



## From Hony. Secretary General's Desk

Dear Members,

At the outset I, on behalf of the Central Council would like to congratulate our Visakhapatnam Branch, particularly its Managing Committee, for successfully by conducting the "National Welding Meet" (NWM 2008) held on 23rd August '08 at the Training & Development Centre, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, at Visakhapatnam on the theme "Current Trends in Joining Emerging Materials in Process Industry".

IIW has always been striving to establish co-operation between manufactures and users. As a part of this effort, for the last three years we have also been organizing visits for our members to enable them in participating in the important welding fairs held in different countries of the world. This year a delegation of 31 representatives of different Industries visited the 13th International Welding and Cutting Fair, WELDING CHINA -2008 which was held from 14 -17 May, in Beijing.

The 5th Convocation for awarding the AMIWIW degree to the successful candidates will be held on 15th November 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the Hotel The Golden Park Kolkata. I, on behalf Central Council, invite all members with their friends to attend the convocation.

The Authorized National Body (ANB) in India has been conducting Refreshers courses at different parts of the Country for awarding International Institute of Welding Diplomas to the experienced welding professional through the transit route and around 100 Welding Diplomas have already been awarded. More such courses will be conducted on an ongoing basis and I would call upon all our members to avail this opportunity and also give a wide publicity of this facility to the respective industries they are attached to.

The biggest annual event of our institute, the National Welding Seminar 2008 (NWS 2008 ) will be held at Mumbai from 4 - 7 February 2009 to be organised by Mumbai Branch. I would request all the members of the Institute to extend their fullest co-operation for successful conduction of the National event.

The 42nd Annual General Meeting of your Institute will be held on 15th November at 17:00 hrs at Hotel, The Golden Park (Behind Tata Centre) at Kolkata. I, on behalf Central Council, invite all members to attend the AGM.

Let us continue our work together to take this Institute to a greater height.

With warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Parimal Biswas'.

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