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## Message from Hony. Secretary, IIW (1999-2000)

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Dear Professional Colleagues,

As the new millennium begins to unfold let us resolve to help India take her rightful place on the world stage. It is a privilege for me to serve our Institute at this juncture, given the confidence reposed in me by you all and distinguished colleagues on our Council.

May I invite you to share ideas and purposeful schemes towards improved working of your prestigious Institute. The Secretariat at HQ strives to better serve the membership directly, and through our eleven Branches, and welcomes your suggestions for improvement.

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the coming century holds great promise for us, thanks to the excellent foundation laid by many illustrious predecessors and other colleagues. Welding as an 'enabling technology' impinges upon every industry sector. Let us, with renewed professionalism, support continued systems development and career enhancement of the individuals, and help raise the profile of industrial corporate members in the pervasive new global economic dispensation. Apart from keeping abreast of materials engineering and joining technologies in which our esteemed Institute plays a pro-active role, we have before us the challenge of sustainable development, of harmonising industry's interest with that of society at large. To do this we need greater vision and thought while taking stock of the direction, timing and pace of changes rapidly happening around us. Knowledge management will aid IIW in the future.

I am confident that with whole-hearted support and encouragement from all of us to the systems underpinning the IIW, our esteemed profession would continue to grow from strength to strength. Come, let us join together in this eminently worthwhile task.

Please accept my greetings to you and your families in the new year.

Sd/-  
**J. C. SHAHANI**

Calcutta, 10th January 2000