
Presidential Address

28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF WELDING 26th September, 1994, Calcutta



Dear Members ;

It is my proud privilege to be here with you on the occasion of the 28th Annual General Meeting of our Institute. As detailed in the Secretary's report, significant progress has been made on various fronts in last one year, though much more remains to be done to make IIW a vibrant body sensitive to the needs of our members. It has been a most satisfying year for all of us in the National Council as we deliberated upon the express measures to be taken to improve the financial position of the Institute and to effectively disseminate technical information to our members. A number of steps were initiated keeping the above objectives in mind. As you are aware certain modifications were made in the Memorandum and Articles of Association to increase the number of Vice Presidents from two to three, enhancing the representation from various categories of members and creating the post of a Joint Secretary. In addition, the duties of various office-bearers and scopes of different Committees were defined. These measures were deemed necessary to improve the efficiency of different organs of our institute. We now have the benefit of hindsight and say with confidence that the steps taken by your Council were in the right direction and in the years to come we will be able to see their full impact on the working of IIW.

In steering the affairs of the IIW, I got whole-hearted support from all the Council Members and I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to them. I would, however, like to single out the contribution of our Secretary, Shri K. K. Tandon, who has put in lot of hard work to manage the affairs of IIW. Despite his busy official schedule he was able to spend his spare time at the head office and attend to IIW work. I must make a special mention about the efforts of our Treasurer Shri A. K. Kundu in systematizing and computerizing the accounting procedure of our Institute. He has been constantly reminding the members who defaulted on subscriptions and also to the Branches for payments due to Head Office. He has also paid the Branch share of the annual subscription to all the Branches which used to be a cause of much friction between the Branches and Head Office.

Dr. Baldev Raj, Chairman of the Technical Committee, has been very active in charting a new course of action for the Technical Committee after our Institute ceased to be a member of the International Institute of Welding. In addition to other responsibilities of this Committee, the task of evaluation of various technical papers, for selecting the best papers presented during the National Welding Seminars for different awards, was also assigned to the Technical Committee. I am happy to announce that for the first time in recent years the consolidated evaluation report was ready five months before the next NWS.

It is a matter of great satisfaction to me that we have been able to induct some of the reputed professionals in the welding field to manage the affairs of the G. P. Committee, Membership Sub-Committee and Meetings and Publications Sub-Committees. Though it is too early to expect results, but the nature of steps which the new incumbents have taken indicate in good measure that in near future these Committees will be as dynamic as the others. I make a special mention about the efforts of Shri R. R. Bhattacharjee, Chairman, Membership Sub-Committee for his efforts in popularizing welding activities in the North-East region. The welding professionals from this region, as all of us know, have not been very actively participating in IIW activities. This will no longer be the case in future. The Council has already approved the starting of an activity of the Calcutta Branch in this region.

Shri S. K. Mazumder, Chairman of the G. P. Committee, is a very well-known personality in the welding community and has to his credit successful conduct of a number of Seminars and Conferences. He has brought with him rich experience which we are sure to tap in future. Dr. P. Mazumder, Chairman of the Meetings and Publications Sub-committee, has an excellent record in the academic and research fields. We are fortunate to have him in his present position as he along with Shri G. L. Mukhopadhyay, Editor of the Indian Welding Journal, are in the process of giving a new look to the Institute Journal which is a crucial channel of communication with our members. The popularity of an Institute can safely be gauged in terms of usefulness of the Institute's Journal to the members. I would be failing in my duty if I do not make a special mention of the good work Shri G. L. Mukhopadhyay has been doing in bringing out the Journal in time. All the Council Members are much concerned about the gap between revenue and expenditure of the Journal. Our efforts are directed to sell the idea to industry that it makes a good business sense to advertise their products in the Journal.

The Sub-Committee on Welding Education under the leadership of Dr. G. L. Dutta is doing a remarkable job of conducting AM-IIW Examinations and in pursuing the case for recognition of the AM-IIW Examinations. I am planning to take up the matter personally with appropriate agency in Delhi. I am quite hopeful that recognition may be granted in near future.

It may not be a mere coincidence that last year saw an increase in the number of Branch Seminars, but may indicate a trend towards revival of interest in welding activity under the aegis of IIW. The National Welding Meet was revived after a gap of eight years and was held at Bangalore on July 16, 1994 on an industrially important topic of CO₂ Welding. I had the opportunity to attend the Meet and was amply rewarded by way of new information about this versatile process. It is a matter of pride for all of us that we have the capability, knowledge and skilled manpower to adapt and innovate on new concepts and technologies. The introduction of flux-cored consumables in a big way in the Indian industry appears to be imminent as the competition heats up in the wake of opening up on the Indian economy. We may have to go in for new ideas and designs to improve productivity and quality and at the same time produce cost-effective goods. In the fast changing scenario of technology we cannot afford to be complacent. It is an essential requirement to remain receptive to new ideas which can come from assimilation of information either through holding Seminars and Conferences periodically or through the medium of scientific and engineering journals. Keeping this in mind we are planning to conduct an International Seminar in the year 1996 either instead of or along with the National Welding Seminar-1996. This event is proposed to be repeated every three or four years. The Technical Committee under the leadership of Dr. Baldev Raj is doing the initial spade-work to formulate plans for the same.

Nothing would be more satisfying for me than to express my sincere appreciation for the remarkable work done by Shri S. Kumar, Assistant Secretary and his team of M/s D. K. Sen Gupta, P. K. Dutta, A. K. Ghosh and B. N. Das. They have achieved so much with the antiquated and obsolete office equipment. We are now planning to improve upon that and trying to acquire the modern office equipment.

Last but not least, I am indebted to our Vice Presidents - Shri J. K. Nanda, Shri S. K. Burman and Shri M. L. Gehani - who have contributed immensely towards smooth functioning of the National Council and have suggested many new ideas from time to time. They have also been co-ordinating the activities of different Branches falling within their jurisdiction. My best compliments are reserved for our esteemed members who showed confidence on us and provided us the opportunity to run the affairs of IIW. Their whole-hearted support is gratefully acknowledged.

Thank you.



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