the Zone 6 (French speaking Africa) representative, Rida Liobo Loote, was absent, having been unable to get a visa.

It was great for us at MSF to be able to meet face to face. Unfortunately Hannah Baerveldt, one of our trustees, was absent. She had remained in Jakarta to look after her husband who was gravely ill and who later passed on. We offer Hannah our most sincere condolences and may God bless her and her family during these difficult times.

We started our meeting with a team building exercise, led by Mahmud Nestman to help us all work in a more efficient way. This ended with testing our strengths, weaknesses, and our roles, supported by the International Helpers. The whole exercise was to help us understand how to interact better with each other. I believe that by the end of our meeting, we had made great strides towards this.

Our agenda was full and we thought we would not get through it all. Our day off was reduced to half a day but the impossible was achieved. MSF has recently produced three short films. A highlight was the premiere of these films which received positive comments. One of these films gives an explanation of what MSF is and how it functions; the second presents the Legacy Project fundraising campaign for

“If you have a place for latihan [the spiritual practice of Subud] which is really big and open and wide enough for all of you, and really suitable - this will itself give you additional enthusiasm to do the latihan more; and it is this enthusiasm which will lead you quickly to receive more and deeper guidance which will be of greater use for your life.”

Subud Archives and the last one is about the preservation of the sound recordings of Bapak's talks. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the show so let's hope that it will help raise some much needed funds for the Subud archives. These films were also shown at the Subud USA congress in Seattle, which took place towards the end of the Gathering, and were equally well received.

To go through the agenda would take too long since we covered many topics. Among those, we discussed the relationship between Subud Colombia and MSF for the future management of the Amanecer Subud Big Hall with the South American delegation which included the two zone representatives from Latin America, two international helpers and representatives of Subud Columbia.

The meeting went very well and we hope to finalise an agreement between MSF and Subud Colombia in the next few weeks.

We also exchanged ideas with the Susila Dharma international team and a two year grant agreement was signed.

We met with the SICA chair, Latifah Taormina who proposed to establish a working relationship between MSF and SICA as well as the WSA executive chair, Maxwell Fraval, to finalise the role of MSF in the WSA archives fundraising. Luke Pensoney, chair of WSA, and ex-officio MSF trustee was able to participate in some of our meetings in spite of the ongoing WSC meeting. His presence strength-

ens the collaboration between MSF and WSA and the convergence of the two organisations' policies' and activities. All these exchanges were positive and help the establishment of stronger links between the members of the WSA executive and the MSF team.

We welcomed Maria Wallington, the MSF national liaison for Subud USA, who was able to join us during one of the meetings. She was unfortunately the only national liaison person present at Vancouver. We discussed the need to give more help to the national liaisons, with some possible training sessions in the future. This should be discussed in more detail soon. We have not yet decided where we shall meet next year because

this will be tested in due course. However, it was felt that the MSF meeting should take place just before the WSC meeting with a short overlap, either in the same location or during some other Subud event. The MSF team is certainly looking forward to being able to share not only latihan and testing but ideas through working together face to face. We also anticipate doing regular latihan with the international helpers, each in our own homes.

The rain, which sometimes greeted us in the morning, often eased off by midday when the sunshine took over. It was, as in so many gatherings of Subud members, a truly blessed time.-

LEGACY PROJECT

Update

By Amalijah Thompson, Subud Archivist

On the Road to Preservation

Travelling for MSF in May to check progress of the work being done on the preservation of Bapak's talks, I was also able to meet Bachtiar and his niece Olivia in Alicante to finish editing the film made about the preservation process.

The first visit to Memnon had been an initial survey and assessment of their potential to do the work, the second visit involved taking a second batch of re-



Olivia and Amalijah with Bachtiar

cordings and meeting with Michel Merton and Memnon staff about various aspects of the project, the third to receive Memnon's report on the pilot phase sampling and to work out the following stages and costs, if we were going to proceed to a full project.

This visit, having started the full project which was now under the umbrella of MSF, was to check and monitor progress, address any problems that might have arisen during the process and to discuss further stages and costs to complete the project. »

What I found was a very good feeling towards the work and that Memnon was clearly intent on doing a very good job for us as efficiently as possible.

In essence, it felt clean and without agenda, based solely on normal, professional standards and expertise to achieve the best result with the resources we can find.

The results overall, subject to issues with the recordings themselves in the configuration or the physical degradation relating to the overall quality of the sound is greatly improved in a way one can't quite quantify. In essence the sound feels warmer, fuller, richer, gentler and closer to the original receiving and content. Of course many tapes are badly degraded and many were not recorded very well in the first place. Therefore a percentage of the recordings will be hard to retrieve even with today's technology.

At the time of the visit at the end of May, Memnon had completed approximately 70% of the digitization and had found 15% of tapes to have problems preventing a clean transfer. I worked with Memnon to review what needed to be done over the next months. This included discussing parameters for an extension of the project to include audio cassettes, original Chile and Briarcliff recordings and, to enable putting a file validation/integrity check on the digital file, so that we had a verification point to refer to in order to monitor any changes in the digital file over time.

Other items we discussed in depth were issues relating to integrity and longevity of digital files, redundancy, metadata, ongoing migration/refreshing, maintenance of the 'source file' without alteration over time.

The percentage of problem recordings has since increased in number



Memnon reviews audio recordings

The Lost Tape



Bapak and his translator Usman during an early recorded talk. Subud Archives is searching for original recordings before they are lost forever.
» Photo: Courtesy Subud Archives, Canberra

Many Subud members have contributed their time and effort to preserve Bapak and Ibu's talks over the years but they were not always able to obtain original recordings and some talks are still missing.

But recently, a little miracle of sorts happened, when Archivist Amalijah Thompson found a missing 1969 recording from Honolulu that was long considered lost. She came across the cassette while going through a box of materials that was sent to her from the estate of a late Subud member. When Amalijah saw the label on the tape matched a missing talk, she immediately went to check to see if it was truly a missing talk. The positive result proves that it is still possible to find these priceless recordings.

Although the recording was damaged, the archives was able to retrieve a very good signal, even though the original cassette is 43 years old. The tape will be digitized and eventually sent to the translation team for all to benefit from.

Some talks are likely to still exist around the world so please look in your cupboards or your attic and contact Amalijah urgently if you have any recordings that may be useful.

Please contact Amalijah at amalijah@grapevine.net.au or telephone +61 2 62324997 or skype at amalijah3 if you think you have recordings that may be useful or send them directly to Amalijah for assessment to PO Box 1070 Woden, Canberra ACT 2606 Australia and let her know by email they are on their way.

LIGHTS, Camera.... Skype !



Bjorn and friends from Subud Malang in East Java. MSF helped the group build a new Subud House and members are featured in the MSF film.

The Foundation realizes how important it is to communicate with our Subud brothers and sisters around the world. In an effort to improve understanding of MSFs work, it was decided to make three short films. The first film, produced by Olivia Lorot, looks at the audio preservation process of Bapak's talks at Memnon in Belgium. The other films cover the work of MSF in general and the Foundation's newest endeavour the 'Legacy Project' which aims to support Subud archives and preserve Bapak and Ibu's original talks.

MSF hired BPI, the Central Kalimantan based film company to make the last two films. BPI worked with begin. ideas for change, a Subud communication agency also based in Indonesia, to develop and produce them.

With a tight deadline and limited funds, the team set out to produce the films. Subud archivist Amalijah Thompson provided an incredible range of materials including rarely seen video and photos of Bapak. Working with the archival footage and shooting a few new scenes in Indonesia, the films began to come together. But the team needed Subud members around the world to fill in the blanks.

"The first challenge was to identify key speakers who could say something about the origins and original vision of MSF. Getting people like Varindra's son, Nury Vittachi, in Hong Kong, Peter Filippelli in the US and Markus Hoff Berge in Norway to participate already felt like a major achievement. Next, we found Subud members in places such as the Ukraine, the UK, Canada and Colombia to talk about how the MSF grants benefited their groups and the importance of preserving Bapak and Ibu's talks," said Bjorn Vaughn, producer.

Now came the task of actually getting their hands on the footage.

"We had no budget to visit these places and film the interviews ourselves so we contacted dozens of Subud members who all volunteered their time. Most of the footage was sent via the internet ---- imagine downloading gigabytes of footage on a very wobbly Internet connection in Central Kalimantan! But we managed to work out the technical details, questions, what to film and how to film it. We spent months writing emails and coordinating over skype. It was hard work but we all had the same vision and really worked together in harmony. Amazing to see how everyone pulled through and delivered on time. Thank you again to all who were involved!" he added.

The films premiered at the Gathering of the Americas in Vancouver and will be subtitled in several languages and available to members soon.-

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The MSF team at the UK 'premiere' of the films at the European Gathering & Subud Britain Congress in Malvern in August. A lively Q&A followed with many members wanting to know more about the work of the Foundation and the Legacy Project.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Subud Ukraine held their National Congress and gathering in late August, but this event was very special as it marked 20 years of Subud in the country. Over the years, the Foundation has supported Subud Ukraine providing loans and grants for Subud Houses to two local groups in Cherkassy and Dnepropetrovsk.



Marsiya Belinskaya reports that at this years congress, few organizational issues were on the agenda, instead members remembered with gratitude and love all those who were with us all these years. Marsiya recalls how it all started:

Twenty years have passed since that day when we heard for the first time the word "Subud" from the stage of a big conference room. Emmanuel Aronie came to Ukraine from the USA to participate in an event with other spiritual practitioners. Presentations were followed by three days of workshops according to each topic. The majority of those who came to the workshop about Subud could not explain why they chose it.

Then two groups of people interested in Subud were formed, one in Kiev and one in Cherkassy, and Emmanuel had no choice but to start applicants meetings. After two months the IHS Khadarijah Gardiner and Leonard Lasalle, assisted by Istafijah, a Russian speaking sister from England, came to conduct the first openings. That is how it started. Subud then started spreading. People in two more cities, Dnepropetrovsk and Kharkov got interested in Subud which resulted in the formation of two Subud groups.

Since those early years of Subud in Ukraine we have felt a great sense of caring and support on the part of WSA. We have a well functioning translation unit which includes, 22 volumes of Bapak's talks, 130 of Ibu Rahayu's talks, 20 books and booklets by Y.M. Bapak and Subud authors and four sets of information for applicants approved by ISC.

Special thanks to the Muhammad Subuh Foundation for their support in helping us obtain premises for latihan, a Subud apartment in Dnepropetrovsk and a Subud house in Cherkassy. The latter became a National Center of Subud Ukraine for holding the National Council meetings, Ukrainian helpers meetings, kejiwaan meetings and even national congresses.-

And, of course, a never to be forgotten event was Ibu Rahayu's visit to the Cherkassy Subud house after the Zonal meeting in Kiev in 2001. It was filled with such a warm atmosphere, such great love that Ibu gave a spontaneous talk, reminiscences of Bapak when she was a child.

At our recent meetings, International helpers Hassan from Austria and Ragna from Finland worked like busy bees till late at night helping to solve our problems, testing, doing latihan, talking, again testing with incredible patience and good will, but also firm and clear when needed.

We are happy to be a part of the world Subud family. Many, many thanks! -

REMEMBERING *Konrad*

Longtime Subud member, Konrad Baerveldt, passed away on July 10th in Jakarta, Indonesia. He was buried in Bahkti Mulya, next to Suka Mulya (where Bapak is buried), in Cipanas, West Java. MSF wishes to express our deepest condolences and prayers to his wife Hannah, his daughters Gieselle and Oonagh, and families, son Lawrence, and brothers Matthew and George.

Devoted Subud Member

Konrad was born in South Africa and joined Subud when he was eighteen. Following Bapak's advice, Konrad and his family relocated to Canada in 1979. He founded Emseal, manufacturer of expansion joints and precompressed joint sealants in Mississauga, ON and Westborough, MA, USA. His decades of industry acumen and inventiveness led to five product patents in the sealant industry in North America. In his Subud life, Konrad truly believed in not only practicing the latihan but supporting Subud in the world too. Shortly before his passing, Konrad spoke about his decision to leave a bequest to MSF.

"We (Hannah and I) will make a bequest to the Muhammad Subuh Foundation to further its work which is essentially in furthering the work of Bapak. Bapak emphasized again and again that Bapak came for all of mankind; there was no one left out of the picture. It's neither something just for myself or my neighbour; it is something beneficial to all of mankind," explained Konrad.



Konrad and his wife Hannah, an MSF trustee, at their home in Wisma Subud, Cilandak,



Konrad with Prio Hartono during Bapak's tour of South Africa in 1967

A Loyal Friend

Former WSA chairman Magnus (Daniel) Cheifetz remembers Konrad as a pillar of absolute trust, love, and loyalty.

"For me, Konrad Baerveldt was one of the hidden pillars of the world. Konrad was a successful entrepreneur and inventor and holder of many patents; but you had to get to know him to know that, since he never promoted himself. Konrad was a philanthropist of the highest order. He combined his insight, expertise, and resources to develop an education and health facility where it is much needed; but he did this in such a quiet, unassuming way that few people know of his contributions," said Magnus.

Konrad's business partner and colleague for more than 16 years, Samuel Simonsson remembers his dear friend's trust in Almighty God and unconditional surrender to guidance. Samuel said this showed also clearly in his dedication to Subud, allowing him to work and live far beyond the limits of his fragile physical health, to face and master challenges in a way that for most of us would have been impossible. Samuel met with Konrad earlier this year.

"A few months ago I visited Konrad in hospital in Singapore, where he had been admitted in a very critical condition. When I asked if he was ready to go, Konrad looked me in the eyes and said, 'Yes, whenever Almighty God wants me to.' Straight, simple, sincere, as always. When I left Konrad and his family a few days later, he waved good-bye with that great smile of his. It had been a joyful meeting although we knew it was the last in this life. I am blessed to have been his friend," said Samuel. -

DONATIONS AND GRANTS

“We invite all of you to help this foundation develop, because the strength and success of this foundation depends on your involvement to help protect and support it, so that the foundation will serve and assist the growth of Subud.”

Excerpt from Ibu Rahayu talk, Innsbruck 2005

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation is more than a mechanism for giving. The Foundation works as a partner for donors, helping to identify where donations can have the greatest impact, guiding donors through each complex step involved in international philanthropy.

The Foundation supports programs through donations, bequests and endowments from donors throughout the world. Your financial support can be given to the general fund, to an established fund(s) or you may wish to set up your own fund to support specific program(s).

To find out how you can support the Foundation log on to www.msubudfoundation.org or contact lillianshulman@netscape.net

Grants

MSF is now accepting applications for grants and/or loans to help fund the purchase/construction/renovation of Subud houses and the projects of Subud organizations. The submission deadline is November 30, 2012. Please contact Lillian Shulman for more information or an application form: lillianshulman@netscape.net

MSF Donor Recognition

April-August 2012

MSF would like to express our sincerest appreciation to all of you who have given to the Foundation to support the long term growth of Subud around the world.

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