



Message

Dear Ajit,

I would like to congratulate you and your colleagues for your excellent work in holding such a very successful IIW International Congress and Exhibition in Chennai.

Feedback from delegates and IIW colleagues who attended was all extremely positive. The standard of technical papers and quality of the exhibitors, amongst many other successful activities was extremely high and coupled with the enthusiasm showed by all the organisers, guests and other participants illustrated the reasons for this success.

The Indian Institute of Welding (IIW) initiatives in celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the formation of the International Institute of Welding were brilliant. The commemorative monograph, stamp and the welded components, as well as the overall promotion was so well done, that both your Institute and the International Institute of Welding can be proud.

Both you and Dr. Baldev Raj can also be congratulated for arranging the one day IIW Technology Innovation Workshop with such a high calibre of participants from industry, research and academia. Hopefully, this will act as a catalyst to grow your Institute to meet the needs of Indian Industry.

I look forward to the IIW Annual Assembly in India in 2011 which I am sure will also be a great success.

Congratulations once again to you and all your colleagues for a wonderful achievement.

Kind regards,

Chris Smallbone

CHRIS SMALLBONE

President International Institute of Welding (2005-2008)

(Letter written to the President Mr. A. K. Mukherjee)



The Grass root-run

The recently concluded three days of the International Welding Congress and the Exhibition brought together a galaxy of Scientists, Technologists, Educators, Practitioners, Entrepreneurs, Businessmen and Tradespersons from overseas and

home at Chennai providing an excellent opportunity to exchange notes on common interests and the emerging tasks in the field of Welding Technology.

The general realization of one and all was that a big challenge is in place to meet the growing requirements of developing welding engineers and technicians to keep pace with the targeted double digit growth of our economy which will no doubt propel a more spectacular demand for the process of welding.

While our institute has been constantly working and facilitating the building up of the education and training facilities, through steps like conducting the AMIWI Examination, forming the ANB India and organizing seminars, workshops etc. a lot more need to be done to reach the grass root level for imparting welding knowledge.

It is heartening therefore that the International Institute of Welding is taking active interest and the "Technology Innovation Workshop" masterminded and facilitated by Mr. Chris Smallbone was a commendable step in this direction. The Workshop was attended by 24 participants all of whom were senior-level technologists, technology managers, researchers and academicians from small, medium and large industries, research organizations and premier academic institutions. The consensus of the group after a rigorous brain storming session was for our institute to devise quick and innovative steps to develop welding and training, perhaps taking a cue from what our fellow institutes in developed and developing countries have done through formation of active working groups functioning across a spectrum of industries and successfully roping in governmental support and the backing of the leaders of the industry and research outfits.

The aim is of course to deliver and disseminate the advances of technology to the grass root level through innovation, hard work and firm commitment to the cause of welding.

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