



Dear Members,

### **The art of conducting useful seminars**

I am happy and glad to be in touch with you once again through this column.

It is said that time and tide wait for none. Time keeps on ticking and events keep happening. This is quite true for the IIW-India as well. Very soon, we are going to organize the National Welding Meet (NWM) in Puducherry, which will be followed by the National Welding Seminar (NWS 2010) to be held at Visakhapatnam in December 2010. I am confident, both the events will be attended by many of you.

Coming next would be the "MEGA EVENT" - the 64th Annual Assembly and the International Conference of the IIW, along with "Weld India 2011"-the 6th International Welding Technology Exhibition to be held in Chennai in July 2011, the countdown for which has already begun. We have thus a very good line up of events of great importance and interest for the Indian welding fraternity. I am sure all of you will mark the dates and reap the benefits from these.

A large contingent of welding personnel from India, including myself, attended the 63rd IIW annual assembly and conference in Istanbul, Turkey. It was an eye opener for all of us and many of us kept wondering as to how a mega event of such a scale can be conducted, to almost near perfection, within such a short time (they had only 10 months to organize, I understand). Surely, this requires lot of efforts and calls for well coordinated hard work.

Though we have been conducting several useful programmes, we still have to improve on some specific aspects, as we should be able to deliver the money's worth to all the participants. Stress must be given on the joint efforts of the organizers and the participants, since both of them have roles to play in making a seminar or a conference a useful one. Some of the aspects which impressed many of us in the Turkey seminar are strict adherence to schedule and timings, focussed presentations and questions, involvement and un-interrupted attention of audience as well the session- chairmen etc. which require support not only from the organizers but also from the participants. More of these must be put in to practice in all the forthcoming events as mentioned above. The MEGA event in particular, will have to be done in the best possible manner satisfying all the participants who would expect the seminar to be a useful one, having spent money and time to attend the event.

I am confident that all of you are with me and the organizing committee of the 2011 event, to make it a grand success by making it useful for everyone who attends the same.

Come together, let us perfect the art of conducting really useful seminars.

With warm regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ravi' or 'R. Ravi', written in a cursive style.

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