
From the President, IIW



The Indian Welding Journal, over the years has been bringing awareness for IIW members regarding latest developments in the field of welding technology. Besides, it provides an effective dialogue between IIW & its members. Despite the recessionary trend in the Indian Economy which has affected the welding industry also, the Editorial Board of IWJ has been doing an excellent work in continuing to maintain its quality both in terms of papers selected for publishing, information regarding national & global events, activities of branches etc. as also on the design & layout of the journal.

I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to the Industrial Corporate Members and other industries to support this endeavour thru advertisements in the IWJ issues. No professional body like IIW, can flourish without active support & involvement of all its members.

As I lay down my Office after the National Welding Seminar NWS-2001 scheduled in Chennai between 28th to 30th November, 2001, let me highlight couple of developments in IIW, for the benefit & information of all its members :

- An association of professionals in the welding field, IIW, with about 4000 members in its 11 branches all over the country has been playing a pivotal role in **promoting developments in the field of welding & allied subjects** regularly thru Seminars, International Conferences, Training Courses, Technical Lectures, Consultancy and of course thru this Welding Journal, etc. During the recent times, HRD and education & training has been given greater thrust due to fast developing technology.
- **AICTE** has granted degree status to the **AMIW** (Associate Membership Examination of IIW). Consequent to this, IIW is undertaking an extensive programme of **providing quality education & training** to prospective candidates to help them prepare for it. IIW Branches have been given a pivotal role for organising such learning as "**Study Centres**". Further, **Board of Studies** has been constituted to guide these activities and ensure quality education & examination system.
- Due to increased globalisation and liberalisation of imports heavy industry has also become highly competitive. Besides the continuous need to reduce costs & manufacturing cycle, quality awareness

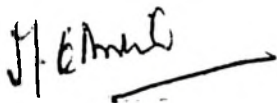
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& consciousness are vital factors. Adoption of **TQM** in welding will become essential strategies of such industry also. Industrial manpower needs to be continuously upgraded in terms of its skills, knowledge and utility to maintain high levels of quality. As such, we also plan to give thrust to **short term training programmes** in the industry for **a) Welding & Inspection Engineers; b) Welding Supervisors and c) Welders**. Such courses could lead to IIW Certification, provide requisite service to the industry and also enhance career growth prospects for welding personnel.

- As member of the International Institute of Welding and having entered into MOU's with professional welding bodies of many countries, we are also trying to keep the industry & institutions updated of latest developments worldwide. These associations provide us an opportunity to interact on a regular basis with institutions abroad to enhance our awareness, further our knowledge and benefit from continuous developments. Sharing of such knowledge & experience will benefit the industry.
- Fast & effective communication is vital in the present environment. We have as such switched over to **e-communication**. IIW has its own Website giving full information of its activities. This already has a hyperlink with WRI & similar links are proposed with international research institutes. Full use of this powerful tool is envisaged by IIW to provide quality service to its members. We are also trying to enable members download specific articles on their interest from a library which is planned to be developed.

I am sure, IIW will continue to provide IIW members the requisite quality information on various aspects & strengthen the bond between IIW & its members.

With Best Wishes for the Festive Season,



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