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Editorial

During my earlier years in Subud, a sense of self-consciousness accompanied my latihan. I was quite concerned that others were aware of my motions and sounds or lack thereof, and in talking to others, I gather this is not an uncommon feeling. Over time this concern has morphed into a worry that maybe I'm too aware myself of my own movements and voice during latihan. My controlling mind, subtly duking it out with my surrendering inner self, debates with itself about the source of my "inner" expression. "Is it me or is it God, me or God, live or Memorex," goes the chatter.

Over time, this self-consciousness is gradually dissipating as well, although it's taking years and years. It's not a quick process, but I suppose significant, permanent progress rarely happens in a short period of time. Perhaps the latihan involves at least two developments—one being purification and another the emergence of one's true inner nature. The hope for the latter was one of the main attractions of Subud, but I found I lacked

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The following article is the third and final segment of the transcript from an afternoon session conducted on July 13, 1999 at the Rocky Gap Congress where members of Bapak's family spoke about their experiences growing up with Bapak. This issue contains words spoken by Tuti Horthy, Bapak's granddaughter, and Sharif Horthy. Thanks to Stuart Cooke for recording this session and to Marcella Cooke for assisting with the transcription.

Experiences with Bapak

With Tuti and Sharif Horthy

Hi everybody, my name is Tuti. I'm one of many of Bapak's grandchildren. Bapak was a very, very good grandfather. He was very loving but yet he was firm – if you were ever naughty, you knew what you'd get. [laughter]

I started to work for Bapak, I think in '67. I finished high school and I wanted to study architecture. It's not because I wanted to, but my best friend was studying architecture, so I thought, you know, I'll study that. But before I even started, Bapak took me on one of his trips in '67. I was 19 then and I had never been abroad before, so it was very exciting and it was quite a cultural shock for me. Bapak and Ibu were very, very patient when I asked what I should do when I come with them. They said just follow us, follow me. So then I joined the ladies, Ibu, to do the latihan. And suddenly I became an instant helper. As soon as I got to a place somebody asked me questions and I said "Oh my gosh." I was so stunned that I didn't know what to say and suddenly just something came out and I said "Oh my gosh, wow." Many an answer that I gave to people was the answer that [was needed]. And I didn't realize

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Open letter to the WSC and all Subud members

**On behalf of Lester Sutherland (ISC Media Services) Canada,
Mardiyah Tarantino (Committee Councillor) USA and Hanafi Hayes,
Australia**

As you may know, the ISC Chairman, Pak Muninjaya, recently formed a sub-committee to investigate the possibility of setting up a form of monitoring of all visual material that dealt with aspects of Subud, produced by Subud members.

Well, to cut a long story short, this very quickly developed into a resolution and set of guidelines that could encompass both the written word (books) and the visual, e.g., videos, films, web pages and audio-visually, that seek to explain or illustrate aspects of this great sister/brotherhood.

The motivation for this move was enshrined in the 10 Aims of the World Subud Association that were re-emphasised at the WSC compact meeting earlier this year and subsequently published in Subud media.

The intention was to turn rhetoric into action. Specifically, with Aim 3, which reads: "To protect the good reputation of Subud."

The justification for setting up some kind of protective mechanism was the fact that material had already been produced that in many people's opinions transgressed that very aim. It is also widely accepted, too, that much of the guidance that Bapak

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An Opportunity! Are you “willing and able?”

Peter and Jillian Hensley

It has often been said—and it is true—that working on a Subud committee is an opportunity for spiritual growth as well as for the simple satisfaction of rendering a service.

Our present committee has completed its two-year stint in office, and we will be establishing a new committee at the group membership meeting to be held on Sunday, September 17. The process involves choosing a new chairperson who, in turn, will establish his or her own committee consisting of, at a minimum, a secretary and a treasurer. On this occasion the task will be lightened because Viviana has agreed to serve as treasurer and has already taken over from Ruslan.

Why do we have a committee and what does it do? While the committee is essentially the structural backbone of the group, it can contribute substantially to the wellbeing of the members and the sense of harmony among them. Its most important practical function is to provide suitable space in which members can meet for latihan. Whether such premises are rented or purchased, they cost money. Collecting membership dues and organizing fund raising events—notably our annual yard sale—are therefore also functions of the committee. Other committee responsibilities include liaising with helpers, maintaining membership records, keeping the group informed on Subud matters at the regional and national levels, and organizing opportunities, such as our popular spring gatherings and Christmas parties, for Boston members to get together, not only among themselves but with members of other area groups. And no committee need feel at loss regarding how to proceed in any given situation—it’s all covered in our excellent committee handbook.

So what makes a good chairperson? Sensitivity to the needs of the group, practical horse sense, an ability to keep a meeting in some sort of order while allowing the democratic process to proceed, and a capacity for working with others are, of course, important. While a modicum of Solomonic wisdom would be nice, we seem to have managed without it for 40 years, so it can hardly be considered necessary. A sense of humor, however, certainly helps!

In Local News ...

I don’t think anyone really knows where all our **yard sale** items actually come from each year, but come forth they do (and multiply)! This was one of our more banner years with sales grossing roughly \$1200. There are a couple of expenses that need to be deducted from that income, including the cost of the newspaper advertisement and the rental truck. Ruslan, Virendra, Marcella and Lucas Shulman used to gather up everyone’s larger items. A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped with the multi-day event. Suzanne worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure all the tables and clothes lines were available and ready to go, not to mention making breakfast for the troops and lemonade to drink during the day.

After we closed down shop for the day on both Saturday and Sunday, those who could stayed to do latihan and read from Bapak’s talks adding a more spiritual dimension to the otherwise work-filled days.

The weather was tenuous the entire weekend but it never rained steadily until everything was just about packed up late Sunday afternoon. Throughout the weekend the clouds and sun did battle with each other and all around us (say about 50 miles away) the clouds and showers won out. But in Newton, we saw only a brief sprinkle or two until Sunday when we were finishing packing up the items that didn’t sell and setting them on the front porch for the Vietnam Vets to pick up.

Don’t forget to set aside Sunday, September 17th for the **quarterly membership meeting**. This is a very important meeting as we will elect our new chairperson. In the weeks prior to the meeting, please consider putting your name forward as a candidate or testing to see if it is right for you to put your name forward at this time. In addition to the meeting itself, there will be latihan and a pot-luck supper. See the “Helper/Committee Update” on page 7 for more information. Please mark your calendars and plan to come!

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that. So I learned from there.

When we first got to the States, I learned to how eat corn flakes and I liked it so much! [laughter] And I ate corn flakes, like, three times a day! [more laughter] Also it was the first time I ate hamburger and I'm sure some of you still remember that I asked you to make hamburger for lunch, dinner, snack, even breakfast!

So in '67, it was my first trip with Bapak and that trip, it took about 9 months, or 6 months? I don't know, it was a long, long trip, and by the time we got back to Indonesia I didn't want to go back to school. I was on cloud nine. But then Bapak said, "No, I think you have to study." And I said, "I don't know what to study." He said, "Well, take English." To cut a long story short, I took English, but not wholeheartedly. Then later in '72 Bapak took me again on his trip and ever since then I worked for Bapak. I was working in the office. I was his driver. I learned a lot from all the journeys [when] Bapak took me [on] his world trips. And he was very, very patient with me. So many times, he never said, "You should do this, this, this. It would be good if you can do such-and-such a thing." Always, it took me a long time. I mean now, I wish I took that English [more seriously]. Because later on, after Bapak passed away, I moved to Boston, and when we were there, I was thinking, "What should I do?" I wanted to know what can I do to earn my living. One day I was trying to feel what I should do and suddenly I heard Bapak's voice. He said, "Don't worry. If you can do my work, you will never starve." And afterwards, I thought, "What work? What work is this?" but he was already gone.

So then later, after I lived in Boston for about seven years, I met with several friends and we were sort of trying to see what we should we do in our lives. What can I do in my life and I can give back? Give back all the love and the work that Bapak has done for me, and for us. And after three days of trying to explore what to do, suddenly it just hit me. Something like, "[Yes], you can help Sharif do the re-translation of Bapak's talks." And I thought, "Okay, I think I will do that." When I got home from that workshop, we got a letter from Luqman Leckie (translation coordinator) asking if Sharif and I would recheck the translation of Bapak's talks. When we told Luqman, "Okay, we will do it," he was so grateful. He said it was like a Christmas present. But what I didn't realize was that there are a thousand and three hundred talks! At that time one of our friends said, "Okay, now let's see – if you are given 25 years to live, what do you want to do?" That's when I felt I should do Bapak's re-translations. Then when we went to Alicante, [we realized] it would take us exactly 25 years [to do the work and to raise the money]. I just couldn't believe it!

So here I am. We've done for you now four – how many to go? Fifteen more volumes to go. I will do my best to do this work. I hope that what I'm going to do for these re-translations is what I should be doing. And I hope you will read them. We really enjoy this work so much because when we did these re-translations I felt like Bapak came to us again. We really could feel Bapak, and we could feel his message and his love and his guidance for us to live in this world as good human beings. I know Bapak really wanted us to come back as good human beings when we die. And this guidance

and the message is there in his talks, in his books. So I really wish that you will read these talks because everything that Bapak said – all his love, and his work – it's there. Thank you very much.

Hi. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Sharif Horthy. I was born in Budapest, so I have no direct contact with Bapak's family like the people you've just heard. As I want to conserve my voice for tonight because that's important, I'll try to just say a few things that come.

One of the things I received to do, and I don't often receive to do things so this is kind of special, is a few months ago I was challenged by the appeal about celebrating Bapak's 100th anniversary. And there was this idea that everyone should do a project as a gift for Bapak. I felt that what I had to do was to write a book about Bapak, meaning my experience of Bapak. And so, if you are interested that will be available one day soon.

When I was still very young, I had the dual experience of being in a very, very loving family. I was very lucky. I never knew my father. I was brought up by my grandfather and grandmother and my mother, but we were a very, very loving family and I never had any feeling of being not loved or rejected in any way and I'm really deeply grateful for that. But we did go through very difficult experiences together in that I was born right in the middle of the second world war, both in space in time. The first few years we were at war and finally my family was rounded up and captured by the Nazis and taken to Germany. We were in prison for 9 months before we were freed by the Americans and we luckily escaped being killed because they came quicker than the Germans had thought. So I was very aware of dark things in this world. I didn't understand anything that was going on and my family never talked to me about what was going on, luckily. But I could feel it. I could feel that there were terrifying things going on around me. But I always had a feeling inside me like it didn't matter because I wasn't really from here. I felt like I was someone who'd come from another place and I was just an observer. And if it didn't make sense it didn't really matter. I would just have to make the best of it and I'd be okay. I always had this feeling of confidence inside me as a small child, that everything would be okay and I'd always know what to do.

Then we moved, we were freed, and after four years we moved to Portugal and I went to [...] school in Germany and Portugal. And one day I had a very intense experience. I was walking home from school and it's like I suddenly "came to". I was in the middle of a big park and I suddenly realized that I was not aware as I was walking. And that I had lost something. That this feeling of deep awareness that I had as a small child had gone and suddenly it hit me instantly. Something was happening to me that was very, very disturbing. The way I described it to myself as a little child was that the world had gone from being technicolor to black-and-white. And that this black-and-whiteness was a creeping thing, and had a real feeling of sadness associated with it. It was a feeling of loss or sadness and pain. And at that moment I think I started looking for something. I knew I had to find something, otherwise this black-and-whiteness would get me.

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And – okay. It's a long story that ended up with me coming across Subud.

I was opened in 1958, just about a month after Bapak left England so by the time I came to Coombe Springs, Bapak had gone home. Otherwise I would have met Ibu Rahayu a lot earlier. I was opened then. I was seventeen. And I immediately, not immediately, no – in my second latihan I got the proof that the latihan was from beyond this world. After I had my first experience at the age of eight, I had gone looking into lots of things. I had read like crazy. I was an only child so I had a lot of time to read and I read this and I read that and so on. And none of it was real. I was looking for something real that would take me back to that feeling of reality that I had when I was a small child. And when I had my second latihan, I was, oh, made to whirl around and do things. And then, when I was tired enough, I was made to kneel down on the floor. And as I was kneeling, I was back as a child of two, where I had been living in the royal palace in Budapest where I grew up, and I was seeing all the things and I was actually there. But I not only was there, I realized I was a child of two. And I had that same feeling that I had lost, you know, this feeling of confidence and inner reality. And as I became aware of it, a voice spoke in my head and said, "Is this what you wanted?" And I realized instantly that I had myself forgotten why I was seeking. You know that was eight years back and I was seventeen now, nine years back. So I had actually forgotten. So someone up there knew what I was looking for even though I myself had forgotten it. And I'd never spoken about it, my experience, to anybody. Not even my mother, not to my grandparents. So for me that was it. That's why I've never stopped doing the latihan no matter how difficult it got, as it does sometimes. Because for me that was the complete proof.

I met Bapak about a year after that. And for me, I never felt any difference between Bapak and the place where the latihan came from. And really that's all I want to say at this point, because – and I'm addressing this to those of you who perhaps didn't know Bapak, because all the rest of you probably had very similar experiences to me – for me Bapak wasn't really a person. He was like a window to another world. And in a way I always felt that Bapak had a personality, but it was like a suit of clothes that he put on to meet us, because it would make us feel comfortable. That if we really saw him, we wouldn't be able to take it. Since for me the latihan seemed what I was looking for, I never felt that I needed anything more. I didn't actually feel the need to go to Indonesia or to be near Bapak or something because I felt no, he has already given me this gift, why should I bother him and put him to any trouble.

So when I first met Bapak I saw him from a distance like most people. I was actually doing the recordings at the first Subud world congress so I was fairly busy. But of course when there were opportunities to be close to Bapak, I made use of them. So when he visited the west in '64 he couldn't

come to England where I was living so we came to Europe and we followed Bapak's party around to listen to his talks and do testing and so on. And then one day he asked me, or he sent someone to ask me, whether I would drive him. And we had bought a rather large car because we had two small children at the time we were travelling around with. So of course, I said yes. And that's when I began to know Bapak as a human being, as a person. Bapak was always very, very kind to me. He always treated me like I was one of his children. And just like what Ibu Rahayu, Ibu Yati, and Tuti have said, I on the contrary felt a distance. I felt very awed by him. And I could never forget who he was. It was he who actually invited me to come to Indonesia because I would not have dared to go. I would never have dared to ask him, "Bapak, can I come and live in Cilandak?" But of course when he asked me to come, I was deeply happy. And I was always just willing to follow completely what he asked me to do.

When I first went there, he told me to work with brothers who had set up an architect engineering company. And after I talked to them, he called me the next day and he said "What do they offer you?" I said, "Oh they offered me a job." And he said,

"Okay in that case I don't want you to work for them because I won't expect them to make you a partner." I mean I was 25! So he said, "Okay don't worry, I'll find you a job." Well, then he would call me every few weeks and say maybe here's an enterprise you could do. And then he'd call me a week later and say, "No, no, forget about that, we'll find something else." I think he was giving me time to get acclimatized. And then after a year he said okay now you can go and work with these people. And so on.

Little by little he gave me things to do, and in all my experiences with Bapak – Sorry, no, I have to go back to the beginning. I want to tell you a bit more about myself. This sort of feeling I was born with, of being from another planet, this also had an expression in my personality which may be not so nice – that I've never been impressed by anybody. And that's kind of, it's just a fact. But with Bapak it wasn't like that because for me he was never a "person." To me, I could never distinguish between him and the latihan. And this is something very hard to explain if you haven't experienced it. He really seemed to have, as I said he had a personality but it was just in the surface of what he was. One more thing. When Bapak passed away – this was also very strange because I had been very close to him. I mean, I never knew my father so probably he was the closest to my father of anyone – and yet when he passed away, nothing seemed to happen. I didn't feel sad. I didn't feel happy. I didn't feel, I couldn't feel anything. Nothing seemed to have changed. And nothing did change because I feel just as close to him now, today, here, as I did when he was alive. So, that's why I want to just second what you heard earlier. There's no difference in the closeness of Bapak to us, to any of you now if you're doing the latihan, as compared to when he was alive.

"And in a way I always felt that Bapak had a personality, but it was like a suit of clothes that he put on to meet us, because it would make us feel comfortable. That if we really saw him, we wouldn't be able to take it."

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And so now when I'm translating, retranslating Bapak's talks with Tuti, and working for a time as WSA chair, I don't feel any different from when I was working for him before he passed away. It's exactly the same experience. And just like then, I can forget about Bapak and make mistakes, or I can go back and say hello and he's there to support me. [So who is Bapak?] I think this is a big question people have. The truth is I cannot tell you. I haven't been where Ibu Rahayu has been. I've never left this world, not when I was aware of it anyway. All I know is that Bapak sensitized me to the other world. I can recognize when something is coming from there. And I know when it's not. And that's a big thing. What it is that's over there, I don't know. So if you ask me, "Who or what is God? What is the latihan? Where is it from? What is Bapak?" I cannot tell you. All I know is that sometimes being near Bapak, I felt like I was in another world. And many of you had that experience. And I still sometimes have it now. And that's really all I can say. So like Tuti, I think for those of you who don't feel this closeness yet, don't have the understanding yet, it's okay. But at least be willing to be open to it if it comes. Thank you.

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the patience required for the first. And somehow I expect purification needs to precede the flourishing emergence I'd so like to experience.

So having been given a fair amount of time to learn patience, I've had plenty of time to reflect on my progress and it has occurred to me that finding one's true inner self can be likened to sorting through the data from those huge radio telescopes looking for evidence of other intelligent life in the universe. Remember the movie "Contact"? A friend of mine has a screen saver that plots the actual data from one of the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) telescopes, and it looks like nothing really, just random noise to my untrained eye. If scientists analyze those seemingly nonsensical signals over long enough periods of time, it's possible that some patterns, however faint, might be detectable. Statistically, massive amounts of data may be required to distinguish such a faint signal from among all the foreground noise the telescopes receive.

The strength of a signal relative to the background noise is often called the signal-to-noise ratio or SNR. The higher the SNR, the stronger the signal relative to the noise and the more readily distinguishable it is from the other non-signal elements of the data.

At the risk of sounding too geeky, I see an analogy between our receiving in the latihan and the signals collected by these radio telescopes where the SNR is initially very low. At first we (or at least some of us) are only aware of the random noise, clutter coming from all directions, all those voices in our heads. But over time patterns become noticeable and familiar. That which is real versus imagined becomes clearer. And given even more time and patience, the true signals, our true selves, will hopefully become undeniably observable. While this process may take years, perhaps our signals are also strengthening at the same time so that one day we may be able to tune in and lock onto them for good.

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gave in his talks and through his testing with us has been eroded over the years since he left us. Many feel that the inspirational and aspirational content of Subud that was based on some very hard to accept truths has given way to "fitting in" with the standards and ethics of the rest of society.

So, how do you protect the good reputation of Subud?

Well, we decided to simply adopt the most obvious and natural course of having members with long experience in the latihan and a love of, and respect for, Bapak and the brother/sisterhood he founded, review in stages any material to be produced in the name of Subud, whether for members or for the general public. It's a course that every organisation and corporation that produces material for private or public consumption follows.

The corporate video is a good example. Any organisation that wishes to promote its image or just explain its structure first instructs any director and scriptwriter it employs to make such a video on the "image" it wishes to present. A management team will have drawn up guidelines and these will be passed on to the director. The director then follows those guidelines - which may be ethical, moral, or simply commercial. But whatever they are, they will be adhered to and "monitored" through various stages of production in the finished product.

In television documentary making, whether a film is commissioned or made on speculation of a sale, the same basic rules apply - to protect the good reputation of the client, the television company or corporation buying it. Every professional filmmaker knows the rules and none screams "Censorship". That is unless alterations or cuts are made to alter the "pre-agreed" format and content of the documentary.

Similar rules apply in the book, magazine and newspaper publishing industry, where editors "protect the good reputation..." and make sure nothing they sanction transgresses good taste or is libelous.

In establishing a resolution and guidelines, we were very cognizant of the fact that a new organisational body could be viewed as increasing Subud bureaucracy. To avoid that, we suggested that two members be chosen in each zone - and although the term "International Review Team" was used, the fact is that we envisaged only a loose association between the various pairs of "reviewers." They would be local members, virtually without a title, but with a responsibility to negotiate and, if necessary, advise. In that way, too, we wanted to avoid any charge that some kind of dictum was being handed down from on high. Indeed, we believe that the Subud structure should, as Varindra Vittachi once claimed, be horizontal and not, as it has tended to become, vertical.

So that is the rationale behind the suggestion that Subud sets up an International Review Team to monitor Subud media. It's not really new, as SPI used to perform the same function for years in the early days.

Anyway, brothers and sisters, we now need your encouragement and support and, above all, your approval to help fulfill Aim 3 of the World Subud Association: "To protect the good reputation of Subud." I'm sure we all want that.

Opportunity to Invest in Subud's Mineral Exploration Venture

Rahman Connelly

As we approach Bapak's 100th Anniversary, the mineral exploration venture he initiated some 20 years ago is today reaching the most promising phase in its long history. For Subud members around the world, whether they already hold shares or not, it is time to consider a new share offer.

The prospect, located in Central Kalimantan some 180 kilometers (as the hornbill flies) north of Palangka Raya where the 2001 World Congress will be held, is a classic copper-gold porphyry style of mineral deposit. Results to date have been highly encouraging, so much so that a major mining company is very keen to strike a joint venture with us. They are keen to do this despite the grim times that Indonesia is going through, both politically and economically. Tempting as this may be, we are convinced that a further round of drilling with the clear objective of defining a commercially viable deposit, is the way to create real value for shareholders.

To undertake this drilling program, funds are being raised by the Subud-member controlled Kalimantan Investment Corporation (KIC), which holds a commanding 58.5% of the Canadian listed Kalimantan Gold Limited (KGC), the holder of 75% of the mineral concession (called a Contract of Work). KIC is the beneficial owner (via a domestic company) of the remaining 25%. With 20% of KIC's shares held by MSF and YMS, this puts both Subud and Subud shareholders in a strong strategic position.

One share with two options will cost 50 US cents and must be purchased before the end of September. Should the drilling program prove successful it is unlikely that KIC shares will ever be available at this low price again. To purchase shares, please contact one of the people listed below. But intending investors should be aware that although the potential reward is high, mineral exploration is a high-risk undertaking.

Please note that the Canadian listed Kalimantan Gold Limited will communicate directly with its shareholders regarding any upcoming financing they are eligible to participate in.

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Additional Information:

Rahman Connelly has recently taken over the KIC Chair from Murray Clapham, who remains on the Board and as Chair of the Canadian listed Kalimantan Gold Corporation. Tim Scott (non-Subud) has recently been appointed as CEO of the various exploration companies. He has more than 25 years of Indonesian experience working in the resources area. Until recently, he was managing the Indonesian exploration activities of the Barrick Gold Corporation's, one of the world's largest gold producers.

Tours of Java and the Islands during the Congress

Simon Dick

Because it will be Bapak's 100th birthday on June 22, 2001 many events will take place prior to the Kalimantan Congress. Simon's Tours will provide the tours from Jakarta to Central Java, Bapak's cultural heritage, his birthplace and the site where he first received the Latihan. There will also be tours of Sulawesi and a tour of the jungles of Kalimantan is being planned.

The Java tour will include a train trip through, lush mountainous regions and rice paddies where the culture remains as it has been for thousands of years. It will tour Borobudur, the 9th century Buddhist hill temple and the 7th century Prambanan Hindu temples. At the Sultan's palace in Jogjakarta tour members will see classical dance, a wayang kulit performance, and hand batik. They will also tour Solo, browse in antique markets and visit the site where "Java man" dating back a million years - was discovered. There will be a cultural exchange with Subud members of the local area who will host some of the activities and be a part of the visit to Bapak's birthplace and the site where he received the Latihan.

The Sulawesi tour will visit Unjang Pandang the southern major city where the Bugis (pirate) boats rest in the harbor. There will be a van trip to Tana Toraja where they will attend the dramatic cultural ceremonies. They will take a walking tour of villages where the culture remains close to the original Aluk To'dolo beliefs. They will visit the Bantimurung water falls, the home of the enchanting ornithid butterflies, said to be the most beautiful in the world.

Simon Dick and his son Daniel of the US, who lived in Indonesia in the 1980's and traveled extensively, operate Simon's Tours. Daniel has returned a number of times to enjoy the culture in the remote regions. Simon has also often returned and they regard Indonesia as their second home. They can be contacted for more information by email at: simonstours@excite.com, or at 543 E. 11th Ave, Spokane, WA 99202 tel: 509 456 6865.

Membership Spotlight

A Turning Point for Ludwig von Hahn

Ludwig probably finds it perplexing why people often wonder exactly what it is he does. We know he's a pediatrician, but we also know he has studied psychiatry, and that he has something to do with Harvard but has also worked at other places in Boston. Well, Ludwig is a pediatrician, but has been learning about child psychiatry for the past two years, and trained in child behavior and development prior to that. He also started working with the public school system, and developed an interest in serving school personnel who work with children such as the ones he sees in his clinic.

Things recently changed for Ludwig when he began looking for permanent, full-time employment at which time he became just as perplexed as the rest of us. An arduous job-hunting process began back in January and turned into a much more nerve-wracking and introspective time that he anticipated. Ludwig thought he should continue to work in the United States. Somewhat to his own surprise, he tested about where he should do his life's work. Testing confirmed that the US was clearly a better place for him. He turned down a job offer in Montreal and continued looking in the US. With his training, finding a job should have been easy—people kept telling him that there was a 'crying need' for services such as his. He had ALWAYS found a job easily in the past. But in spite of interest in his training, he could not find a job. More than one offer was made, only to be withdrawn because of financial crises in the Massachusetts health care system, and in another case, because of apparently much more mysterious circumstances that were never entirely clear. (Ludwig believes they just couldn't do it, in spite of a wish to have him on board—but why make promises you can't keep?). Why was this job search so hard?

Time was running out. Not only was his present job, the fellowship in child psychiatry, coming to an end, but he also had only three weeks left on his work visa. Without an application for renewal in place, he would be obliged to leave the country. With no job in sight, he was making plans to return to Canada. At that point, after hunting and looking for months, he received an unexpected call from pediatrician whom he did not know, working at a center in New Hampshire he had never heard of: Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center. This is a residence and school for children with developmental/behavioral problems. The center was looking for a developmental pediatrician. Ludwig's first response was: "Well, I really don't want to work so far from Boston, but it can't hurt to take a look." Upon his arrival for the first interview, he learned more about their needs. The center was looking for someone to build up a new outpatient service, and to do consultation to public schools. They also needed some help managing psychiatric problems of the children attending their own school. "Wait a minute, did you say consultation to schools? Managing psychiatric problems? Did you write this job description for me personally?" It did take Ludwig a few more days to bend his brain around the idea of working outside of Boston. One of his friends convinced him: "Ludwig, you should take this job."

Within a few days, a second interview was scheduled.

The hiring process was accelerated. An immigration lawyer was hired to start the paperwork for the renewal of the work permit, before Ludwig was even officially hired. Finally, four days prior to the expiration of his work permit, Ludwig signed an offer of employment. This document, required by the INS for the work petition, was taken to the immigration lawyer's office the next day. One day before his work permit expired, an application for renewal was in. Ludwig had a job, and could stay in the country.

Ludwig has been working now at his new position for three weeks. He is amazed by how much he is enjoying both the job, and the surroundings. And, given the unexpected circumstances preceding his arrival, there is little doubt in his mind that a higher force was guiding him to this place. He wants everyone to know that even though he works in Greenfield, NH, he will be coming to latihan as usual, on both Wednesdays and Sundays, and keeping his apartment in Boston.

Helper/Committee Update

In just a few weeks we will be having our annual September membership meeting, the primary purpose of which will be to elect a new chairperson. The process of nomination in Boston has varied from year to year. One suggestion has been made this year for individuals to simply nominate themselves, or nominate others who are willing to serve, and propose the names to Lillian Shulman.

If you would like to do some testing ahead of time about putting your name forward (or any other receiving about serving on the committee), please contact any of the helpers to arrange to test after latihan in the next few weeks.

It would be good to decide as a group how we want the election to take place procedurally. If there are multiple candidates, should we select our new chairperson through testing alone, voting alone, or a combination of both? It is very important that we achieve harmony in both our purpose and method. The dewan (helpers and committee) would like to open a dialogue on this topic and hold short discussion groups after latihan in the weeks leading up to the meeting.

Since it is summertime, and the upcoming Subud East Coast Congress and Labor Day fall on one of the weekends, we realize it is unlikely we'll be able to get everyone together at one time prior to September 17th. So please stick around after latihan when you can, or phone or email Lillian, Viviana or any of the helpers. Let your voice be heard!

Editor's note:

As you know, Ruslan has valiently proofread and published the Subud Boston Newsletter for years, but since he plans to travel soon for a yet-to-be-determined length of time, we are in need of someone to take over his role.

In addition, I have served as editor for over two years and, while having thoroughly enjoyed this work and grown tremendously through it, I am ready to pass the torch on to the next person.

Please consider getting involved with the newsletter production (which will soon be web-based). Let us know if you're interested!

Dates to Remember

Visit www.subudboston.org for the most up-to-date information on current events!

SEPTEMBER

- 2-4 SEC Congress - Philadelphia
- 13 Men's discussion group after latihan
- 17 Fall membership meeting/potluck to be held at the church - we will be electing a new chairperson - watch for an announcement giving the time of this gathering
- 18 Helper/Committee latihan, 7:45

OCTOBER

- 1 Dessert/Discussion after latihan
- 2 Helper/Committee latihan, 7:45
- 11 Men's discussion group after latihan
- 16 Helper/Committee latihan, 7:45

Quote of Note:

"Fortunately, brothers and sisters, you are able to experience and to feel how it is in the present era, when it is really true that the weapons devour their masters. They devour their masters; they do not devour God. It is those who made them who are now afraid of them. Yes; there is trouble if they are stored, trouble if they are discarded, trouble if they are scrapped, so it is a question what to do with them. But you must not be distressed, brothers and sisters, for it is all in the hands of God, and even though death may be staring mankind in the face, nothing can possibly happen unless God allows it to happen."

-Bapak

Birthdays

AUGUST

- 1 Margery Frost
Kenton Hensley
- 15 Ludwig von Hahn
- 17 Bruce Eckler

SEPTEMBER

- 29 Sandy Renna

Announcements

Dear brothers and sisters,

Just a quick note to let you know that the July issue of **Oz Reporter** is available and accessible on subudportal.org then go to publications and scroll down to Oz Reporter. If July isn't showing, then hit your refresh button at the top. It takes about six minutes to download. Happy reading...

Hanafi Hayes, Editor

Mina Clavero 2000, Nov. 11-22

There are 3 international kedjiwaan gatherings taking place prior to the world congress in Kalimantan next July. The first is in October in Los Angeles, the second is in Quito Ecuador, and the third will be in Mina Clavero, Argentina, which will be the first World Subud Council (WSC) meeting held in the southern hemisphere! For more information and registration forms, speak to Lillian Shulman. You can also visit www.minaclavero2000.freeservers.com.

World congress

Lillian also has registration info for the 2001 World Congress.

Newsletter Staff - fresh faces sought!

Both Ruslan and Lorena seek their successors! Please let us know if you're interested!

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