
MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

It is my great privilege to thank all our distinguished members who have unanimously elected me as the President in the Annual General Meeting of Indian Institute of Welding held in Kolkata on 18th February, 2006.

Friends, it would be my first task to look after the growth of our Institute. Our Institute has progressed well during last three & half decades and contributed to advancement of Science & Technology of Welding in the Country by organising Workshops, Seminars, In-house Training Programmes and National and International Seminars. We have organized one Afro-Asian Conference in New Delhi, two International Welding Seminars in 1999 and 2001 in New Delhi and the International Welding Congress 2005 in Mumbai which were a grand success and appreciated by all premier Institutes in the World.

The growth of the Institute depends on its Membership strength. I appeal to all our Members to propose at least two new Members for enrollment and I am sure this way our Institute will move further.

You are all aware that we are regularly conducting AM-IIW Examination, which needs to have a wide publicity to enroll more students. Our AM-IIW Examination is approved by HRD Ministry as equivalent to Degree in appropriate field of Engineering.

Friends, as all of us know well, welding is the most adaptable of all joining methods by various processes and the fabrication Industries mainly depend on welded joints. No other fabricating process appears to have the potential growth clearly displayed by welding. In the recent past tremendous R&D efforts have taken place in welding science and technology. Newer materials, stringent environmental conditions being imposed, high quality requirements on the welded joints to keep track with global requirement, there is requirement of good number of Welding Experts, Welding Technologists, Welding Engineers. To cope up with the demand in the world scenario an updated knowledge in Welding Technology is very much essential to meet the requirement of international standards. Keeping it in mind, our Institute has already applied for ANB/ATB approval from the International Institute of Welding (IIW) and documents have already reached to the Lead Assessor of IIW for study. Once approval is received, our Institute will have its recognition in the International field, which will lead to its bright future.

You may be aware that to keep up the Membership with the International Institute of Welding, we are to pay Membership Fees of nearly Rupees eight lakh every year which is a very big amount. In other Countries, the fees are being paid by the ICM Members and also the Industries of their own Country. The time has come, that we would appeal to all our ICM Members and the concerned Ministry to help us in this regard for some relief in reducing the burden.

My first attempt, is to try to raise funds for Membership fees of the International Institute of Welding and second to arrange for a piece of land in the Institutional Area from the Government of West Bengal at New Town, Kolkata to build up a Technology Development Centre for our Institute with all facilities including a Training School and R&D Centre.

We have to put our full efforts to enhance more communication skill among our staff members and upgrade our Website to international standard.

I appeal to all our Members that, if they have any suggestions for improvement of our Institute, they can write to me directly for my attention for discussion in our various Committees for necessary action.

I am confident, with whole hearted support from Members of the Council and Members of IIW, our Institute will grow further and best of its kind in the Country.

With my sincere regards to you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. K. Mukherjee'.

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