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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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Dear Friends ,

It is my great pleasure to thank our members for re-electing me during the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Institute held in Kolkata on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2006, as the President of your esteemed Institute for the next term .

I also consider myself as fortunate that after a gap of fifteen years it has become possible for your Institute to hold the Annual General Meeting within 30<sup>th</sup> September as per the statutory requirement of the Company's Act and I must thank our branches for their co-operation. I hope through all of your good wishes, it would be possible to maintain this tradition.

The Institute had applied to the 'International Accreditation Board' of the International Institute of Welding for becoming the 'Authorised National Body' from India some time back . I am happy to inform you that after careful consideration in the matter, the International Accreditation Board at their last Governing Body Meeting held in Qubec City, Canada during August 2006 has given preliminary recognition to the Indian Institute of welding. Before giving formal recognition to Indian Institute of Welding as a full fledged Authorised National Body, the necessary audit will be carried out by the audit team appointed by IAB, who are expected to arrive India during March 2007. We have to comply with the rules of IAB in full , for which necessary preparations are on.

The National Welding Meet and the National Welding Seminar are the two main events of the Institute. The last National Welding Meet-NWM-2006 was recently hosted by the Baroda Branch and was held at Hotel Surya Palace, Baroda on Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> September,2006 with the theme "Heavy Fabrication-Offshore and Onshore" was a grand success and a complete report of this event has been given in this issue. The National Welding Seminar-NWS'06 is being hosted by Chennai Branch at the Chennai Trade Centre during 24-26 November,2006. An exhibition is also being held concurrently with the Seminar. Further, the Organising Committee is arranging a Pre-Conference Tutorial for the young Engineers during 21-23<sup>rd</sup> November,2006.I would request all of you to attend this Seminar and help us to make it a great success.

First & effective communication is vital in the present environment.The IIW Website has been recently updated giving full information on our activities. We also need to galvanise some of the branches and help them to organise their activities more efficiently.

I am sure, Indian Welding Journal will continue to provide IIW members the requisite information on various aspects.

**With all my best wishes.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. K. Mukherjee'.

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