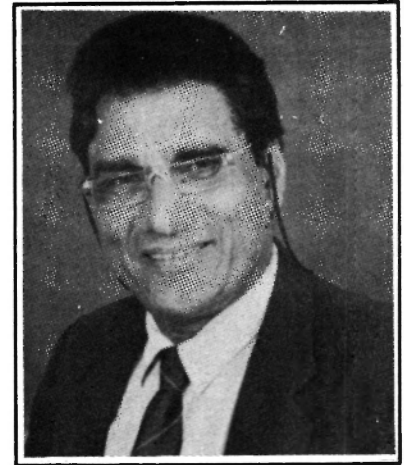


## MESASGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



In the Extraordinary General Body Meeting, held on February 26, 1994, amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of IIW were approved. Accordingly, the membership of the National Council stands increased. Mr. M.L.Gehani has been elected as the third Vice President. Dr. T.P.S.Gill, who has been manning the office of the President ever since I took over, has been nominated as the Honorary Joint Secretary. Representation from the Industrial Corporate Members and Fellows/ Members/ Associate Members to the Council has also been raised to five from each category. The responsibilities of all the office-bearers and work scope of the various Committees and Sub-Committees have been clearly defined. The enhanced membership of the Council will help in ascertaining views from a larger cross-section of the membership than was the case earlier and listing the scope of the Committees will result in increased efficiency. A few more amendments to the Constitution are in the pipeline and will be taken up in near future.

As you are all aware, the National Welding Seminar for this year is being organised by the Jamshedpur Branch. If preliminary reports provide any indications, then it is going to be another highly successful Seminar. I would like to appeal to the members to attend the National Seminar and deliberate upon not only the technical presentations but also put forward your viewpoint in the open house for improvement in the functioning of IIW. The IIW is also planning to organise an international welding Seminar in India in the year 1996 which could be in lieu of the National Seminar for that year. In the next few Council meetings, the idea will be further discussed and a plan evolved to successfully conduct an event of such a magnitude.

The financial health of our Institute has been a major cause of concern in the past several years. I am happy to inform that with sustained efforts put in by all the Council Members and co-operation from all of you, it has no longer remained such a serious cause for worry though we are continuously striving to achieve greater heights. Our efforts are directed to make the Indian Welding Journal a financially self-sustaining entity. To achieve this I appeal to all the Industrial Corporate Members in particular to advertise through this medium of our Institute. I also urge to the members to pay annual subscription in time and clear their earlior dues, if any.

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