

Report on The 74th IIW Annual Assembly of The International Institute of Welding

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The 74th IIW Annual Assembly of The International Institute of Welding was held on online portal from 7th -21st July, 2021.

Contribution of IIW-INDIA

IIW-India led the National Delegation of 23 delegates to the assembly.

There were 7 Delegates registered as Young Professional

There were 7 technical presentations in various commissions

IIW-India Skill development activities presentation was done at WG_RA group by Mr. Rituraj Bose.

IIW-India officials

The General Assembly was attended by Mr. Rituraj Bose, Mr. D. V. Acharya, Dr. Murugaiyan Amirthalingam as officials from IIW-India.

Mr. Ranajoy Bannerjee attended the IAB meetings and the IAB members meet.

Mr. R. Srinivasan attended as the member of BoD, IIW

Dr A. K. Bhaduri was awarded the Fellowship of the International Institute of Welding

Representations from

- IIT Madras, NIT Trivandrum, VSCC-ISRO
- Ador Welding, Ador Fontech, Electronic Devises, GEE Ltd.
- Fronius India, voestalpine Bohler, Inox India, Godrej Aerospace
- Diffusion Engineers, Wearresist Technologies, BHEL Trichy
- ISGEC Hitachi Zosen, Indaids International, Weldwell Speciality
- IIW-India ANB / ANBCC, and from HO Secretariat

Participated as delegates and experts in the event

Presentation of papers

The following Technical Papers and other documents were presented by the Indian delegates in different sessions of IIW Annual Assembly 2021:

1. 12/07/2021 - Commission IIA
Presenter: Mr. Rajasekaran N.
2. 12/07/2021 - Commission IIA
Presenter: Mr. Nimesh Chinoy
3. 13/07/2021 - Commission IIIB
Presenter: Mr. Agilan M
4. 14/07/2021 - Joint Commission II & VIII
Presenter: Dr. Vishnu B. R.
5. 16/07/2021 - Commission XII
Presenter: Dr. Murugaiyan A
6. 16/07/2021 - Commission IXC
Presenter: Mr. Hitesh Narsia
7. 16/07/2021 - Commission VIII
Presenter: Mr. Rituraj Bose
8. 19/07/2021 – WG RA
Presenter: Mr. Rituraj Bose
(Report on National Skill Competitions)

Welded Art Photographic Exhibition

Three entries from India were displayed on the WELDED ART Photographic Exhibition and the same was appreciated by all the participants. Totally there were 15 countries participated and sent about 40 exhibits .

New Entrants and the Details

Iran, Mexico, & Ghana were approved as new members and they were all welcomed. With this 51 countries and 59 members societies are in the roll. There were 723 delegates attend the Annual Assembly from 45 countries includes 108 YP. There were 190 hours of discussions took place in 8 parallel rooms. 32000 (E) was generated as Sponsorship fees.

Additive manufacturing qualifications

- IIW has entered an agreement with EWF for introducing the International Qualifications for Additive manufacturing.
- This includes the personnel and the process.
- Since this is a new subject in our country there is another opportunity for ANB India to look seriously into this aspect.

Important issues

- The salient features of the General Assembly was mainly

on the Membership fees payable by the member societies.

- The method of charging the membership fees calculation was primarily on fixed fees and the consumption of steel in the country.
- Which has made IIW-India as one of the high paying membership country along with China, Korea, Germany and few other countries.

Our Concern

- We from India in the board has been pressing hard for the revision of the calculation method since August 2020, ever since Mr. R. Srinivasan became the member of Board of Directors of IIW.
- After various rounds of discussion for the last 10 months time, the board has revised the method of calculations by accepting only 50% of the steel consumed is for industrial applications.
- Also, GDP PPP has been taken as an important point for revised calculations and the purchasing capacity of the country was taken and a suitable formula was prepared and calculated.

Revised formula

- By this calculations, it was benefitting us by an amount of around 4300 (E) lower than the previous years.
- But some of the countries whose GDP were high has to face marginal increase. The increase to the countries varying from 100-800 Euros.
- Overall, the Institute revenue was expected to be lower by 3% which the Institute was prepared to accept.
- But unfortunately, this was not understood clearly by the countries which has to pay marginally higher, and the motion was deferred to discuss later.

Gratitude

I should place on record the excellent work done by Mr. Rituraj Bose for co-ordinating with all the delegates regularly and updating them.

I also thank Dr. Murugaiyan, Chairman - Technical Committee, for guiding all the authors who were presenting papers for the first time before submissions.

We thank all organizations that deputed representatives to participate in the Assembly. I also thank AWPM for participating in the event.

Future Events

The next AA is which is the 75th year of the Assembly, is scheduled from 16th July to 23rd July in Tokyo, Japan.

The intermediatory meeting and the winter assembly will be held at Genoa from 17th Jan 2022 - 21 Jan 2022.

Post Assembly Meeting

- After the general assembly, I was able to have virtual meetings with Treasurer, President and CEO of IIW and continued our efforts to reintroduced the fees issue.
- After few rounds of discussions, I took the support from Japan, Korea, China, Russia, Austria and from Germany, Canada we had a virtual meeting.
- The president invited Swiss and Poland team who objected to the proposal. It was clearly explained, and the countries have agreed to support the motion if reintroduced.

Special assembly

- On 21st July during the Board meeting, it was decided to convene a Special General Assembly on 27th October and will get the same cleared.
- In the meanwhile, it was decided to approach all the countries whose fees are likely to be revised upwards will be explained suitably by the secretariat and consent will be taken.
- A proper road map has been prepared and the secretariat with the President and Chairman WG-FAR will be able to address.