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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My dear members,

I am happy to note that the Bangalore branch has taken the lead to publish the quarterly Indian Welding Journal of the Indian Institute of Welding from July, 2003 issue onwards for the next one year on an experimental basis.

It is all the more special because this Journal is published at a time when the Bangalore branch is celebrating its Silver Jubilee year on 7th and 8th August, 2003.

The Indian Institute of Welding has been playing an important role which is evident from the fact that AM-IIW examination is recognised as equivalent to a Degree examination by the HRD Ministry, Govt. of India.

Besides, I am happy to inform you that International Institute of Welding, having 40 member countries has allotted the IIW International Congress, 2005 to our Institute. This will be held in Mumbai from 16th to 20th February, 2005. It will be held in India for the first time and will be a mega event.

I am sure that the Bangalore branch will not keep any stone unturned to make this journal technically more interesting and useful to the readers as suggested by the Council members. Not only the Secretariat but also all the members on the Editorial Board shall render their unstinted support and assistance to the Bangalore branch so that the journal is published in time and with a change in outlook.

I request all the members in general and the Branch Managing Committees in particular in addition to the Council members to come forward with their resources and extend assistance to the Bangalore branch.

I send my best wishes to the Bangalore branch for their maiden venture to bring out the Indian Welding Journal.

Yours Sincerely

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