



Welcome to Congress

Maya Korzybska writes on behalf of the World Congress organising team...

Here we are all together at last! What a joy when Subud brothers and sisters come together from around the world, to worship, work and celebrate together. Those of us who have been working for so many months on this event are delighted that, through God's grace and guidance, we have been able to come this far... and survive!

As is typical for each World Congress, this one here in Puebla has its own particular flavour. Mexico is the host country, but members from other countries of Zone 7, namely the USA and Canada, have also formed part of the organising team; and the different departments and ministries of the city itself that we have been dealing with, have gone out of their way to be helpful, supportive and accommodating. In addition, of course, the World Council and the WSA

Bienvenido al Congreso

Maya Korzybska escribe a nombre del equipo organizador del Congreso Mundial...

¡Aquí estamos todos juntos al fin! Qué alegría cuando los hermanos y hermanas Subud llegan de todas partes del mundo, a adorar, trabajar y celebrar juntos. Quienes de nosotros que hemos estado trabajando durante tantos meses en este evento estamos encantados de que, a través de la gracia y la guía de Dios, hemos logrado llegar hasta aquí... ¡y sobrevivir!

Como es ya típico de cada Congreso Mundial, este aquí en Puebla tiene su propio y particular sabor. México es el país anfitrión, pero los miembros de otros países de la Zona 7, a saber Estados Unidos y Canadá, también forman parte del equipo organizador; y los diferentes departamentos y ministerios de la ciudad misma con los que hemos estado tratando han salido de su cotidianidad para poder ayudar y apoyar en todo lo posible. Adicionalmente, por

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Members of the Convention Centre team working on logistics to welcome you to Congress.

Miembros del equipo del Centro de Convenciones trabajando en logística para darles la bienvenida al Congreso.

Executive have been deeply involved in the preparations.

So, a lot of good feelings, effort and hard work have gone into preparing the framework for our World Congress, and now, as it begins and progresses, we also depend very gratefully on many volunteers to make things run as smoothly as possible. Even so, we are aware that there will always be shortcomings and challenges arising, and for this we ask your understanding.

As I said before, Puebla has been amazingly welcoming and accommodating. The Convention Centre, meeting rooms in the hotels as well as the school have been given to us for our use for free. This has allowed us to increase the amount of members we have been able to support to come, who would otherwise have been unable to attend.

Despite this great bonus; materials needed, equipment, technical support, administrative services, insurances, the on line registration system, website etc. etc. are considerable costs and so we still ask you to bear with us, if we have not achieved everything to perfection and to allow for flexibility and compromise, and share your good humour.

supuesto, el Consejo Mundial y el Ejecutivo de la WSA han estado profundamente involucrados en los preparativos.

Por lo que, muchos buenos sentimientos, esfuerzo y duro trabajo han estado presentes en la preparación de la estructura del Congreso Mundial, y es ahora que éste comienza y progresa, también dependemos de los muchos voluntarios que hacen que las cosas funciones tan bien como sea posible, lo que mucho agradecemos. Aún así, estamos conscientes de que siempre surgirán dificultades y desafíos, y por esto pedimos su comprensión.

Tal como antes dije, Puebla nos ha dado una asombrosa bienvenida y ha sido en extremo complaciente. El Centro de Convenciones, los salones de reunión en los hoteles y también las escuelas nos han sido dados gratis para nuestro uso. Esto nos ha permitido incrementar la cantidad de miembros que hemos podido apoyar a venir, que de otra manera no hubieran podido asistir.

A pesar de esta bonificación; los materiales requeridos, el equipamiento, el apoyo técnico, los servicios administrativos, los seguros, el sistema de inscripción en línea, el sitio web etc. etc. representan un costo considerable, por lo que aún les pedimos su compren-

Giving content and value to the World Congress depends on us all: how we are able to put the latihan into practice in everything we do here, and how we relate to each other in a supportive and respectful manner. In equal measure, the way we behave and interact with the wonderful people of our host city reflects and is an expression of who we are. Let us all make them feel welcome when they are among us at our public exhibitions and events and let us show our appreciation in the way we interact with them as we visit their city and enjoy all it has to offer.

Puebla is immensely aware of our coming and our presence here, so we will all be giving them a vision of Subud through everything we do here. ●

THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY

Harris Smart writes about how to get the most out of Congress...

I have been in Subud for a very long time, like 45 years, and I've been to several World Congresses, as well as countless other Subud meetings, and yet I can still experience moments of being acutely lost, lonely and depressed at World Congress.

The experience is so intense. Everything is amped up, the good and the bad.

So, yes, even to this day, I experience these moments of being acutely lost and isolated. There is nothing worse than feeling helpless and miserable while everyone around you seems to be having a great time.

What's the answer? Well, the latihan can be a great help of course, but another thing that I think is really important is to have a subgroup that you can go to within the bigger group.

It is very easy to get completely lost in



Harris, Editor of Subud Voice, hoping to dance.

Harris, Editor de Subud Voice, espera bailar.

sión, en caso de que no todo se logre a la perfección, y también necesitamos sean flexibles y comprometidos con el Congreso... y que compartan su buen humor.

El contenido y valor del Congreso Mundial depende de todos nosotros: cómo podemos poner en práctica el latihan en todo lo que aquí hacemos, y cómo nos relacionamos entre nosotros de forma colaborativa y respetuosa. De igual modo, la forma en que nos comportamos e interactuamos con la maravillosa gente de nuestra ciudad anfitriona refleja y es una expresión de quienes somos. Logremos que se sientan felices cuando se encuentren entre nosotros en nuestras exhibiciones públicas y eventos y mostremos nuestro aprecio en la forma en que interactuamos con ellos al visitar su ciudad y disfrutar de todo lo que nos ofrece.

Puebla está inmensamente consciente de nuestra llegada y presencia aquí, por lo que todos les daremos una visión de Subud a través de todo lo que aquí hagamos. ●

LA AGONÍA Y EL ÉXTASIS

Harris Smart escribe sobre cómo lograr lo máximo del Congreso...

He estado en Subud por mucho tiempo, como unos 45 años, y he estado en varios Congresos Mundiales, al igual que en incontables otras reuniones Subud, y aún puedo experimentar momentos de estar agudamente perdido, solitario y deprimido en el Congreso Mundial.

La experiencia es tan intensa. Todo se amplifica, lo bueno y lo malo.

Sí, aún hoy en día, experimento estos momentos de

estar agudamente perdido y aislado. No hay nada peor que sentirse impotente y miserable mientras todos a tu alrededor parecen estarla pasando bien.

¿Cuál es la respuesta? Bueno, el latihan puede ser de gran ayuda por supuesto, pero otra cosa que pienso es realmente importante es tener un subgroupo con el que puedas andar dentro del grupo mayor.

Es muy fácil > perderse totalmente en

the big group. The small group can be people that you know already, but it is also good to have some groups that are more or less incorporated into the structure of Congress.

For instance, one of my “sanctuaries” at Congress will be Susila Dharma. SD has its own location in Congress and its own stream of programs where I know I will be welcomed and accepted and given warm and supportive feelings.

That’s the agony taken care of. What’s the ecstasy part? It can take many forms of course. Here is one of my stories...

In the months before the Christchurch Congress, I felt pretty low. I couldn’t figure out what to do with my life. The first day I was at Congress someone thrust a microphone in my face and asked, “What you looking for at Congress?”

Without thinking, I said, "I am looking for a new life."

Amazingly, I did find it at Congress. Through a series of synchronicities I found myself volunteering to teach at BCU in Kalimantan and this turned out to be a most rewarding experience that really did enrich my life and give me a whole new direction.

Hoping we will all find what we need at this Congress. I am hoping to dance...

IN THE INTERESTS OF COMPLETE DISCLOSURE...

We regret to inform readers that the picture of the editor, Harris Smart, standing in front of an Aztec temple ruin is a complete fake, courtesy of “green screen”, taken at an Aztec exhibition at the museum in his home city of Melbourne.

en el grupo grande. El grupo pequeño puede estar formado por gente que ya conoces, pero también es bueno tener algunos grupos que estén más o menos incorporados dentro de la estructura del Congreso.

Por ejemplo, uno de mis “santuarios” en el Congreso será Susila Dharma. SD tiene su local propio en el Congreso y su propio flujo de programas donde sé, siempre seré bien recibido y aceptado y donde me darán calor y apoyo afectivo

De la agonía me cuidarán. ¿Cuál es la parte del éxtasis? Puede tomar muchas formas, por supuesto. He aquí una de mis historias...

En los meses anteriores al Congreso de Christchurch me sentí muy decaído. No podía imaginar qué hacer con mi vida. El primer día del Congreso alguien me puso un micrófono en la cara y preguntó, “¿Qué estás buscando en el Congreso?”

Sin pensar dije, “Estoy buscando una nueva vida.”

Sorpresivamente sí la encontré en el Congreso. A través de una serie de sincronicidades me encontré enseñando voluntariamente en la escuela BCU en Kalimantan y esto resultó ser una experiencia altamente reconfortante que realmente enriqueció mi vida y me dio toda una nueva dirección.

Esperamos que todos encontremos lo que necesitamos en este Congreso. Yo espero bailar...

EN EL MEJOR INTERÉS DE UNA COMPLETA TRANSPARENCIA...

Lamentamos informar a los lectores que la imagen del editor, Harris Smart, parado frente a las ruinas del templo azteca es totalmente falsa, cortesía de “green screen” (pantalla verde), tomada en la exhibición azteca en el museo de Melbourne, su ciudad natal.

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