
President's Message

My dear colleagues,

The Indian Institute of Welding has done extremely well in bringing academia, research and industry together in a friendly and productive environment to discuss various facets of Welding Science and Technology. The welding professionals in India have met the challenges of atomic energy, space, defence, heavy industries and precision engineering in an admirable way to attract the attention of leading technocrats in India and abroad. However, there is no room for complacency, as in today's world of global competitiveness, continued quality, reliability improvement, cost-effectiveness, timely deliveries, brand name, strategies, etc. are the key drivers for success. The Indian Institute of Welding needs the involvement of all welding professionals, who have the commitment to the Institute's objectives to obtain success in these key drivers. Today's scenario of newer materials and advances in welding processes, have been continuously posing fresh challenges and opportunities to welding professionals. The firm and robust knowledge - base in Welding Science and Technology, available in abundance in our country, is an asset that has to be enhanced and leveraged for achieving our end objectives of being a leading nation in our chosen field of expertise. Advances in materials science and engineering, robotics, intelligent welding, modeling, etc. need to be utilized judiciously to enable us to do welding with quality and in a cost-effective manner. To ensure this, education at all levels and continuing education of professionals in industry emerges as a major area of focus. Fortunately, India being an international leader in software provides us with the possibility of spreading the knowledge and information-base in Welding Science and Technology to a large number of students and professionals expeditiously and with the highest standards of quality. I am confident that we can achieve all these and bring laurels to our profession, our organisation and our country.

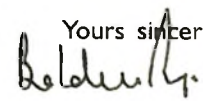


India would be the host of International Welding Assembly during the year 2005. This would give a wonderful opportunity to the welding professionals and technocrats in India to benchmark their professional capabilities with the best in the world. We would be able to discuss in a friendly and a professional manner with the leading experts from all over the world, the immediate requirements of India and the challenges ahead of us. This event can be made great success with respect to Welding Science and Technology and the financial standing of our Institute. Before this grand event, we would be having the National Welding Seminar in Kolkata (2002) and the International Welding Conference in Mumbai (2003). I request you all to participate in these events with your full strength, vigor and commitment so that we can contribute to the Institute and at the same time bring significant gains for our organisations.

In a very recent past, the Institute had difficulties as some of our members resorted to legacy rather than discussions in the Council. The birth of the Indian Welding Society during these turbulent conditions is a reality and needs to be addressed with care, dignity and in the interest of profession's growth, keeping in mind objectives and aspirations of the welding professionals in our country. However, the meeting at Mumbai on 10th August, 2002, hosted by Mumbai Branch, in an elegant way under the guidance of Mr. C. P. Sukhwil, Chairman, Mumbai Branch, is a clear indication that welding professionals from all parts of India are able to meticulously chalk out an action plan so that the Institute can be put on firm foundation with inbuilt mechanisms so that such setbacks are avoided in future. I am confident that with the support of all welding professionals and organisations in the country and the goodwill that the Institute commands internationally, we would meet the challenges.

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With my best wishes and personnel regards.

Yours sincerely,

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