



## From Hony. Secretary General's Desk

Dear Members,

A three member delegation comprising of Mr A.K.Mukherjee, the President of IIW, Dr. A. K. Bhaduri Chairman- Technical Committee and the undersigned had the privilege of attending the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Assembly and International Conference of International Institute of Welding at Graz, Austria on and from 6-11 July 2008. Representatives from 40 Countries attended this Annual Assembly. The meetings of all working groups, Commissions, International Authorisation Board, select Committees, Study groups, Working Groups of board of Directors were held during these days and these groups deliberated various issues and took decision on various functional aspects.

The IIW President Mr Chris Smallbone during his opening remarks at the Opening Ceremony was full of appreciation for the Indian Institute of Welding for very successfully conducting the International Congress 2008 which was held at Chennai in January 2008. He also commended the way our Institute celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> birth Anniversary of International Institute of Welding during the Congress.

You are aware that our institute has been honoured with the task of hosting the IIW Annual Assembly & International Congress in India in 2011 from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July and Weld India 2011 and an International Welding Technology Exhibition will also be held concurrently from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011 at Chennai. Our glorious record of holding two big international events, viz. the International Congress 2005 & 2008 gives us the confidence that we will also be able to conduct the Assembly very successfully. However, 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. 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. This has opened up a new opportunity for welding professionals to obtain International Qualifications by joining our various courses. So far 93 welding professional have qualified themselves with International Diplomas through the transition route. I would request all our members to avail this opportunity and also give a wide publicity to the respective Industry.

National Welding Meet this year scheduled to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August'08 (NWM 2008) at Visakhapatnam organized by our Visakhapatnam Branch and National Welding Seminar 2008 (NWS 2008) will be held at Mumbai from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 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 National event.

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

With warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Parimal Biswas'.

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