

## From the desk of the Honorary Secretary General

Dear Members,

At the outset, I must congratulate Jamshedpur Branch and the Organizing Committee, NWS 2014-15 for the very successful way they have organized our most prestigious annual event of the Institute, National Welding Seminar (NWS 2014-15) in association with TATA Steels Ltd, Jamshedpur. This was the second National event organized by the Jamshedpur Branch after almost 20 years. Along with National Welding Seminar, WELD INDIA the 9th Welding Technology Exhibition was also held. In this connection, I must acknowledge the generous and wholehearted support and active participation of Branch Members and also other senior officials of TATA Steels Ltd, Jamshedpur without whose help and hospitality, the National Welding Seminar as well as the Exhibition would not have been successful.

I am also pleased to inform you that our Mumbai Branch had successfully organized their one day Annual Seminar on the theme "Advances in Joining Technology" on 14th February, 2015 at Mumbai and our Visakhapatnam Branch organized their Annual Seminar on the theme "Present Trends in Welding Technology for Applications in Power, Petrochemical & Heavy Industries" on 20th February, 2015 at Visakhapatnam which was also a grand success.

Amongst the main activities of the Institute, IIW-India has made remarkable progress in the field of Skill Development Program. We have signed an MOU with Indian Iron & Steel Sector Skill Council as a knowledge Partner for conducting Welding Training & Certification. Further, National Skill Development Corporation (A Govt. of India Project) has approved number of Sector Skill Council and we are being associated to most of the Sector Skill Council as an Assessing Body where welding plays a vital role, like Automotive Skill Development Council (ASDC), Iron & Steel Sector Council (II & SSSC), Capital Goods Skill Council (CGSC).

Your Council took no. of steps to observe Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Institute in 2016 beginning with 6th IIW Welding Research & Collaboration Colloquium, the first time to be held in India at Hyderabad on 22nd & 23rd April 2016 and will be ended up with the National Welding Seminar-2016 (NWS 2016) along with WELD INDIA at Kolkata during December 2016.

Mumbai Branch will be organizing NWS 2015 during 9-11 December, 2015 along with the 10th Welding Technology Exhibition at Navi Mumbai during 10-12 December, 2015.

With warm regards.



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