A Spectacular Show

The IIW – IWC 2005 held in Mumbai between February 16 – 20, 2005 was indeed a very impressive event on all counts. A record number of 623 delegates including 55 from abroad registered, 127 abstracts for technical papers were accepted out of which, 90 were presented in the technical sessions and 14 in the postal session and above all it was very well organized and appreciated by one and all including the Indian as well as the overseas dignitaries. The Weld India Expo 2005 was also a very spectacular show and full credit goes to the organizing committee and the host Mumbai Branch for successfully conducting these prestigious events.

The January 2005 issue received widespread accolades from all quarters and we also received number of valueable suggestions from the members and readers for further improvement which have been taken in the right earnest by the editorial committee. We would certainly continue our endeavour to make the journal more informative and educative.

In this edition, we have chosen for interview the C.E.O of a leading heavy engineering industry, a sector which is on a fast growth track in India today, and can also look forward to lot of spurt in demand for welding activities in the near future.

We could not make this edition a special issue focusing on 'Welding in Steel Manufacturing Industries' as had been announced earlier owing to lack of adequate response, however we have published one article on applications of Flux cored wire in Steel Plant maintenance. There are three more very interesting technical papers and we do hope you will enjoy reading the same.

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