



It was indeed very heartening to see the enthusiasm generated in the National Welding Meet recently held in Pondichery in August . This was the first occasion perhaps, that such event was organized in an off-branch location. As many as 40 papers were presented in 2 parallel sessions and the participation of delegates from the surrounding industry was also very encouraging.

But what delighted me more was the frequent enquiries coming from young engineers and technologists willing to contribute papers sharing their experience and research work in the IWJ. Many delegates also expressed happiness about the technical content of the journal

including the very useful AWS section.

Our efforts to improve the quality of the journal have also drawn the attention of the academicians and quite a large number of researchers are sending their papers for publication in the IWJ. All the papers go through an intensive review process under the overall guidance of the IIW –India technical committee and the eminent reviewers also take a lot of pains in suggesting and advising the authors about better experimentation and presentations. In the process many papers are found not acceptable in the form they are sent. However, it is appreciated by all as this process has enhanced the image of the journal

I am also glad to inform you that recently, we have entered into an agreement with EBSCO Publishing, Inc., whose principal place of business is at 10 Estes Street, Ipswich, Massachusetts, 01938-0682, USA, who has chosen the Indian Welding Journal for inclusion in EBSCO Publishing’s Associates Programs plus research and bibliographic database. EBSCO create aggregated databases to help libraries worldwide to discover content and encourage researchers and institutions to subscribe to journal content. Their collections are available in university, institutional and public libraries worldwide.

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We hope you would continue to enjoy reading the journal and we welcome your valueable suggestions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pabitra Kumar Das".

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