## MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Members,

## Yes...We Can

I am very happy to write this message to you and share with you the immense satisfaction of having concluded a great event AA 2011, IC 2011 and WELD INDIA 2011. Thanks to the unstinted efforts of our steering, organizing committees, event managers and the moral, financial support of many, we

were able to put up a grand show which attracted a record number of participants and visitors from India and abroad. Many delegates who attended this event were full of praise for the hospitality shown, thoughtful arrangements made, attention given to intricate details, the variety, quality and taste of food served, the deep involvement of IIW-India members in helping the visitors, the high quality of technical papers presented by the Indian authors, etc. I can certainly say that all these efforts have gone to put IIW-India firmly on the international welding arena and have entirely changed the way international welding community will look at India and IIW-India in future.

Such a grand show, which will be remembered for some more years to come, was made possible through the sincere efforts, meticulous planning by many, spread over many months coupled with the blessings of the almighty. It is worth mentioning that we were hosting this mega event for the first time and many were skeptical of our country's as well as IIW-India's capabilities in organizing such a mega event. In fact these expressed doubts encouraged us to be more vigilant and double check each and every aspect to ensure best results. It is a great experience for all of us and we welded ourselves at the right time to put up a great show and to keep the IIW-India flag flying high. Yes...We Can. I sincerely thank all those who helped in making this possible.

Another important learning from this event was the realization of the fact that we have in our own country itself a treasure trove of welding expertise and knowledge. This was evident from the response and discussions generated when many of our experts presented their papers in the assembly and the conference. IIW-India is proud of all of them for presenting a glimpse of our contribution to this great field. With our Distinguished Scientist Dr. Baldev Raj assuming the office of the President of IIW during this event, I am sure Indian welding fraternity will have many opportunities to show case themselves in the international forums. Yes... We Can

Having done such a wonderful event, we have now with us a major responsibility and that is to maintain this tempo and take IIW-India further on its growth path. This is a huge responsibility, again requiring a carefully planned strategy for the coming years. I am sure all of us will put our minds and chalk out this program. Our collective efforts have helped us to achieve the glories of today and I am sure that we will all ensure a glorious future too!

Yes...We Can

With Regards

R. RAVI

## From Hony. Secretary General's Desk



Dear Members,

At the outset, I am very pleased to report that the 64th IIW Annual Assembly was a grand success along with International Conference and the 6th International Welding Exhibition "WELD INDIA 2011". The officials and delegates of the International Institute of Welding and member countries were extremely appreciative of the arrangements

and the efficiency with which all the events were organized.

Each and everyone congratulated IIW-India on our very successful holding of this MEGA Event and thanked us profusely for the excellent hospitality. Truly, it is a great feather in the cap of IIW-India.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the International Advisory Committee, National Advisory Committee, all members of the Organizing Committee and Steering Committee, our event manager viz. M/s. K. W. Conferences and M/s. Uni Tech Expo, our Sponsors, our advertisers and exhibitors and all other directly and indirectly associated for their support and their untiring and dedicated efforts towards making the Assembly and associated events such a grand

During the Assembly, Dr. Baldev Raj, Past President, IIW-India was officially announced as the President of the International Institute of Welding and Prof. Dr. Ulrich Dilthey, outgoing President, IIW handed over the charge to him in the Gala Banquet programme, on 20th July, 2011.

Members would be pleased to know that IIW-India Council had approved formation of the ANBCC to operate IIW-India's Manufacturer Certification Scheme for certifying conformance to ISO 3834 in India. In this context, during the last IAB Meeting held during the 64th Annual Assembly at Chennai, our IIW-India had been granted Applicant ANBCC status by the International Authorization Board of IIW.

Following the annual assembly, the 45th Annual General Meeting of the Institute was held on Saturday, the 24th September, 2011 at Hotel Golden Park, Kolkata. Before this meeting IIW-India had organized a Workshop "VISION-2012-17 a developed plan for next five years followed by first Governing Council Meeting of just formed ANBCC on 23rd September, 2011. On the 24th morning, a workshop on Welding Training and Certification was also organized.

This year National Welding Seminar-2011(NWS'11) will be held at Bhilai Niwas, Bhilai, Chhatishgarh from 15-17 December, 2011 organized by our Bhilai Branch. The NWS'11 Brochure has already been uploaded in the Website: www.iiwindia.com. Members are requested to participate to make this events a grand success.

Best Regards,

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