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Dear Members,

At the outset, I am pleased to inform you that on an invitation a delegation comprising of seven members from IIW-India had attended the 65th Annual Assembly and International Conference of the International Institute of Welding at Denver, USA from 8th-13th July, 2012. The inaugural function was held at Hotel Hyatt, Denver, USA. About 850 delegates from 46 countries participated. Our team attended the various commission meetings including the IAB Group A & B meetings apart from General Assembly. The event was a grand success.

I am also pleased to announce that very recently our ANBCC-India has achieved a most important milestone i.e. full approval from the International Accreditation Board (IAB) for company certification as per ISO 3834 under International Institute of Welding (IIW) Manufacturer Certification Scheme (MCS).

The 46th Annual General Meeting of our Institute was held on 29th September, 2012 at 5-30 p. m. at the Hotel Golden Parkk, 13, Ho-Chi-Minh Sarani, Kolkata-700 071. We must thank all the Branch Managing Committees for holding their AGM's within the stipulated time. Further, along with the AGM a number of the meetings and programs of the Institute were arranged on the 28th and 29th September, 2012 including a "Workshop on Skill Development in Welding". The main object of the workshop was to finalize the modus operandi of the training programme to be organized by the ATI's of the Institute under NWTCS program for producing 20,000 trained and certified welders annually towards meeting the demand of fabrication and construction industries.

The National Welding Seminar (NWS-2013) will be held at Karnataka Trade Promotions Organisation, Bangalore from 7 - 9th February, 2013 along with an Exhibition to be organized by our Bangalore Branch. Brochure of NWS-2013 has already been uploaded in our website www.iiwindia.com. Members are requested to participate actively to make this event a grand success.

Best Regards

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