

from the Editor's Desk

I take caution in putting it to my first editorial content, to my fellow readers of Indian Welding Journal (IWJ) that the new editor has commenced working. The inhouse delay has caused us to proclaim this issue, like the preceding one, as a combined July-October '95 issue of IWJ. This is regretted and we apologies to our readers for any inconvenience this might inadvertently have caused. It is indeed credit to my predecessor Shri GL. Mukhopadhyay who had so efficiently maintained publication of the IWJ under unfavourable conditions that many contemporary technical journals in the country and abroad are facing. It is regretted that Shri Mukhopadhyay had to leave for greener pasture. We wish him all the best.

A journal of an Institute, such as IWJ, is a crucial and important part of the Institute and its popularity with and usefulness to the members of the Institute are a direct measure of the success of the journal might also reflect how the Institute itself is 'emotional' towards its membership. In consideration are a few additions in perspective catering for parity with contemporary technical journals. An Editorial Board is being constituted and a bank of competent referees are selected to scrutinise and comment on the incoming technical papers for publication. The journal would continue to invite and publish articles from reputed professionals in the field and encourage contributions on technology information, welding community at home and abroad including branch activities, queries and answers, product information.

This issue of the journal contains four papers presented at the National Welding Seminar '94 at Jamshedpur and have won various awards. Selected papers encompass subject areas of development of new techniques and post weld characterisation. "Training of Tomorrow's Welding Personnel" is fully supported, coincidentally, by a 5 days long Welding Course" organised by IGCAR-Kalpakkam, in collaboration with the IIW, WRI - Trichy and IIT - Madras. Details of the content, the faculty and the facilities offered are given appropriately herein for support. Department of Metallurgical Engineering, Jadavpur University, Calcutta is organising a "Seminar on Weld Failure" on 2-3 February 1996, the details are also given.

The Indian Institute of Metals is celebrating the commencement of their Golden Jubilee Year along with National Metallurgist Day, Annual Technical Meeting and an International Synopsis on "Aluminium - Global Scenario" in Calcutta, during 14-17 November 1995. Indian Journal felicitates The Indian Institute of Metals on the eve of their Golden Jubilee Year - a landmark in the making of their eventful history of a professional Institution in the country.

While the next issue of the Journal is under the envil, I look forward to receiving comments and scrutiny.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
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