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Dear Members,

At the outset, I would like to inform you that a three member team representing IIW-India comprising of M/s. P. K. Das, President, IIW-India, Alope Kumar Mitra, Director, ANBCC-India and the undersigned had attended the IIW intermediate meeting including working Group –Regional Activities, Commission Meetings and IAB Meetings held in Paris from 14-18th January, 2013. During this visit our team members also held discussions with AWS representatives regarding the forthcoming WELD INDIA- 2014 to be held in association with FABTECH. During this meeting AWS agreed to sign an agreement in this regard shortly keeping in view the legal points raised by IIW-India.

The National Welding Seminar -2013 was held from the 7th - 9th February, 2013 at the Karnataka Trade Promotion Organization, Bangalore. On behalf of the National Council let me congratulate the Organizing Committee of NWS-2013 and in particular the Managing Committee for holding a very successful event. Along with the NWS the 7th WELD INDIA EXHIBITION -2013 was concurrently held at the same venue.

As a part of our Skill Development Program IIW-India in collaboration with the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training & Research (NITTTR), Kolkata, a Central Govt Organization under HRD Dept, is conducting the first Welding Instructors Training Program from 8th-27th April, 2013 at NITTTR Welding Training Centre at their Salt Lake campus. This will mark the beginning of a new activity for IIW-India. We are expecting to conduct this program periodically.

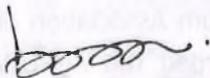
Consequent to our agreement with IL&FS Skills as Knowledge Partner, they have enrolled three of their Institutes (Trichy, Coimbatore & Chennai) as ATIs, after inspection by IIW India representatives. These Institutes will conduct their welding training courses under NWTCS program. They have a plan to set up 100 such Institutes in India

Our next Mega event the International Congress 2014 will be held from 9th to 11th April 2014 at Pragati Maidan Delhi and concurrently the 9th International Exhibition WELD- INDIA 2014 in association with FABTECH/AWS will be held from 10th to 12th April, 2014 at the same venue.

You are aware that from this year we have introduced Internal Audit system at the Branch level to ensure a uniform accounting system. We hope to complete this exercise for all branches by beginning May. We would request all the Branches to complete their AGM positively within the schedule time so that, we may plan for the AGM of the Institute for the year 2012-13 in September 2013.

Let us work together to take this Institute to the desired height.

With warm regards.



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