

HON. SECRETARY GENERAL'S DESK

Dear Members,

At the outset I am pleased to inform you that from IIW- India a delegation comprising of 7 members had attended the 66th Annual Assembly and International Conference of the International Institute of Welding held at ESSEN, Germany from September 11-17, 2013. Our team members also attended commission meetings including IAB Group A & B meetings apart from general assembly.

After revival of IIW-India Pune Centre in 2010 and through relentless efforts taken by Mumbai Branch and the members of the Pune Chapter, Mumbai Branch recommend to Council for formation of Pune Branch and decision was taken at the 288th Meeting of the Council. The Pune Branch was officially formed on 3rd August, 2013 at Pune in presence of Mr P K Das President, Mr P Biswas Hon. Secretary General and Mr K M Panthaki Past President along with other dignitaries and Members of the Pune Branch as well as Mumbai Branch. Mumbai Branch Donated Rs 1 lakh to Pune Branch .

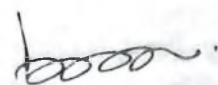
This year the National Welding Meet -2013 was hosted by Baroda Branch at Baroda on 31st August, 2013 on the theme, "Challenges in Dissimilar Welding". The Meet was all out success. Mr P K Das President IIW-India and Mr A K Dutta Chairman Finance Committee attended the NWM

The 47th Annual General Meeting of our Institute was held on 28th September, 2013 at 5-30 p.m. at the Hotel Golden Parkk, 13, Ho-Chi-Minh Sarani, Kolkata -700 071. We must thank all the Branch Managing Committee for holding their AGM's within the stipulated time. Further along with the AGM a number of the meetings and programs of the Institute were arranged on the 27th and 28th September, 2013 including inauguration of new IIW-India House at 200, Kalikapur Road, Kolkata 700 099 on 28th September, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. It was a red letter day for the Institute when our Past President Mr. S. V. Sambamurti inaugurated the IIW-India House through lighting the traditional lamp in presence of August gathering which consists of our three Past Presidents namely Mr C C Girhotra, A K Mukherjee, and Mr K M Panthaki , office-bearers from all over India and members of the Institute.

Coming back to the activities of the Institute we continue to make excellent progress in the Skill Development area. Our collaboration agreement with ASDC has now been signed and we have started to conduct centre evaluation and candidate assessment activities on their behalf. A similar scheme has been finalized with the Capital Goods Sector Skill Council under FICCI and PMMAI. Members will be delighted to learn that IIW-India have been invited to join the Iron and Steel Sector Skill Development Council Board. Many of you are aware that the Govt .of India has recently launched a 1000 crore PAN India Scheme branded as STAR SCHEME whereby candidate would be reimbursed for training and certification up to Rs.15,000/- as training fees. This scheme is to be operated by NSDC through the Sector Skill Council .They have identified IIW-India to be the knowledge partner and assessment agency for testing and certifications of the candidates in the field of welding. This opens out tremendous potential for the Institute.

The autumn festival has already been started. My best wishes to all of you on the eve of 'DASERA' & 'DIWALI'.

Best Regards.



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