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Furthering innovation and technology transfer since 1948



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International Institute of Welding :

a vision shared
by 50 countries

A WORLD-WIDE INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

A non-profit organization, the International Institute of Welding (IIW) was originally created by a group of scientists and researchers from thirteen different countries to promote innovation and best joining practices the world over. Their idea was to provide a global platform for the exchange and diffusion of evolving welding technologies and applications.

Founded in 1948, IIW boasts nearly fifty member countries today. The organization is driven by the combined synergy of thousands of experts who conduct and participate in IIW technical meetings, international congresses, assemblies and themed conferences. They also contribute articles and publications to share and compare their latest findings and actively further excellence in our field.

CREATING INTERNATIONAL WELDING AND JOINING STANDARDS

In 1986, IIW is selected as one of the world's three official International Standardizing Bodies in the areas of welding and joining. Since that date, the organization, together with the practical input of industry leaders, has published eighteen international welding standards under the auspices of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The standards programme covers materials, test methods, best practices, new technologies, health and safety matters, environmental issues and management.

INITIATING MODEL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

With the qualification of welding personnel now mandatory for manufacturers everywhere, IIW has established a requirements system for the proper education, training, qualification and certification of welding professionals, from engineers and technologists to on-site practitioners. These standards enable countries to shape qualified, world-class professionals locally, thus

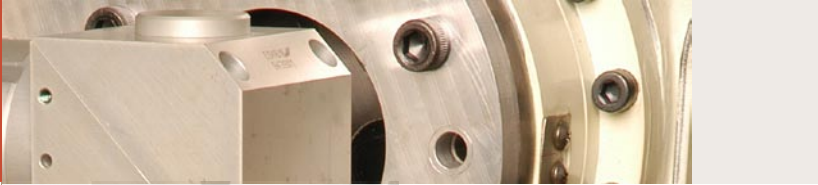
making welding one of the only professions to have uniform requirements around the world.

BUILDING THE WORLD'S LARGEST DEDICATED DATABASE

IIW's virtual library constitutes the world's largest online source of welding information available today. Members can consult and share technical documents, white papers, publications, articles and original doctoral theses not found elsewhere... comprising a database of roughly 20,000 documents, of which more than 1,000 may be downloaded from the IIW web site.

And for in-print access to the latest, most significant findings of researchers and practitioners from around the globe in brief, the IIW journal, "Welding in the World", is published six times yearly and may also be consulted online.





Become an active player

Take part in advancing **innovation** in our field and contribute to **technology transfer**. Join forces within IIW to help implement new **environment-friendly** protective coatings or take a giant step in your research on **fatigue resistance**. Or volunteer to participate in the **drafting of ISO standards**.

Address key issues by joining one of the many IIW working unit **think tanks**, together with other dedicated engineers, researchers, professors, stu-

dents, as well as the industrial deciders, doctors, architects and toxicologists who contribute their knowledge and experience to our research.

Host a world conference, organized on a revolving basis in IIW member countries – and spotlight national or regional welding issues, or new research of particular interest to your corner of the world...help your country **play a leading role**.

IN BRIEF IIW OFFERS MEMBER COUNTRIES

> **A unique educational opportunity** that can guide you in creating your country's own "board of welding education" and official welding training centres, thanks to our acclaimed **educational standards system**. Under the auspices of IIW, you can deliver our diplomas and certificates to **successful candidates at every level** of the profession, thus validating and ensuring **world-wide recognition of their skills**.

> An incomparable **sounding board** providing your scholars and researchers with a unique international platform to present their work at our highly informative, well-attended **congresses and conferences series**

> An **exclusive information bank** with members-only access to our **comprehensive virtual library** (over 20,00 documents available online)

> **Up-to-date reports and in-depth articles** thanks to our journal "Welding in the World" in print and online

> **Research and career incentives through annual IIW Prizes and Awards** for **outstanding achievements, significant contributions** to the advancement of welding and joining technology, as well as remarkable **career accomplishments**





... Join IIW

As you know, technological advances in welding and joining have enabled innumerable technical developments, from the cell phone to space modules. Like the nearly fifty countries who are already members of IIW, your country—and progress—can only benefit from your coming on board.

We are always pleased to welcome new member countries and their viewpoints. It's all about sharing knowledge and completing the global picture. Think about joining today!



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Eligible for membership?

Universities, research programs, scientific societies, welding societies... any not-for-profit, non-commercial, legally established body in good standing in its country of origin can be considered for IIW membership.

Once a member, your university, society etc will be the national relay for access to the IIW knowledge bank, educational programs and all the benefits mentioned herein.

Registration

Annual dues and a contribution based on your country's annual steel consumption help finance our non-profit organization. As a facility to developing economies, up to three countries can get together to take advantage of a group membership.

And for your information, government Departments of Education, Departments of Commerce and Industry, Ministries of Higher Learning and Research...help sponsor most national memberships.