



*From Hony. Secretary General's Desk*

Dear Members,

You are aware that this year National Welding Seminar is being organized by our Bhilai Branch and will be held at Bhilai from 15th December to 17th December 2005. Every year, the National Welding Seminar provides a common platform for the welding fraternity to meet and exchange the information regarding the latest technological development in India as well as abroad in welding and I wish a great success for this year's event.

This Year, the National Welding Meet (NWM-2005) was held at Vishakhapatnam on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2005 organised by our Vishakhapatnam Branch. On behalf of the Central Council, I thank all the members of the Managing Committee-specially Mr. S.V.J. Rao, Hony. Secretary of the Vishakhapatnam Branch for organising this event within a very short time.

You will also be happy to note that the first convocation of AM-IIW examination was held at Vishakhapatnam on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Prof. L. Venugopal Reddy, Vice Chancellor, Andhra University was the Chief Guest in this ceremony and 20 successful candidates received their final certificates at the convocation.

Presently out of 11 branches 5 branches are conducting AM-IIW examinations. Other branches require to take initiative to conduct AM-IIW examinations. It is my earnest request to all the branches to put up all out efforts to enroll students for AM-IIW examinations. Much attention is not yet being given to welding education and training but in this twenty first century, to cope up with the demand for qualified welding engineers we need to launch a national campaign in this respect. Particularly more and more diploma holders should appear in the AM-IIW examination so that they may acquire a degree in Welding to meet the demand of the industry.

We should also give an extensive drive to enroll new members as well as renew the membership of defaulting members. Simultaneously, all members of the institute need to increase interaction with the industries as well as with the individuals for promoting membership of the Institute.

IWJ is now being published by IIW Kolkata Branch and directly sent to the members. Although there has been delays in bringing out the recent issues, you will appreciate that there is remarkable improvement in the quality of the journal and I understand efforts are on to make the IWJ comparable to the International Standard, as well as to publish the journal in time. However, all of us need to support the Kolkata branch by collecting more advertisements for IWJ. All Council Members and branches are requested to extend their support in this regard.

Second Annual Member's Assembly will be held at Bhilai on 16<sup>th</sup> December'05 at 5:30 P.M. during the National Welding Seminar (NWS 2005) to discuss the present scenario of the Institute as well as future plan. I invite all of you to attend the assembly and give your valuable suggestion for the betterment of the Institute.

We look forward to meet you in the Annual Member's Assembly.

With best regards,

**Parimal Biswas**