
EDITORIAL

Wish you all a very happy New Year 2016 !

After last few years of commendable service as the Chief Editor, Prof. Dr. Tapan Kumar Pal got relieved of this responsibility as per his desire, and the onus came to the undersigned to act as the Chief Editor. It is really not possible for me to fill up the gap that has been created due to absence of Prof. Pal. However, with the support of all members of the Editorial Board, others concerned and taking the advice of Prof. Pal, now a Member of Editorial Board, hope I can manage the task assigned to me as much as possible.

The year 2016 is the **Golden Jubilee Year of the Indian Institute of Welding**. Celebration of this Golden Jubilee starts with the event to organize in Kolkata on April 22, 2016. There will be an International event, **IIW Research Colloquium**, to organize on April 7-9, 2016 by the Hyderabad Branch. With the **National Welding Seminar 2016** and **Weld India 2016** to be held in Kolkata in December, 2016, celebration of the Golden Jubilee year of IIW-India will come to an end. There will also be a number of other programmes to organize by respective branches, chapters and sections of IIW-India. **Let us all take part in a big way to celebrate the glorious FIFTY YEARS' journey of this institute.**

Since this issue, the new column, namely **'Members in the News'** is introduced under IIW-India News, Congratulation to Mr. A. K. Mukherjee and Mr. D. Debnath for their achievements.

In this January 2016 issue of the Indian Welding Journal, three technical research articles are included after usual review process and plagiarism checking. The first article is on **"Effect of Root Opening on Distortion of Butt-Joints in Submerged Arc Welding"** by G. Mahendramani and N. Lakshmana Swamy. Nachimani Charde of Malaysia contributed the second article of a series of his articles being published in the IWJ, namely, **"Resistance Spot Welds of 304L Austenitic Stainless Steel, Part 2: Signals Measurement, Dynamic Resistance, Electrically Generated Forging Force, Metallurgy and Hardness Distribution Analysis"**, whereas the last article is authored by Khara et al. and the title is **"Weld Cladding with Austenitic Stainless Steel for Imparting Corrosion Resistance"**.

Two articles are also being published within the column, **"Tit Bit in Welding"**. Thanks to Mr. Samir Kumar Ghose and Mr. S. K. Gupta for contributing to this section. Titles of their articles are **"Welding Precautions at a Glance for Various Materials"** and **"An Approach to Best Welding Practice. Part- I"** respectively.

Prospective authors are requested to contribute research articles following Author Guideline available in www.iiwindia.com. Authors from industry are invited to send case study or glimpse of some of their new developments or practices for inclusion in the column, named "Tit Bit in Welding". Articles may please be sent to the Chief Editor (Email: iwj.iiw@gmail.com).

We are going to take some new steps to the research articles published in the IWJ. Each contributed article published in the IWJ since its beginning will be assigned a DOI (digital object identifier) number. Abstracting service would be extended with some other agency. Hope from this Golden Jubilee year of the IIW-India, there will be wider audience to the contents of the Indian Welding Journal.



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