



Dear Members,

In the last issue I have penned down some of my ideas for making our institute vibrant. Many of the ideas were fulfilled with your combined help and active support.

I am glad that the changed identity of our institute as "IIW-India" along with the theme "Welding – For Nation Building" has been appreciated by the members.

The growth of IIW-India membership is encouraging. In this connection the enhancement of professional knowledge with the publication of technical monograph distributed free to the new members and their proposers needs a special mention. It is interesting to note that a large number of candidates have opted for the International Diplomas processed through the ANB-India. Similarly, a few institutions have joined ATB through our institute.

I am happy to report that nineteen participants from India attended the 62nd Annual Assembly and the International Conference of The International Institute of Welding at Singapore from 12th to 17th July, 2009. About 480 delegates from 48 countries registered for the assembly and additionally another 110 delegates registered only for the conference. The full report is given elsewhere in this issue.

You will appreciate that the get up and the contents in the Indian Welding Journal have improved considerably after our association with the AWS editorial board. You will also be happy to know that during our visit to Singapore Mr. Mathews, President AWS, appreciated the quality of our journal and agreed to attend the National Welding Seminar to be held at Kolkata in December, 2009. AWS has also agreed to participate in the WELD INDIA EXPO to be held simultaneously along with the National Welding Seminar at Kolkata.

I shall appeal to our members and well wishers in the industry to participate in the following forthcoming international and national events:

- i. The world fair on "Joining, cutting and surfacing" to be held from 14th to 19th September, 2009, at Essen, Germany. Our institute has signed an MOU with Orbitz for the trip to Essen. You may contact the Head Office for further details.
- ii. National Welding Seminar and the WELD INDIA EXHIBITION to be held at Kolkata from 10th to 13th December, 2009.
- iii. The second International Welding Congress to be held at Bangkok on 25th and 26th February, 2010.
- iv. 63rd Annual Assembly and International Conference of the International Welding to be held at Kiev, Ukraine from 11th to 17th July, 2010.

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