FROM THE DESK OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear Members,

You are aware that the Jamshedpur Branch is organizing the National Welding Seminar (NWS-2014-15), the most prestigious annual event of our Institute, to be held from 22nd to 24th January, 2015 at the Savak Nanavati Technical Institute, Jamshedpur being jointly organized by our Jamshedpur Branch with TATA Steel Co. Ltd, Jamshedpur. I would request all members of our Institute to extend their fullest co-operation for successful conduct of this National event.

Coming back to the activities of the Institute, we have just organized the AWS Lecture Series-VII in 9 Branches, viz. Baroda, Pune, Chennai, Trichi, Cochin, Kolkata, Delhi, Bhilai and Mumbai Branches starting from 4th December, 2014 up to 17th December, 2014. The theme for this lecture series was "Construction of Steel Structures". Mr. Robert E. Shaw Jr. (Bob), Member of the American Welding Society (AWS) D1 Structural Welding Committee, delivered these lectures. The entire lecture series was co-coordinated by IIW-India Foundation which was an all out success. I congratulate on behalf of the Council the IIW-India Foundation team for their successful conduction of the program and thank Mr. Shaw and also the American welding Society for their valuable support.

Under Skill Development Program, we are regularly doing Assessment at ASDC & CGSC and also at ATIs under National Welders' Training and Certification Scheme (NWTCS). I am also happy to inform that IIW-India has been re-nominated in the Board in Indian Iron & Steel Sector Council as a Director.

Kolkata Branch has organized a one day Seminar on the theme, **"Welding Technology - The Practical Aspects"** on December 13, 2014 at the hotel, FLOATEL, Kolkata on the next day of the AWS Lecture. The Seminar was a grand success.

Wish you a very happy New Year 2015.

With warm regards.

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