From Hony. Secretary General Desk

Dear Members,

At the outset, I must congratulate members of the organizing Committee, NWS-2009-10 for successful conduction of a very prestigious event - National Welding Seminar held during 10-12th December, 2009 at the Park Hotel in Kolkata. Around 300 delegates attended the Seminar and 78 technical papers were presented. Along with this mega event an Exhibition, "WELD INDIA-2009-10" was held at the Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata from 11-13 December, 2009 and large number of National and International Welding Product manufacturers participated in the Exhibition. Prior to the Seminar a two day Pre-conference Tutorial was also organized at the K P Basu Memorial Hall of Jadavpur University, Kolkata from 8-9th December, 2009 was attended by 58 candidates from all over the country.

One of the objectives we had taken in our Strategic Plan of IIW-India was to develop our website (http://www.iwindia.com) into a world class one which would be at the same time informative and user friendly. In this connection, we have prepared a Vision Plan for the website which includes making the site interactive and providing membership details online through payment of subscriptions, publication of the list of persons qualified under various Academic and Training courses.

As a first step, a totally revised section on International Qualification provided by our ANB-India has been uploaded and members may get detailed information, forms etc. regarding our Transition Arrangement Courses from the website. We have also uploaded all the other sections and I would request our members to please look at our website and give us a feedback/suggestions for further improvement.

Members will also be glad to know that Mumbai Branch had organized a very successful Annual Seminar at Pune on "Welding Vision 20/20". It is hoped that Pune will soon develop into an active Chapter under the Mumbai Branch.

As an Assessing Body of fabrication sector courses under the Govt of India DG & ET Modular Employable Skill Development Initiative the IIW India has assessed first two batches of MES candidates under DG & ET Scheme at Don Bosco Training Institute Park Circus, Kolkata.

You are also aware that this is the first time when IIW-India will be hosting IIW Annual Assembly & International Conference in India in 2011 from 17th to 20th July and 'WELD INDIA-2011', the International Welding Exhibition from 20th-22nd July, 2011 at Chennai. Preparatory works for this event have already been started. We need active support of and co-operation from all of you for organizing this event.

National Welding Meet-2010 will be organized by Chennai Branch sometime in August-2010 and National Welding Seminar 2010-11 (NWS 2010-11) will be held at Visakhapatnam from 11-13 December, 2010. I would request all the members of the institute to extend their fullest co-operation for successful conduction of the National events. Let us work together to take this Institute to a greater height.

With warm regards.

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