

From the Editor's Desk

This is the last and possibly the busiest quarter of the year. This period covers most of our major festivals and is also the time when most conferences and seminars are organised.

Our own National Welding Seminar - 1987 is going to be held at Bangalore, this year on 26 - 28 November, 1987. Like previous years, this year also the response has been very heartening and the organisers, at the IIW Bangalore Branch, are busy in making arrangements for the occasion. I am sure all members will give active support in making "Welding 87" a grand success.

A significant trend this year has been that the fabrication industries are taking increased interest in improving their productivity and quality by adopting the modern welding processes and systems for mechanisation and automation. In response, various branches of the Indian Institute of Welding have given stress on organising courses on MIG/MAG Welding, Submerged Arc Welding, Quality Assurance in Welding and training of Welders, Supervisors, Inspectors and Welding Engineers. The Indian Institute of Welding is also planning to introduce the AME-IIW Examination by January 1988.

Another significant and welcome news is the setting up of a Development Panel on Welding Equipments, Electrodes and other welding consumables by the Government of India under D G T D.

This panel is to consider the present status and perspectives of the Industry and recommend members for its growth and technological upgradation. Formation of this panel gives the Welding Industry a great opportunity to bring in the latest developments and take a quantum jump in modernisation of processes and manufacturing technologies, this represents a vital step in meeting the development challenges of the country.

Wishing you all the best for the festive season.



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