

Message from President, IIW

Dear Members,

Returning from the annual conference of The International Institute of Welding at Hague commencing from 29th June to 6th July 1991, I have great pleasure to brief the resume of the conference covering *plenary session, welding in 2000 years, important technical commissions, governing council meetings, etc.*

The plenary session addressed by Minister of Industry, Govt. of Nederland on *Impact of European Standards on the European & Global Industries* enumerates the total global political, industrial scenario vis-a-vis its impact on European scenario followed by the forthcoming standardisation on the European market and global welding industrial market. This lecture also covers the standardisation which would take place with effect from 1st January 1993 in the European Common Market covering the processes, materials, quality, systems and industrial applications. There was very little mention about the effect of these forthcoming changes involving the third world and under-developed countries.

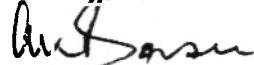
Welding/Joining 2000 Conference took place in parallel session covering *Industrial applications and processes for one session and Materials & quality systems* in another session. The International Institute of Welding had also published a book on this, covering all aspects of **JOINING/WELDING 2000**. The above conference held for 2 days with sufficient time for discussions and debate.

For the next 3 days, various Technical commissions had discussion, deliberations, arguments on adoption and laying down the directions of various programmes for the year 1991-92. The Commission-12 had published a guide briefing on various jobs so far undertaken during the year 1990-91 and the new jobs to be taken during the year 1991-92.

The conference was attended by over 600 delegates from all over the world and a big contingent had attended from Japan, China, Sweden and Germany etc. Very few Indian participant including Dr. Achar, representing G.K.S.S. Research Centre, Germany & Mr. P. Rabi Bishnu, representing University of Lulea, Sweden were also present. The conference was coupled with various social events and visits to industrial organisations.

With this brief report, I now come back to the main stream activities of The Indian Institute of Welding and look forward to see all of you at National Welding Seminar 1991 at Madras and SOJOM 1991 at Trichy. I was informed that few foreign delegates will be attending in above seminars. All the individuals Corporate members are being requested to render donations, advertisements, and sponsors to the generously to make these events successful and effective.

Thanking you,



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