



Dear Members,

This is my first letter directly to you as President of your Institute. I hope we will have many more communications between us for a better interaction to improve the institute. I have many ideas which can be fulfilled only with your help and active support. The present letter is to let you know those on the priority list;-

- I) My first attempt was to improve the identity of our institute-- not to confuse with the International Institute of Welding-IIW and better communication between members. We have accepted unanimously in the last central council meeting held on 6th February 2009 to change the abbreviated name of our institute to **IIW -INDIA** and subsequently change the logo of the institute. The international body shall be continued to be referred as IIW.
- II) The member resources directory has been published and is being sent along with this circular. This is another vehicle to increase connectivity between IIW INDIA members.
- III) I would like to emphasise the need of growth of IIW India membership and enhancing its professional knowledge. I believe that we in IIW India urgently need to adopt itself with the changing times in the international arena and professional approach in welding technology. An institute can survive only when its members are active and grow with time. To this effect we have launched 'E-MAN' scheme. This scheme is designed to motivate members to propose new members and in turn benefit by getting technical monograph of his choice. A copy of the monograph shall also be given to the new members. Details are available in the circular overleaf. I am sure that all the members will recommend at least one new member and thus double our membership figure.
- IV) We also announced a theme 'WELDING FOR NATION BUILDING'. It has been received enthusiastically by all the members and we hope that this theme will motivate our members participate actively. This theme also projects a positive image of IIW for public at large.
- V) You will agree that the only way to take IIW India to greater heights is to carry out more skill development activities, more R &D and continuous interaction at all levels. To take the Institute in this direction ,as per our Strategic Plan 2008-2011, we have appointed two Regional Directors Mr K V Rangachari for Western Zone based at Mumbai and Mr Muralidharan for Southern Zone based at Chennai.

I also take this opportunity to inform you of the following forthcoming events;-

1. NWS will be held at Kolkata December 2009. (Contact sujitmona2@rediffmail.com)
2. National welding meet at Bhilai in August 2009.(Contact debashishthakur@sail-bhilaisteel.com)
3. International Assembly at Singapore 12th to 17th July 2009 and (Contact indianwelding@vsnl.net)

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With warm regards,

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