

## From the Desk of the Honorary Secretary General

Dear Members,

**At the outset, I convey my best wishes to our members and well-wishers for a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2016.**

You will be pleased to know that your Institute is going to complete 50 years of Journey in 2016.

A year long program has been drawn up to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Institute beginning with the **6th Welding Research and Collaboration Colloquium of International Institute of Welding** to be held at **Hyderabad** and organized by our Hyderabad Branch from **7th to 9th April '16**. National & International Experts will participate in the program.

On the birthday of the Institute, 22nd April, a day long program has been organized at Kolkata to Celebrate this program. A symposium on "**Welding for Nation Building**" will be held and eminent personalities in the welding field will deliver talks on different subjects. Felicitation to the Senior Members, Past Presidents, Vice Presidents, Hony. Secretaries will be held and also honor to some of our Senior members with "**Golden Jubilee Welding Ratna Award**" as well as "**Golden Jubilee Excellence Award**" and "**Golden Jubilee Excellence Award for International Relations**" will be given to National and International personalities.

The Golden Jubilee program will be concluded with the **National Welding Seminar -2016** along with **Weld India Exhibition in Kolkata during December-2016**.

I am pleased to inform you that IIW-India Mumbai Branch organized, the National Welding Seminar (NWS-2015) together with Weld India Exhibition (10th Edition) at CIDCO Exhibition Centre, Vashi, Navi Mumbai. The National Welding Seminar (NWS-2015) was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Shri B. Narayan, Group President - Projects and Procurement, Reliance Industries Limited.

IIW India organized Nation Skill Competitions for Welders as well as Welding Engineers and they were recognized and awarded Cash Award and Certificates at the Inauguration Ceremony of the NWS-2015.

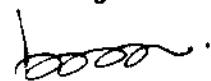
Skill development activity is now the need of the country and keeping this in mind, a Special Plenary Session on Skill Development was organized on the 10th morning at the venue of NWS as a part of the Program.

As a part of the National Welding Seminar, a state of the art of Exhibition was organized on Welding Products and Automation for three days from 10th December to 12th December, 2015. Altogether 70 companies participated and exhibited their new products at the Weld India. The National Welding Seminar 2015 on the whole was an all out success.

With respect to IIW-India's own Certification activities, a quality system Manual has been prepared as per requirement of ISO: 17204 and submitted to QCI for approval. As an Assessing Body, IIW-India is continuing to support different Sector Skill Councils as well as our own Training providers to produce a good number of skilled welders.

Wish our IIW-India family all success in our efforts to serve the society during the year 2016 and beyond.

Best Regards



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