



Dear Members,

I am thankful to you all for electing me as the President of the Institute this year. Our Institute has achieved prominence in promoting awareness of training, R &D, quality assurance, inspection, testing, health & safety aspects through out the country .It has attained the expertise to enhance skill of welding professionals.

The first issue of this journal for the year, 2007 came out with the collaboration of AWS. It was the beginning of co-operation between the two establishments to offer better value to their respective members. An obvious synergy that emerged from the collaboration was for the IIW to provide its readers a wider spectrum of welding technology developments throughout the world by publishing key articles from the AWS journal. This step has improved the image and visibility of the journal.

Another achievement of our institute is our appointment as an Authorized National Body by the International Institute of Welding for promoting education and qualification in line with the International Standards, which will be globally recognized and accepted. My approach as the president of IIW shall be to provide thought leadership, create infrastructure, create social environment to collaborate together, to make a difference , to make changes. After all as they say change is the only constant. I believe that IIW urgently needs to adapt itself with the changing times in order to meet members needs and expectations. The most important asset of our organization body is its members. Therefore, all efforts to change our organization functions, processes and communication Shall be aimed to achieve improvements in order to satisfy the needs of its members. In this respect I shall consistently welcome suggestions.

Our members have joined IIW to enhance their professional knowledge. I promise all the members all over India that we shall work hard towards this philosophy and reduce the problems faced in all facets of its organization and programmes of IIW.

The most important annual event i.e. the National Welding Seminar along with the Welding Exhibition titled "WELD INDIA EXPO" will be held at Mumbai from 4th to 7th February,2009. I am sure that the quality of technical papers and the exhibits will be high enough to be on par with the international seminars and exhibitions.

The aim of publishing this journal jointly for networking, delivering and disseminating Information will be appreciated.

Let us continue our work at the Institute to achieve our goal. Before I close I take this opportunity to wish you all a HAPPY, PROSPEROUS and PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. C. Girotra'.

**C. C. Girotra**  
President