

President's Letter to Members

Dear Members,

Let me begin by wishing all of you a very happy and very successful year.

At the very outset, I thank you all for the confidence you have reposed in me and having elected me as the President of our Institute.

Friends, under the Presidential umbrella of Dr. Placid Rodriguez, our organisation has undoubtedly grown leaps and bounds. He has made many organisational changes which will help smooth operation of our Institute. He has reformed systems; but all these would yield fruitful results, provided we, the members at Branches, fully co-operate and adhere to the norms. I must concede that we still have miles to go.

In this context, I appeal to every one of you to remain welded together and do the possibles to strengthen our organisation. The Branches should have very close coordination with Central Council. There is a need for the Branches to streamline their activities, maintain proper accounts, get the accounts audited and hold the AGM in time. Members should come forward and pay their subscriptions in time. Remember, IIW does not have any income other than the subscriptions paid by its members and share from Branch Seminars. A meagre 55% collection this year (94-95) is a poor reflect in by all counts for us. We must struggle against all reasons for such poor collection.

At present we have ten Branches. Each Branch, I hope would add at least 50 more members per year, which means 4 to 5 members per month. I think it is a small target by any standard, particularly when our membership rules have been simplified. Let us endeavour to have an additional 500 members this year and rise the total membership to 4000 level by 1996-97. We are also tightening our belt at the Head Office and trying to improve effective communication at all levels.

Branches should plan and organise technical seminars as often as possible. These seminars should be forums for dissemination of knowledge of improved technological developments for others in the field.

I appeal to every one of you to remain dedicated and fulfil your responsibilities. In this context, I wish to acknowledge the yeomen service rendered by our Technical Committee with their association with TWI, Singapore Welding Society, etc.

Friends, we have planned an International Welding Conference to be held from 5th to 7th December this year at Nehru Centre, Mumbai. A Welding Exhibition will also be organised concurrently. You must have already received the first announcement brochure. Several Committees have been formed with assigned responsibilities. The Committees are meeting at regular intervals. All arrangements are progressing satisfactorily. Abstracts of technical

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papers received, from all over the world is very encouraging. If you have not sent synopsis for the IWC-96, kindly rush the same to me or to the Chairman, Technical Committee, Dr. Baldev Raj before 30th April, 1996. As President of IIW Central Council and also as the Co-Convenor of IWC-96 Organising Committee, I request every one of you to enrol yourself for participation in the IWC-96 before 15th August, 1996 to get a hefty rebate of Rs. 500/-. I can assure you that it will prove to be a rewarding experience. The announcement brochure will be sent out very soon. I request all Branch Committees to put in special efforts for getting advertisements and booking Exhibitors. We need your cooperation and active involvement to make the IWC-96 Conference and Exhibition a resounding success.

I understand recognition of AM-IIW Examination will be done this year. This is our first priority. Let us strive to get it. Let us share some good moments together.

In any industry, more particularly in fabrication industries, the welding plays a very crucial role. We have therefore reasons to be proud to belong to that section of engineering industry. In addition welding is related to reclamation of parts. I am sure many of you are aware that the scrap generated by the Engineering industry, would over every year, runs to several thousand crores of rupees. A major portion of the machinery and parts which are scraped can be repaired and reclaimed by welding process. Although there is an awareness of this fact, and a crusade is on, we have only scratched the surface so far. Sky is the limit for repair and reclamation.

Throughout the world the technological concept is undergoing changes at supersonic speed. The developments taking place in advanced countries far outstrip those in the developing countries like India. A wide technological gap exists between the countries, and in developing countries among the industries themselves. A time has come for us to identify these gaps and do everything possible to bridge them. This is the need of the hour for our own survival. The responsibility for this squarely rests on us technocrats in the Engineering and very particularly in our Welding Engineering field.

There is an urgent need for us to gear up our R & D activities to usher in new and improved technologies to match the rest of the world.

Friends, **MAN IS THE ARCHITECT OF HIS OWN FUTURE.** Let us move on to build our future.

Thank you. God Bless.

Sd/-

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President