

President Dr. Placid Rodriguez's address to the National Welding Seminar - 1995, organised by the Cochin Branch of IIW, has brought to the fore several areas of our Institute's experience - past and contemporary. Emphases were adorned particularly on issues pertaining to the Institute's constitution, training, education (AM-IIW), certification and broad management. During his tall leadership-span over two years as the President of the Institute and a member since - 1977, relationship between IIW and all others including overseas institutions grew from strength to strength. Dr. Rodriguez's incessant persuasion has been, and we say would continue to seek out the excellence within all participants for the common goal. Retiring President had made the poignant point "Welding is joining together and affront to isolation" ... we welcome his new role as the Past President of the Institute.

With the coming of spring has also ushered in our new President of the Institute Mr. J. K. Nanda. We welcome his assendancy to the highest office of our Institute. As we are aware Mr. Nanda has been an active campaigner alongside Dr. Rodriguez for all the recent developments in the Institute. His membership dates back to 1975 and during the past long quart of a century Mr. Nanda has been sharing the load of the Institute through the ranks and now to the highest office of responsibility. His message indicates the task ahead and we all in the Institute appropriately look forward to responding to the President's call. Welcome to our President.

Sir L.P.Misra Memorial Lecture delivered by the Vice President of the Institute, Mr. S. K. Burman, at the NWS'95, is an adorable attempt to summarise the complexcities of the past and contemporary developments enshrouding the indigenou welding industry. Mr. Burman's views on manpower development criteria, for instance, would be shared by many within the welding related industries in the country. His constant emphasis on quality aspect of 'a welded seam' is the other pillar which sustains welded structural integrity - sounds so familiar to all of us in the engineering industry and academia alike. The annexure contains an inventory of useful common BIS standards (Welding) provides useful ready reference.

Industrial pollutants such as the fumes generated by the welding processes are of concern particularly to the welding set operators. Mr. G. S. Swaminathan's contribution in combating such pollutants high-lights both the related hazards and the modest technological development to combat such hazard could be of consequence even to a small time operator.

It is NOT a 'Wolf's Cry' ! Financial year ending is neigh and it is no exception that we in the IWJ are also looking closely at our housekeeping. To pick one point - many among our readers may not be aware of the fact **that number of advertisement in our journal is falling and falling fast.** In this respect we intend to serve more details in the next issue of the journal and **in this issue we continue to appeal for advertisement. Please respond.**

Our attempt to bring out this issue of the IWJ 'in time' has only been partially successful. We intend to do better.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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