



*From Hony. Secretary
General's Desk*

At the outset I must thank all the members of IIW for their wholehearted participation in the last International Welding Congress, IIW-IC-2005 held at Nehru Centre, Mumbai between 16th – 19th February 2005 which helped us to make it a grand success. Proud as we are, our heartiest thanks go to Mumbai Branch who indeed came out with flying colours in this herculean task.

During this event we had also organized an Annual Members' Assembly on 18th February 2005. A large number of members of the Institute attended the Assembly and participated in the panel discussion and expressed their valued opinion on the Mission & Vision statements of our institute. The documents containing the mission and vision of the Institute have also been forwarded to all branches for discussion in their Managing Committee Meeting as well as in General Meetings for the opinion of a wider spectrum of members before they are finalized in the next Council Meeting.

We have come a long way since our institute was established 39 years ago, but it is only now that we are in the process of becoming an ANB and once the formalities are completed, it will be possible for us to conduct various certification programme of international standard through appointing ATBs. This would certainly enhance our standing in the global scenario.

In spite of all our efforts we could not reach our target for enrolling new members. I take this opportunity to request all our branches to increase interactions with the industries as well as with the individuals for promoting membership of the institute.

Irregular publication of the journal made our members unhappy. For ensuring receipt of IWJ by every member, our Kolkata Branch, who took upon the responsibility for publication of IWJ, have taken necessary corrective measures so that Journals are published in time and distribute to all members directly.

You would appreciate that we have been trying to increase more employment opportunities to younger generation by awarding AMI IW Certificate, which is equivalent to Degree in Welding Technology. Except Vizag, Baroda and Bhilai participation of other branches is not encouraging. I would request all the Managing Committee Members of the Branches for necessary review of this educational programme at a regular interval so that more and more candidates may be enrolled for this examination.

You are aware that we have to complete our branch AGMs by 31st May every year. But we find that most of our branches barring Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata are yet to finalise their date of AGM. We would request all the branches to complete their AGM immediately so that we can plan for the AGM of the institute for the year 2004-05 at the earliest. It is necessary for all the members to take active participation in the branch affairs.

Lot of things need to be done. As a professional body, it is our honest intention to perform our functions effectively and diligently. Hope, through the wholehearted support and co-operation of all members we would be able to take this institute to a greater height.

With best regards,

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