
MESSAGE



From Hony. Secretary General's Desk

Dear Members,

The 62nd Annual Assembly and International Conference of the International Institute of Welding (IIW) were held at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore from 12th to 17th July, 2009. and you will be happy to know that a delegation of thirteen members from IIW-India attended the meetings of different Technical Commissions and the Working groups during the Assembly and also the Conference from 12th to 17th July, 2009. Besides, Dr. D. Chandiramani, Dr. N. Murugan, Mr. T. K. Mitra and Mr. M P Dhanuka from India presented technical papers in the Conference.

During the Assembly We had a meeting with Welding Technology Institute of Australia on 16th July and discussed various opportunities of collaboration for the development of Welding Science and Technology.

A.M.O.U was signed between WTIA and IIW- India. Mr. Arun Syam President & Mr. Chris

Smallbone Executive Director on behalf of WTIA and Mr. C C Girotra President & Parimal Biswas Hony. Secretary General on behalf of IIW-India signed the MOU.

The month of June has brought International Laurels for two of our stalwarts. Firstly, Dr. Baldev Raj, Ex-President of our Institute has been elected as a Vice President of the International Institute of Welding. This is a signal honour and after a gap of three decades any Indian is occupying this post. Furthermore, Dr. Baldev Raj has also been appointed the Adjunct Professor in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering and Honorary Consul General in Engineering Disciplines by Michigan State University (MSU).

Secondly, our President Mr. C. C. Girotra has been selected for the William Irrgang Memorial Award of the American Welding Society (AWS) which will be presented to him at the FABTECH International & AWS Show at Chicago in USA in November 2009. This award is sponsored by Lincoln Electric Co. in honour of William Irrgang and is given each year to the individual who has done the most over the past 5-years to enhance the AWS goal of advancing the science and technology in welding.

I would also like to give you the welcome news that Indian Institute of Welding has been empanelled as an Assessing Body for the Fabrication Sector Courses under the Directorate General of Employment and Training's (DGET) Modular Employment Scheme - Skill Development Initiative. This empanelment covers all the States and Union Territories of India and opens out immense possibilities for assessing of welders skills at various Vocational Training Providers (VTPs) through our Authorised Examiners. It is also a recognition by the Government of India of IIW-India's expertise and competency in the area of welder training and assessment. The Council has decided to give a special focus to this activity.

Members will appreciate that this is a major step forward in promulgation of our National Welding Training & Certification Program. The Institute will be performing a major service to the nation by ensuring a supply of competently trained and certified welders to meet the needs of the Industry.

.The Authorized National Body (ANB) in India is conducting Refreshers courses at different parts of the Country so that a large number of professionals may obtain International Welding Diplomas. Welding professionals may obtained International Qualifications by joining various courses. I would request all our members to avail this opportunity and also give a wide publicity to the respective Industry.

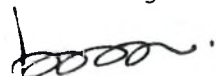
You are aware that we will be hosting IIW Annual Assembly & International Conference in India in 2011 from 17th to 22nd July and Weld India 2011, the International Welding Technology Exhibition from 21st to 23rd July 2011 at Chennai .An organizing committee has been formed at the last Council meeting which includes Dr Baldev Raj as Chairman, International Committee, Mr. A K Mukherjee as Chairman National Advisory Committee .

We need to give more trust for new enrolments of membership. I urged upon all Branch Managing Committees to put their effort for revival of defaulting members as well as enrolling new membership.

National Welding Meet 2009 will be held at Bhalai on 29th August 2009. National Welding Seminar 2009-10 (NWS 2009-10) will be held at Park Hotel ,Kolkata organized by IIW Kolkata Branch from 10th-12th December 2009 and the 5th International Welding Technology Exhibition "Weld India 2009-10" will be held concurrently from 11-13 December 2009 at the Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata. organize by Kolkata Branch. I would request all the members of the Institute to extent their fullest co-operation for successful conduction of the National events

Annual General Meeting of the Institute will be held on 5th September '09 at 17:30 Hrs at Hark Hotel. I, on behalf of the Council, cordially invite you to attend your AGM

With warm regards



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