FROM THE DESK OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear Friends,

You will be glad to learn that the Annual General Assembly 2014 of IIW-India was successfully held on the 19th & 20th of September, 2014 at Hotel Golden Parkk, 13-Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata - 700071.

On 19th September, 2014 the day initiated with a meeting on National Welding Capability under the Chairmanship of Mr. D. V. Kulkarni, Chairman Technical Committee.

The Governing Board & Council of ANB & ANBCC of IIW-India met on the same day during the post lunch session to discuss various issues.

The 9th AMIIW Convocation was held at 5:00 p.m. on 19th September, 2014 to felicitate the students who successfully cleared the AMIIW Examination, 2014. Prof. Krishnendu Chakrabarty, Principal, Kalyani Govt. Engineering College, West Bengal was the Chief Guest in this program.

20th September, 2014 started with the discussion on "National Strategy on Accounting System" followed by discussion on "Income Tax Implication". Mr. D. K. Bagchi, Chartered Accountant and Accounts Consultant of the Institute discussed upon various issues related to basic Accounting procedure and principles. Mr. Ray Sahab Singh, Chartered Accountant and Income Tax Consultant of the Institute spoke on matters pertaining to Income Tax, Utilisation of Fixed Deposits by branches etc. The Branch Chairman / Secretaries and Treasurers were present in the meeting among others

Post lunch session was started with discussion on the IIW-India Vision-2017 and Implementation Plan of 2014-15 which was Chaired by Mr. P. K. Das, President, IIW-India. Mr. R. Banerjee, was the Co-ordinator of this program. All the Functional Committee Chairmen including Director ANB & ANBCC, Chairman IIW Foundation and Controller MES made presentation on their plans and targets.

The 48th Annual General Meeting of the Institute was held on 20th September, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. R. Srinivasan took charge as President of the Institute Heartfelt thanks were extended to all the Branch Managing Committees for holding their AGM's within the stipulated time. Altogether 58 members attended the AGM irrespective of bad weather and taxi strike. All 13 Branches represented in the AGM.

The 293rd Council Meeting was also held after AGM. The Council nominated Mr. C. C. Girotra for the "Life Time Achievement Award", Dr. Shaju K Albert as the Speaker for the "Sir L P Misra Memorial Lecture" and IIW-INDIA Baroda Branch was chosen as the winner of the "Minati Bhattacharya Memorial Award for Excellence" being the best performing Branch in 2013-14 for the second successive year.

On 21st September, 2014 a meeting of State Co-ordinator's of IIW-INDIA MES activity took place at the Conference Room, 2nd floor, at the IIW-india House, Plot No. 38, Geetanjali Park, 200 Kalikapur Main Road, P. O. Mukundapur, Kolkata-700099 to discuss various issues and operational problems faced by the State Co-ordinators during MES assessments.

This year the National Welding Meet -2014 was hosted by Chennai Branch at Kilakarai, Ramnad District, Tamil Nadu on "Advances in the Science, Technology and Skill Development in Welding". The Meet was an all out success.

The National Welding Seminar 2014 (NWS-2014) along with WELD INDIA 2014 will be organised by Jamshedpur Branch from 22nd - 24th of January, 2015. All the members are requested to participate to make this event successful. The Brochure along with other documents has been uploaded in IIW-India Website.

Finally, the autumn festival has already started. My best wishes to all of you on the eve of 'DUSSERA' & 'DIWALI'.

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