EDITORIAL

We, all IIW-Indians, have joyously started celebration of the **Golden Jubilee Year, 2016** of the Indian Institute of Welding on **April 22 2016**, the Golden Jubilee Day of the Institute, at The Stadel, Salt Lake City, Kolkata. Large number of members and guests assembled on this occasion to commemorate this day to make it a grand success.

Through out the year, different branches, chapters and sections of the Indian Institute of Welding are celebrating the Golden Jubilee. Chennai Branch has already organized Welding Quiz Contest among school students of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry along with Golden Jubilee Celebration. There has been overwhelming response to participate in the Quiz from the students to make the event successful.

In this Golden Jubilee Year, IIW Research Colloquium has been organized first time in India by the newly formed Hyderabad Branch of the IIW-India on April 07-09 2016 successfully. A report on this international event is included in this issue of the Indian Welding Journal.

National Welding Meet 2016 will be held at College of Engineering, Pune on August 27, 2016. National Welding Seminar 2016 and Weld India 2016 will be held in Kolkata on December 15-17, 2016 and with it, celebration of the Golden Jubilee year of IIW-India will come to an end.

The July 2016 issue of the Indian Welding Journal is now ready to publish. As usual, Mr. P. K. Das has edited the Branch reports and other reports, etc. The column, "Tit Bit in Welding" includes this time two articles. "An Approach to Best Welding Practice: Part-III"- the 4th article in a series, has been written by Mr. S. K. Gupta and "Crain Rail Welding by MMAW Process Replacing Thermit Welding" has been contributed by Mr. Prabir Kumar Bhattacherjee of Larsen & Toubro Limited. I thank all the three authors for contributing these articles.

Contributory articles being published in this issue are: "Developing an Empirical Relationship to Predict the Strength of Friction Stir Spot Welded Dissimilar Joints of Aluminum Alloy with Carbon Steel" by S. Manickam, C. Rajendran and V. Balasubramanian, "Surface Modification of High Carbon Steel by Autogenous Pulsed Tungsten Inert Gas Arcing" authored by Somnath Basu, P. K. Ghosh and J. S. Saini and "Resistance Spot Welds of 304L Austenitic Stainless Steel, Part 3: 1 & 1, 1 & 2 and 2 & 2 mm Thickness of Weld Joints" by Nachimani Charde. I sincerely thank the authors for choosing the Indian Welding Journal for publishing their articles.

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". All the articles are to send to the Chief Editor through email in MS-word as well as in pdf files (Email: iwj.iiw@gmail.com).

Shortly, assignment of DOI (digital object identifier) to the research articles published in the IWJ, further abstracting services, etc. would be started. Hope, with these steps, in this Golden Jubilee year of the IIW-India, Indian Welding Journal will find readers from wider spectrum of welding scientists and engineers across the globe.

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