

HONY. SECRETARY GENERAL'S DESK

Dear Members,

At the outset I must congratulate Bhilai Branch and the organising committee of NWS-2011 for the very successful way they have organized our most prestigious annual event the National Welding Seminar-2011 in association with Bhilai Steel Plant. In this connection I must acknowledge the generous and whole hearted support received from Shri Pankaj Goutam, Chief Executive officer and other senior officials of Bhilai Steel without whose help and hospitality the seminar would not have been such a success.

On an invitation from the International Institute of Welding a three member team comprising of M/s. R. Ravi, President IIW-India, B. K. Mishra, Chairman, ANB-India and the undersigned, attended the IIW Intermediate meetings including Working Group Regional Activities, Commission meetings and IAB meetings held in Paris during January 2012. During the WG-RA Meeting majority of IIW Officials had highly appreciated the IIW-India for successful conduction of last 64th Annual Assembly & International Conference held at Chennai during July-2011.

I am pleased to inform that following our earlier application for holding IWC-2014 in India, the Governing Council of IIW have awarded organization of the International Welding Congress 2014 to IIW India. This is scheduled to be held at New Delhi from 6th to 8th March-2014. We have given a presentation in the WG -RA Meeting on IC-2014 regarding the progress of the event. The members present appreciated the progress. Further the IAB Group B Committee has extended the time for application for IWCP diplomas through Transition arrangements for IIW India up to 31st July 2012.


Our MES assessment activities have been progressing well. During the period from October to December-2011 out of 934 assessments received for various courses under fabrication sector, 781 candidates were assessed of which 765 candidates had passed.

Under IIW-India's National Welders Training and certification programme during October to December-2011, 3 new Welder Training Institutes applied to us for becoming Authorised Training Institute for conducting NWTCS program.

I am also pleased to inform that our newly formed ANBCC has received preliminary approval from the IAB for operating IIW's manufacturers Certification Scheme in India and that we have been able get our first client in Delhi for conducting ISO 3824 audit.

Our ANB -India division from November-2011-January-2012 have organized a total of five Refresher Courses held at Kolkata (2nos), Baroda, Chennai and Delhi. A total of 60 candidates had appeared in these courses and for award of the International Welding Personnel Diplomas.

Best Regards.



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