## MESSAGE



Dear Members,

## Sharing the knowledge and experiences

I am happy to be in interaction with you once again through this column.

It is said that one can a get a deeper knowledge of a subject by teaching and by sharing the experience. Many may not get an opportunity to teach and teaching by itself is an art. But everyone can share his experience and through this process, gain a deeper understanding of the subject. To cite an example, if you observe the doctors, most of the time they will discuss among themselves the details of various case histories and even share opinions on what requires to be done in specific complications. Welding is also one such subject which, can be understood better by sharing the experiences.

Welding today is a very vast subject requiring a good understanding of advanced materials, their welding behavior, quality requirements, site fabrication considerations, cost considerations, automation considerations and many more. Consistency and getting it right the first time are becoming very important to achieve overall economics and reliability. So knowledge together with proven experience has assumed lot of importance in the present day welding scenario. How does one get these to ensure that the welding operations are completed successfully? This has to be through reading and by sharing the knowledge and experiences.

It is here the platforms of IIW-India become useful. IIW-India offers several opportunities for the welding personnel to enhance his knowledge and also share his experiences. This journal is meant for this purpose. You can read this and gain insights in many interesting topics. You are also welcome to write in this journal and share your experiences through articles, write-ups etc. I had written earlier also. We have wealth of welding knowledge and experience in our country and this can be shared for our own betterment and faster progress.

IIW-India seminars also have the same purpose and offer the welding fraternity the same benefits. Subsequent to our NWS in Dec 2009 at Kolkata, one seminar at Pune has taken place and one in April itself in Delhi. This will be followed by the NWM at Pondicherry and NWS at Vishakhapatnam. There is a lecture series also by an AWS expert in the month of September 2010 at various locations in India. I am sure all members will make the best use of these opportunities to enhance and share their knowledge and experiences. The need for knowledge and experience has never been as critical in the past as it is today. The enthusiasm I observe in the organizing teams and the overwhelming response they get for their programs are an indication to this fact.

I will be very glad to invite all of you to write in this journal your experiences and share your knowledge. This is however apart from your participation in large numbers in our seminars. From my side, I would like to assure you of a great knowledge sharing platform through these means.

## Come - let us build and a knowledgeable welding team

With warm Regards

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