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### Hony. Secretary General's Desk

Dear Members,

You are aware that we will be hosting the IIW Annual Assembly & International Congress in India in 2011. In the 261<sup>st</sup> Council meeting held at Mumbai on 12th April it was decided that IIW Annual Assembly 2011 will be held at Chennai during 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July. After the great success of the International Congress in 2005 & 2008, which were conducted by us, we are confident that we will be able to organise the Assembly very successfully and it will be only possible if all of us put all out efforts collectively.

Our Institute is working constantly towards meeting the goal of bringing global standards of technical education to India. Accreditation Board (IAB) of the International Institute of Welding authorised your Institute as the only Authorized National Body (ANB) in India to operate their unified International System for Education, Examination and Qualification of welding personnel which is globally recognised. ANB group by this time have conducted courses at Mumbai, Baroda, Chennai and accorded quite a number of international diplomas already through the transition route. More Qualification programmes at the different parts of the Country have been planned so that a large number of professionals may obtain International Welding Diplomas. This has opened up a new opportunity for welding professionals to obtain International Qualifications by joining our various courses

You are aware that we have to complete the Branch Annual General Meeting by 31st May . But we are yet to receive the confirmation regarding the dates of branch AGM's barring Delhi who had held their AGM on 12th April 2008. We would request all the branches to complete their AGM positively within the scheduled date so that we may plan for the AGM of the Institute for the year 2008-2009 within scheduled time.

National Welding Meet (NWM 2008) this year is being held on 23rd August'08 at Visakhapatnam , organized by our Visakhapatnam Branch and the National Welding Seminar 2008 (NWS 2008) and Exhibition will be held at Mumbai from 4th 7th February 2009. I would request all the members of the Institute to extend their fullest co-operation to both the branches for successful conduction of the event.

Let us work together to take this Institute to a greater height

With warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Parimal Biswas', written in a cursive style.

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