

## Message from President



Dear Friends,

I am indeed glad that once again our institute has been entrusted with the task of organizing the International Welding Congress 2008 on 8-10th January 2008, and WELD INDIA 2008 (an International Welding Technology Exhibition) being hosted by our Chennai Branch in Chennai. I am sure that the entire welding fraternity had been eagerly looking forward to this event and I look forward to meeting you during the congress .

I also take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy New Year 2008.

Given the national objective of making India a Knowledge Superpower by 2020 there is an urgent need for knowledge and skills capacity building. The challenges before us are to enhance the intellectual capital of our country for becoming a global leader in knowledge led manufacturing and service industries.

The current pace of economic growth in India is fast outstripping the supply of qualified professionals. The available talent pool is actually smaller than it seems, partly because of skill mismatches, but mainly because sheer numbers do not equal high quality, thereby adversely impacting our competitiveness. While India at present has the advantage of having the First position for availability of scientists and engineers (source : Global IT Report 2005-06 of the WEF), many of them have poor employability potential.

India will not be able to take advantage of demographic profile, if the youth do not receive relevant and quality education and training. Industry also suffers, as they are unable to find the required skilled manpower and have to expand huge resources to train and retain employees.

I would therefore appeal to all our youngsters, those are in the High School and qualified for 10+2 examination, to come forward and join technical colleges/universities spread all over the country for entry in Engineering, Science, Information Technology, Material Science and Research Programmes. They also have the option of joining IIW, and qualify for the AM-IIW Examination (which is equivalent to Bachelor of Engineering as approved by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India) held twice in a year and get updated in the Welding Technology for higher prospects.

With all my best wishes,

**A. K. Mukherjee**  
President - IIW

## Message from Hony. Secretary General'S Desk



Dear Members,

It is indeed a matter of great pleasure and pride for all of us that once again we are organizing an International Welding Congress to be held from 8th to 10h January '08 at Chennai, being hosted by our Chennai Branch. The Congress would provide the stake holders of the welding fraternity to meet at a common platform not only to take a

view of the present international scenario but also to form & formulate a vision for the future. Simultaneous to the Congress, Weld India 2008- an International- Welding Technology Exhibition is being organized which is expected to draw manufacturers of welding an allied products from all over the world and our country and will provide a unique window to the latest achievements and developments in welding technology.

We are also celebrating 60th anniversary of the International Welding Institute and a commemorative monogram will be published during the congress, enriched with contributions from the leading experts of the country.

As the Indian Welding Journal, which is, since the April 2007 issue being published in technical association of the American Welding Society, is the main organ of the Institute and will be circulated to all our members and the attending delegates of the Congress, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight on the different activities of the Institute.

Our institute is working constantly towards meeting the goal of bringing global technical information for you. We have already received the recognition from International Accreditation Board (IAB) of the International Institute of Welding as the only Authorized National Body (ANB) from India. We are in the process of appointing Authorized Training Bodies (ATB) from different parts of the Country. This will open a new arena for welding professionals to obtain International Certificates by joining various courses. Welding Professionals of our country have shown keen interest and many of them have already applied for qualification for the various certification. Simultaneously, you are aware that IIW has been awarding the "AMIIW" degree, equivalent to Engineering Degree in welding, which has been recognized by The Ministry of Human Resource Department, Government of India. As of now, IIW is conducting the examination regularly in six centres i.e. Vizag, Bhilai, Baroda, Mumbai, Delhi & Kolkata. We would however, like to increase the number of centers to facilitate more students to appear in this examination. Recently we held our 4th Convocation in Kolkata, where 9 successful candidates were awarded the AMIIW Degree Certificate.

We have organized the 'Best Welding Engineer' and the 'Best Welder' competition, the final of which will culminate with the International welding Congress. I thank all the branches and the competitors for taking keen interest in the matter and the committee which is looking after and organizing the competition.

I also invite and look forward to meeting all our members in the **Annual Members Assembly on - January 2008** at Chennai and help us with your valuable suggestions for the development of the Institute .

With Best regards,

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