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Dear Members,

At the outset, on behalf of the Central Council, I would like to congratulate our Visakhapatnam Branch particularly their Managing Committee for successfully organizing the one day National Weld Meet (NWM'2012) in association with Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (RINL), Visakhapatnam held at the Training & Development Centre of VSP on 9th June, 2012 on the theme "Sustainable Development in Welding Science & Technology". Altogether 120 delegates attended this one day program which was a grand success.

The successfully running of any Institute depends on its members and how happy and satisfied they are with the functioning of the Institute. This will automatically lead to greater involvement, commitment and a sense of ownership by the members to the Institute's activities. With a view to improving our services to the members and response to potential members IIW-India Secretariat has taken initiative for rendering more services to the members.

Amongst IIW-India's educational activities our National Level Welders Training and Certification Programme (NWTCS) is running smoothly. Under this program we have approved a number of Welder Training Institutes and are already undertaking Training & Certification of Welders for various processes i.e., MMAW, GTAW and GMAW at Basic, Standard and Advanced levels.

ANB India is conducting Transition Courses at the different parts of the Country besides Welder's Certification program.

With the mission to establish ANBCC as the flag bearer for introduction of International level quality standards for the Indian fabrication industry, you would be glad to know that ANBCC-India is operating the IIW's Manufacturer's Certification Scheme for certifying conformance of companies to ISO 3834 in India. Compliance with ISO 3834 "Quality requirements for welding" has already become mandatory in European Country for manufacturer's using welding in their process. It is also becoming required for Indian Fabricators who are exporting to or becoming global vendors for European companies.

The International Congress - 2014 (IC-2014) will be held on 9th to 11th April 2014 at Pragati Maidan, Delhi along with the 7th International Exhibition to be held concurrently with the above event from 10th to 12th April. A steering Committee has been formed by the Council to conduct this program and our Delhi Branch will form the Preparatory Committee shortly.

Further as authorized by the IIW-India Central Council a six members delegation from IIW-India besides one from ANB-India and one from ANBCC-India will be participating in the 65th Annual Assembly and International Conference of the International Institute of Welding to be held between 8-13th July, 2012 at Colorado, Denver, USA hosted by American Welding Society, USA.

Finally I wish to highlight the need of increasing the strength of our membership. There is no other option for the growth of our institute and the Branches need to take special drive to enroll new members as well as to organize renewal of our existing members.

I must thank all the Branches for completion of their Annual General Meetings within the scheduled time and we are hopeful to hold the Annual General meeting of the Institute in end September '12 at Kolkata. Exact date will be communicated to all members.

Best Regards.



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