



## Message from the President

Dear Friends,

You are aware that the Governing Council of the International Institute of Welding has entrusted us to organise the Annual Assembly of the International Institute of Welding to be held in India in 2011. No doubt, this decision was mainly prompted by our successful conduction of the two International Congresses held in Mumbai and Chennai respectively in 2005 and 2008. Our responsibilities have therefore increased manifold and our success would largely depend on active participation and a team effort by all our members .

Our delegation to the recently concluded international 61st Annual Welding Assembly in Graz, Austria consisting of Shri Parimal Biswas , Dr A K Bhaduri and myself therefore took this opportunity to meet and extend formal advance invitation to the key personalities and distinguished delegates attending the assembly. We also got a fair idea about the organizational aspects of such a mega event which will help us to plan the event well in advance. We also held formal discussions with the President of the France Welding Institute of Welding Technology who had shown keen interest for Professional Collaboration with our Institute and as a first step both the Institutes have agreed to exchange publications and finally sign a MOU for mutual co-operation.

I also take this opportunity to wish a great success to our Visakhapatnam Branch who are going to organize "The National Welding Meet-2008"- the one day national event of the Institute to be held on 23rd August, 2008 at Visakhapatnam on the theme "Current Trends in Joining emerging Materials in Process Industry". With best wishes.

NWS 2008, the National Welding Seminar 2008 and Weld India Expo 2009 would be held at Mumbai from 4th to 7th February 2009. I call upon all of you to participate in this event and make it a grand success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A K Mukherjee', written in a cursive style.

**A K MUKHERJEE**

President - IIW