

From the Desk of the Honorary Secretary General

Dear Members,

At the outset, I convey my best wishes to our members and well-wishers for a happy and prosperous new year 2017.

You will be glad to know that IIW-India had completed its journey of 50 glorious years in 2016 and we have celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the Institute by conducting various programmes throughout the year starting on the birthday of the Institute, 22nd April. A day long program has been organized at Hotel Stadel, Kolkata. A symposium on "**Welding for Nation Building**" had been organized and eminent personalities in the welding field had shared their thoughts on different subjects. Felicitations to the Senior Members, Past Presidents, Vice Presidents, Hony. Secretaries had been organized. We also honour some of our Senior Members with "**Golden Jubilee Welding Ratna Award**" and "**Golden Jubilee Excellence Award for International Relations**" to our Overseas friends, finally ended up on 17th of December, 2016 during the Closing Ceremony of the National Welding Seminar-2016 held on 15-17 December, 2016 at Science City Mini Auditorium, Kolkata.

Through this year long program, we have tried to rope in all spheres of people in India interested in welding science and technology. Starting from **6th Research & Consortium** colloquium of International Institute of Welding held at Hyderabad during 7-9 April, 2016 where Researchers and Technocrats from various industries both from India and abroad had participated in a 3-day program. Whereas, at Chennai in **National Quiz Contest** on "Metallurgy, Materials and Welding", held on 29th of July, 2016 all the participants are the school students and 52 schools had participated. Again in Welding Professionals Seminar on **Advances in Welding Technology and Automation** held at Ahmedabad on 1st October, 2016, the participants are Engineering graduates of various fabrication industries under 40-years of age. At Cochin, in the **Young Engineers Competition** all together 11 industries participated with a team of 3-members to demonstrate their expertise and creative thinking, knowledge in technology, and professional acumen. All the participants had to excel both theoretically and oral presentation to express their ideas. The age limit had been restricted to 35-years for this competition.

Apart from these, IIW-India had also organized **National Welding Meet** at College of Engineering, Pune on 27th of August, 2016. The theme of the NWM was **Role of Welding in "MAKE IN INDIA"** which was a grand success. Finally, we concluded our program with the **National Welding Seminar, 2016** held at Science City Auditorium, Kolkata. Concurrently with NWS-2016, the **11th International Welding Exhibition, WELD-INDIA-2016** was held at the Milan Mela Complex, Kolkata. Both the events were held from 15-17 December, 2016.

New year started with VIII AWS Lecture Series from 17th to 25th January 2017 will be held at 6 Cities hosted by IIW-India Foundation and organized by our Branches at Kochi, Trichi, Chennai, Baroda, Delhi & Mumbai

Wish our IIW-India family all success in our efforts to serve the Institute during the year 2017 and beyond.

Best Regards,



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