



Dear Member,

I am very happy to interact with you, through this column of IWJ, as the President of your institute. I am thankful to all of you for this honor and I will do my best to live up to your expectations.

Over the years, in India, welding, as a method for joining, repairing metals, has developed and has become the most widely used technique for these applications. Particularly in the recent years the developments have been at a very fast pace. The developments are not only in the variety materials that are being welded today but are also in the processes, the techniques, the procedures that are being employed today. Our industries have successfully welded some of the most advanced materials for critical applications in the most enviable manner meeting stringent quality requirements consistently. If you have attended any of our institute's seminars you would have amply realized this.

These fast paced developments have brought to fore, two important tasks for our institute. They are

- a) **Dissemination of knowledge:** We have a wealth of welding knowledge in our country. They say knowledge grows only when it is shared and disseminated. This is where your institute's role comes in to play. IIW-India's prime activity is to help in disseminating the knowledge of welding in India, through seminars, workshops, in-house programs etc. In fact the aim of bringing out this journal is also to disseminate the knowledge. Now the IWJ carries useful articles from AWJ also for the benefit of our members.
- b) **Qualified, Trained welding personnel:** To sustain the fast paced developments we require trained and qualified welding personnel at various levels- right from welder to the engineer. Here again our institute's role becomes important. Realizing the importance of this issue, we have taken various measures like AMIIW examinations, ANB programs, NWTCS programs, to qualify welding personnel at various levels and have also appointed ATBs, ATIs at different locations for the convenience of interested candidates. IIW-India is also an assessing body now for qualifying welders.

So with the developments in welding, our institute has also grown, particularly in the recent past, by leaps and bounds in terms of its activities, programs and service to the industries. Many of you might have had an opportunity to witness, participate in the international seminars and exhibitions which were conducted in the recent years. The success of these programs is because of the interest and the support provided by the members, industry and institutions-both Indian and international. This also goes prove the total relevance of our programs to the members, industry and institutions, as otherwise such a support would not have been there.

I take this opportunity to assure each one of you that your institute will continue to do its best in future also but this requires lot of your support. We need more people, more industries and more institutions to join us because the future has lot in store for all of us. As you may be aware in December 09 we have an NWS in Kolkata and in 2011 we have a mega event in Chennai-the International Assembly and Conference for the first time in India. All these require your participation and contribution.

COME....join us in our crusade to spread the knowledge of welding in India

COME....let us get welded for the sake of Welding

With warm Regards

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