



From Hony. Secretary General

Dear Members,

As you may already know, the National Welding Seminar 2010 was organized by our IIW India Visakhapatnam Branch at the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Training & Development Centre from 21-23rd December, 2010. The Seminar was organized in association with RINL/VSP and Shri P. K. Bishnoi, Chairman and Managing Director, RINLVSP was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the Seminar. There was very good response from the welding fraternity and 74 Technical papers were presented in 20 Technical sessions with four parallel

sessions spread over one and half days. Over 250 delegates from all over the country attended the Seminar. Along with the Seminar a two day Pre Conference Tutorial and a small industrial exhibition was also arranged. I must congratulate the Vizag Branch for organizing the seminar in such an excellent manner considering their limited experiences and resources.

With respect to our preparations for the 64th Annual Assembly and International Conference of IIW to be held from the 17-23rd July 2011, a three member team comprising of M/s. R. Ravi, Chairman, C .C. Girotra, Convenor and B. K. Mishra, Chairman, Finance Committee IAA&IC-2011 had attended the IIW Governing Body Meeting held in Paris from 17-20th January, 2011. They made a detailed presentation to brief the IIW Board and Secretariat on the preparations made so far by IIW India. The arrangements were approved by the Governing Board of the IIW. During this visit Mr. B. K. Mishra, Chairman, ANB India also attended the IAB Group A & B Meetings, Commission XIV meeting and also IAB Board Working Group Meeting on Competition. I am pleased to mention that IIW India's participation and proposals with respect to extension of Transition arrangements and competition were well received and positively considered for implementation by the IAB.

I am also pleased to report that the MES Assessment activities has recommenced and our IIW India MES Assessing Body (MAB) has conducted a number of assessments in ITI's spread over Maharashtra and few other states. We are in the process of installing an organization structure consisting of MES State coordinators and IIW India MES Authorized Assessors for taking care of these activities.

With warm regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Parimal Biswas', written in a cursive style.

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