

**CHIEF DELEGATE'S REPORT  
2009 IIW ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
SINGAPORE – JULY 12-17, 2009**

**Introduction**

This year's IIW Annual Assembly and Conference was held in Singapore. There were 480 delegates and experts representing 49 countries, along with 100 accompanying persons. Canada's compliment was at 8 (plus accompanying persons) and their respective commission focus is shown in the chart below.

***Canadian Delegation***  
(D = Delegate; E = Expert)

Doug Luciani	General Assembly; XIV (E); SC STAND; WG – Regional Activities
Ed Whalen	XIV (E); XV (E)
Eric Sjerne	V (D) and XI (D)
Craig Martin	General Assembly; XIV (D); IAB Board Groups A and B
Jeff Packer	XV (D)
Jacob Kleiman	XIII (D)
Phil Bates	XVI (D)
Claude Choquet	XIV (E)
Mahesh Chaturvedi	XVII (D)

**Opening Ceremony**

The Chair of the Singapore Organizing Committee, Mr. Chee-Pheng Ang welcomed everyone to the Assembly, followed by the Mayor of Central Singapore District and Member of Parliament for Bishan Toa Payoh GRC, Mr. Zainuddin Nordin. The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Assembly was then officially declared open by IIW President, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Ulrich Dilthey.

Following the traditional ceremonial entertainment, the 2009 IIW Awards Ceremony took place, co-hosted by Dr.Eng. Cécile Mayer (incoming IIW Chief Executive Officer) and the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Bernard Solosa. Winners of the respective 2009 Awards were:

Henry Granjon Prize	
Category A	Dr.Ing. Sergio T. Amancio Filho (Germany)
Category B	Ms Elin Marianne Westin (Sweden)
Category C	Dr.Ing. Imke Weich (Germany)
Arthur Smith Award	Prof. Bruno de Meester (Belgium)
Edstrom Medal	Mr. Chris Smallbone (Australia)
Thomas Medal	Dr. David Widgery (United Kingdom)
Evgeny Paton Prize	Prof. Shang Yang Lin (P.R. of China)
Arata Award	Dr. John C. Lippold (United States)
Heinz Sossenheimer Software Innovation Award	Dr. Yu-Ping Yang (United States)

It is noted here that there was no Canadian entry for Prizes this year.

## **General Assembly**

The General Assembly was attended by Messrs. Martin, and myself and took place on Sunday afternoon at the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, during which all business affairs of the IIW were conducted as follows:

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

IIW President, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Ulrich Dilthey welcomed all participants to the 62<sup>nd</sup> 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Assembly in Singapore and thanked Mr. Chee-Pheng Ang for the excellent organization of this Annual Assembly. He introduced the members of the IIW Board of Directors.

### **2. IIW Membership - Approval of New Members**

**6.1** Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dilthey reported that the Board of Directors recommended that THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO, (represented by "Association Marocaine du Soudage et Appareils à Pression (AMS-AP)), be accepted as the 54<sup>th</sup> Member Country of the IIW. This new member was approved unanimously by the General Assembly.

### **3. Discharge of the Directors**

In accordance with Article 13 of the Constitution, the General Assembly gave full discharge of the Directors for the conduct of the activity of the Association since the General Assembly meeting of July 6, 2008.

### **4. Approval of the 2010 Subscription Fees**

The principle for the increase in the 2010 subscription fees was approved by the General Assembly. To lower the impact of high variations due to the economic context, a new method of calculation was introduced whereby the steel consumption is averaged over a three year period; consequently, the 2010 fees for Canada are slightly reduced.

### **5. Renewal of the Board of Directors**

The terms of the office of:

Prof. Luisa Coutinho (Portugal)  
Prof. Dr. Horst Cerjak (Austria)  
Prof. Dr. Takashi (Japan)

had expired, and the Board of Directors elected the following individuals as new Directors:

Vice President: Dr. Baldev Raj (India)  
Director: Prof. Dorin Dehelean (Romania)  
Director: Mr. Daniel Almeida (Brazil)  
Director: Prof. Dr. Kazutoshi Nishimoto (Japan)

## 6. Appointments by the Board of Directors

Dr. Eng. Cécile Mayer (France) was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the IIW Secretariat taking over from Mr. André Charbonnier (France).

Mag. Sylke Kanits (Austria) was appointed Chair of Working Group – Communications & Marketing.

Prof. Madeleine du Toit (South Africa), Dr. Henri-Paul Lieurade (France) and Prof. Dr. Ing. Suck-Joo Na (Republic of Korea) were appointed to the Technical Management Board.

## 7. IIW Working Units

This year, 161 decisions were adopted by the various Working Units of the IIW. Ninety-nine (99) documents were recommended for publication in the IIW Journal, *Welding in the World*, and two (2) documents were recommended for publication as IIW books.

## 8. Election of Chairs of IIW Working Units

Elections were held in the following Working Units:

Commission II	Arc Welding and Filler Metals <b>Mr. Vincent van der Mee</b> (The Netherlands) - re-elected for third term
Commission VIII	Health, Safety & Environment <b>Dr. Luca Costa</b> (Italy) – re-elected for third term
Commission X	Structural Performances of Welded Joints – Fracture Avoidance <b>Dr. Mustafa Koçak</b> (Turkey) – re-elected for third term
Commission XIII	Fatigue of Welded Components & Structures <b>Prof. Gary B. Marquis</b> (Finland) – re-elected for second term
Commission XIV	Education and Training <b>Mr. Victor Matthews</b> (USA) – elected for first term
Commission XV	Design, analysis and Fabrication of Welded Structures <b>Mr. Robert Shaw</b> (USA) – re-elected for second term
Commission XVI	Polymer Joining and Adhesive Technology <b>Prof. Dr. Ing. Volker Schöppner</b> (Germany) – elected first term
SC-AIR	Permanent Joints in new Materials and Coatings for Aircraft Engineering <b>Mr. Ian Harris</b> (USA) – elected first term
SG-RES	Study Group – Welding Research, Strategy and Collaboration <b>Prof. Luisa Countinho</b> (Portugal) – re-elected third term

## **9. Future IIW Annual Assemblies**

- 2010 Ukraine (Kiev), 11-18 July
- 2011 Indian (Chennai), 17-22 July
- 2012 U.S.A. (Denver, Colorado)
- 2013 Germany (Essen), 12-17 September
- 2014 Republic of Korea (Jeju Island), 13-18 July
- 2015 Turkey (Istanbul), July (date to be finalized)

## **10. Any Other Business**

There was no other business to be discussed.

## **11. Attendance Recognition Certificates**

Attendance Recognition Certificates and commemorative lapel pins were presented during the various meetings of the 2009 Assembly to honour those who have contributed significantly to the IIW by having attended 10 (10 certificates), 20 (2 certificates) or 30 (2 certificates) Annual Assemblies.

## **12. Date and Place of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 11, 2010 at 1400H in Kiev.

## **International Conference**

The International Conference "Advances in Welding and Allied Technologies" was held July 16-17 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. It was opened by the Portevin Lecture, "Development of Gas-Shielded Arc Processes in Automatic Welding", delivered by Dr.-Eng. Masao Ushio, Professor Emeritus of Osaka University, Japan. A total of 93 papers were presented during the Conference during 17 sessions, with 41 posters on exhibition.

## **Concluding Remarks**

This Annual Assembly and Conference was extremely well attended by Canadians and well organized by our Singapore colleagues. Overall, a worthwhile event that was enjoyed by all.

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September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009