

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

I am happy to address all of you through this issue of our Welding Journal about the activities and the progress in various fronts of our Institute. This year is a very special to every member as our Institute is celebrating the Golden Jubilee this year. We have travelled a long road to reach this Milestone.

From a humble beginning in the year 1966 we have crossed many hurdles and reached the state today. This was possible because of the untiring efforts of various personnel of the institute who have spent their valuable time and Money for the growth of the Institute. At this stage I offer my humble salutations to all those who are behind the growth of our Institute. As a part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations we are releasing a souvenir which covers the growth of our Institute and various activities.

This year our Institute has planned a yearlong programs throughout the country as the **Golden Jubilee Year Celebrations**.

The first program will be the **6th Welding Research Colloquium** of the International Institute and the first in Asia from **7th April to 9th April 2016** in the **City of Hyderabad**. Over 100 researchers from all over the world and from India will meet, interact on the requirements of our country and the present status of Research activities and the future needs and prepare a guideline for achieving the same.

The **Golden Jubilee day** will be celebrated in our Head quarters city at **Kolkata on 22nd April**. A symposium will be organized in the Theme of "**Welding for Nation Building**" our corporate slogan and we propose to felicitate all our Past Presidents, Vice Presidents and Secretaries who have taken pains to bring our Institute to this level today. Few individuals who have contributed for the growth of our Institute will be awarded the Prestigious "**Golden Jubilee Welding Ratna Award**", "**Golden Jubilee International Excellence Award**". The details of the celebration are already uploaded in our website www.iwindia.com.

All our branches will be celebrating this event in their respective branches between the period **24th April to 30th April** enabling all members to attend the same.

A science quiz competition is planned throughout the country for the school students as a part of Knowledge search mission.

The welders who work in the various difficult conditions at Industries and at sites will be checked for sound Health by organizing the welders Free Health check up camps at all branch locations.

Young Engineer Elocution contest on National Level will be organized from the month of July and the final will be celebrated in Kochi in the month of August/September.

The Golden Jubilee National Welding Meet will be organized in the city of Pune in the month of August.

A one day workshop on Skill development will be held in New Delhi in the month of October

Young Professional welding convention will be organized in the city of Vadodara in the month of September.

The Best Welder and the Best Welding Engineer contest will be organized from September to November in all the branch locations.

The yearlong celebrations will be concluded in December with a **3 day Golden Jubilee National Welding Seminar and Weld India exhibitions.**

The Institute has identified the requirement of skilled personnel for the survival of the Indian Industries growth and sustainability. Keeping this in view we have now directed ourselves to focus on the improvement of the skill levels in the country by closely working with the Government.

It is felt by the industries that graduate level Bachelor Degree courses in Welding engineering need to be introduced in the country in the various Engineering Colleges and the universities. IIW in its mission has set up new Group called "Modular Welding Education System" and are preparing a detailed report and the same will be discussed with the Ministry of HRD, Govt of India and impress the need of this stream as a course in the Engineering colleges. A retired Vice Chancellor of a University has been entrusted this responsibility.

In order to work closely with the Government and with the Industries a Public Relation committee has been introduced and the team will be able to take IIW programs to all parts by proper communications and meeting. We have further strengthened our bond with ISNT another professional Institute. Discussions are on with other institutes like ASM & IIM. The Association of Welding Product Manufacturers (AWPM) and our Institute are working closely to the benefit of welding Industries. Presently we have built a strong relation with CII and with Sector Skill council and we hope to work more closely with these organizations and with Industries to take up the skill development and safety programs to all corners of the country and request the Government to recognize and notify the welding as an important activity and needs proper recognition.

The Institute has developed the Vision plan and in order to implement and take our Institute to higher level all members co operation are needed. I call upon the young professionals and welding personnel from academia, Research and Developments and from Industries to join in the main stream of the activities by actively participating in the branch and at National levels.

With our continued relations with the International Institute we are able to get substantial benefit for our country by organizing International events once in three years. This needs to be strengthened by regularly participating in the International Welding assemblies and conferences every year by presenting a number of papers in various technical commissions. I request our Industries to depute sufficient technologists from their companies to participate actively in the Welding assemblies and Conferences as a Member of the National Delegation team and also to get an opportunity to nominate our Indian experts to various welding commissions.

I on behalf our central council extend our Invitation to one and all to participate in our yearlong activities regularly and contribute to the growth of our Institute to Make the "**Make In India**" mission possible.

Wishing you all the best.

With Kind regards,



R. Srinivasan
President