

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



The Indian Institute of Welding is hosting the International Congress of the International Institute of Welding for the third time on 09 April to 11 April 2014. The first ever International Congress was held in India at Mumbai in 2005 which was followed by another at Chennai in 2008. In 2011 IIW-India hosted the Annual Assembly and International Conference of the International Institute of Welding at Chennai. While we can see this as a recognition of importance of Indian welding community, it is clear that we have much to do and should not be complacent. India must have continuous and active participation in all IIW events. We must reap all the benefits which accrue from participation in standardization activities in a globalized economy while contributing positively to the total discourse.

The IC-2014 will provide opportunities to young students/researchers and industrial engineers to exchange information and knowledge for mutual benefit. The concurrent Weld India 2014 exhibition in association with FABTECH (one of the world's largest metal forming, fabricating, welding & finishing exhibitions in the world) will provide a unique opportunity of not only bringing UNDER ONE ROOF, Companies in Welding Technology covering Arc Welding, Solid State Processes, Brazing, Soldering, Adhesive Bonding, Plastic Welding, Metallurgy, Material Testing Techniques including NDT, Health & Safety, Robotics & Automation, Beam Processes & Special Processes including Nano Joining but also the large spectrum of user industry ranging from fabrication and construction to metal coating and other allied fields, under one roof to provide for a comprehensive insight into technology and markets.

The Indian Institute of Welding requires active support from all the stakeholders of welding fraternity, the academics/researchers, consumable manufacturers, equipment manufacturers, fabrication industry/ other users, industry bodies, government agencies and regulatory authorities to help India achieve a position of global eminence in the field of welding science and technology. Personally, I am certain that this will happen sooner than later.

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