



Dear Members,

You will be glad to know that the Preparatory Work of the 64<sup>th</sup> IIW Annual Assembly and International Conference is progressing well. The Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 at Hotel Le Royal Meridien. The International Conference will be held at Chennai Trade Centre on 21-22 July, 2011. The 6<sup>th</sup> International Welding Exhibition, WELD INDIA 2011 will be held concurrently at CTC from 21-23 July, 2011.

This is the first time after the forty-five years of formation when IIW India is going to organize the mega event 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly and International Conference of the International Institute of Welding (IIW).

After the release of information's for organizing 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly and International Conference scheduled for India we have been receiving tremendous response from the major member countries of IIW including also from India. Amongst the overseas countries who have confirmed their participations for the forthcoming Annual Assembly in India are AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CANADA, DENMARK, EGYPT, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, HUNGARY, IRAN, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAPAN, LITHUANIA, MALAYASIA, MOROCCO, NEW ZEALAND, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, CHINA, POLAND, PORTUGAL, KOREA, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THAILAND, TURKEY, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA etc. During the Annual Assembly from India we are expecting altogether 32 papers from Indian authors will be presented for documentation by IIW.

Out of our targeted figure of 600 registered delegates for the above mega event we have already reached more than half of the above figure. Concurrently with the above event an International Exhibition WELD INDIA-2011 is also being organized at the Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai during 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2011. I am glad to inform you that out of our saleable Space, major areas have already been booked by Indian Companies as well as also from overseas industries.

On the occasion of our mega event IIW-2011, it has been decided by the Council to publish the IWJ July-2011 issue as special issue. I would appeal to all the industries to participate in this special issue to give generous contribution through booking of advertisement space.

Through participation in this mega event you may meet jewels of the Welding World and access the latest developments in Welding Technology. For the benefit of the participating delegates elaborate arrangements have already been made by IIW-India. Hope you would not miss the opportunity of attending this mega event IIW-2011.

Coming back to IIW-India activities, our Branches have been organizing 45<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Celebration of the Institute. Through this programme IIW-India major activities including our mega event IIW-2011 is being focused.

Members will be glad to learn that to enhance more number of participation, the last date of Early Bird Registration has been extended from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2011 and I hope that members will take advantage of this opportunity. We are constantly updating the latest development status on our exclusive Website [www.iiw2011.com](http://www.iiw2011.com) maintained for this event.

While, I appreciate many of the Committee Members of our branches are busy with the organizational work related to various areas of this mega event, I would request all branches to adhere to our standard norms to close their accounts and conduct the branch Annual General Meeting by 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2011 to enable us to hold the AGM of the Institute by 30<sup>th</sup> September'11.

With warm regards.

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