

HONY. SECRETARY GENERAL'S DESK

Dear Members,

At the outset, I am pleased to inform you that the year ended 31st March, 2012 has been a really eventful year for the Institute. Starting from organizing the 64th Annual Assembly the mega event of IIW in July -2011 at Chennai followed by National Welding Seminar 2011 held in December at Bhilai and finally concluded through Branch Seminars and Workshop organized by Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata Branches during February-2012.

The Delhi Branch organized their Annual Seminar on the theme "Emerging Trends in Welding Industries" at India International Centre, New Delhi on 11th February, 2012 which was attended by 125 delegates and was a grand success.

The Mumbai Branch along with Pune chapter organized their Annual Seminar on "Advances in Welding Materials, Automation & Quality" on 18th February, 2012 at the College of Engineering, Pune.

To bring general awareness amongst the students of Engineering Colleges in West Bengal, Kolkata Branch in association with Welding Technology Centre, Jadavpur University, organized one day Workshop on "Advancement in Welding Technology" on 25th February, 2012 at Gandhi Bhawan Jadavpur University, Kolkata. 350 students representing various engineering colleges in West Bengal participated in this workshop. The workshop created immense interest amongst the participants for AMIIW. This is a noble idea and I would request all the Branches to organize such awareness program so that more students may appear for AMIIW Examination to obtain AMIIW Degree equivalent to Bachelor degree in Welding.

Members will be pleased to learn that we have been accorded provisional approval as an Authorized National Body for Company Certification (ANBCC) in India. We have launched a new programme for company certification in compliance with ISO : 3834 as per the International Institute of Welding's Manufacturers Certification Scheme. To enrich our knowledge and to start the Certification activities till we receive the final approval from IAB (it will take 8 to 10 months) we entered a Co-operation agreement with Italian Institute of Welding (IIS Cert) of Italy. The agreement covers cooperation in ISO 3834 auditing/certification activities, IIW India assessor/technical experts' training, cooperation on ISO 15085 etc.

As per this agreement, IIS Cert deputed one of their experts Dr. Paolo Picollo for training of IIW India assessors and technical experts. The 4-day training programme was organized at Kolkata from 19th to 22nd February 2012.

We obtained an order from a Delhi base Company for Certification on ISO: 3834. Subsequently, 2 IIS Cert auditors (including Mr. Stefano Morra currently the Chairman Gr. B of IAB and also the Technical Manager of IIS Cert) were deputed for auditing. The IIS audit team was also accompanied by 3 of our trainee assessors (apart from Director-MCS and The Scheme Manager) for 'on job' training as per the qualification requirements for our assessors. Three persons amongst who were trained at Kolkata were deputed for this 'on job' training.

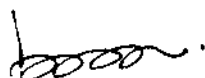
The auditing process went off smoothly and no major 'non-conformities' were found by the auditors. However, there were a few observations in the audit report. The formal certificate will be issued only after satisfactory resolution of these observations. The certificate to be issued by IIS Cert will be routed through IIW India.

A 'Technical Meet' was organised on ISO : 3834 at Kolkata jointly by CII and IIW India (at CII's Suresh Neotia Centre for excellence, Salt Lake) on 20th February where prospective clients were invited. The main speaker was Mr. Paolo Picollo of IIS Cert (the trainer from IIS Cert) supported by IIW India officials. There were lively discussions after the presentations.

A half-day seminar on ISO : 3834 was organized at Delhi at Hotel Jaypee Siddhartha jointly by CII Delhi and IIW India on 25th February. A number of serious clients attended the seminar. Dr. Stefano Morra and Dr. Paolo Picollo made the presentations apart from IIW officials. Arising out of this seminar 2/3 customers shown their keen interest to go for ISO 3834/EN 15085.

Recently we were requested by the PMO's Office, National Skill Development Council in Delhi to make a presentation on the Institute's activities particularly in the area of Human Resources and Skill Development in Welding. Following the presentations, the Executive Director of the Skill Development Council of the Govt. of India has requested the Institute to give a proposal for training of twenty thousand welders per year through our NWTCS programme through the Authorized Training Institute of IIW-India, to meet the requirement of Fabrication and Construction industries in the country.

Best regards



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