



Message from the President

Dear Friends,

The one-day National Welding Meet 2008 of the Institute was held at Vizag on 23rd August 2008 on the theme "Current Trends in Joining Emerging Materials in Process Industry". I congratulate Visakhapatnam Branch for the grand success of the event and sincerely thank the management of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant for their support.

You might have noticed the recent recessions all over the world. Recession touches all lives and consumers, producers, investors, financiers and policy makers are all concerned about it. To tackle recession, we need to know its manifestation, its impact on the economy in general and on individuals. However we have to equip ourselves to counter it effectively at our respective levels and this will call for a coordinated approach, strategic planning and above all hard work by one and all. However I have no doubt that Indian economy is strong enough to face the challenge and come out stronger.

Talking about IIW I consider myself as most fortunate since during my three years tenure as President, the institute had the opportunity of organizing the International Welding Congress of the International Institute of Welding held in 2008 with tremendous success, which had enhanced our image globally in activities related to Welding Science and Technology and during my visit to Graz I have seen all were talking highly about our institute. Following the successful conduction of this and earlier international events, the International Institute Welding has further awarded us the responsibility for organizing their main event "Annual Assembly-2011" to be held first time in India during July 2011. To organize this mega event, I earnestly request all of you for your wholehearted support and co-operation.

You are aware that the 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Institute will be held on Saturday, the 15th November 2008 at Kolkata. I would request all of you to participate in this AGM. I have served the Indian Institute of Welding for nearly 40 years in various capacities and would also complete my tenure as the President of your institute soon and during the AGM I shall be handing over my charge to my successor to take your Institute further ahead.

Finally, I take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to all of you for your support and co-operation to discharge my duties and wish good luck and success to the new council.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. K. Mukherjee'.

A. K. MUKHERJEE

President - IIW