



American Welding Society®

MEDIA CONTACT:

Cindy Weihl
American Welding Society
800-443-9353 ext 416
cweihl@aws.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

International Welding Summit Coming to the U.S. in 2012
International Institute of Welding will hold 65th Annual Assembly in Denver

MIAMI, Fla., January 30, 2012 – The International Institute of Welding (IIW) will hold its Annual Assembly on July 8-14, 2012, in Denver, Colorado. Though the conference is in its 65th year, it has only been held in the United States three times, most recently in 1997. The upcoming meeting will provide a special opportunity for those involved in the welding industry to meet with their counterparts from all over the world.

The 2012 IIW Annual Assembly will be officially hosted by the IIW American Council, which consists of the American Welding Society, the Edison Welding Institute, and the Welding Research Council. AWS has put together a planning committee of American Council members and other welding experts to ensure a successful event. The planning committee is co-chaired by AWS Past-Presidents Damien Kotecki and Tom Mustaleski. Dr. Kotecki is also IIW treasurer and AWS Executive Director Ray Shook currently serves as IIW vice president.

The International Institute of Welding was founded in 1948 by the welding institutes of 13 countries (including the U.S.) to promote best joining practices on a worldwide level. Today, with 54 member countries, IIW has become a global reference, providing a respected forum of information exchange about welding technology.

The 2012 event in Denver presents a special opportunity for welding experts throughout North America to attend a world welding summit. In addition to meeting influential welding experts at meetings, social events and technical visits, attendees will have an opportunity to attend a major IIW International Conference on July 12 – 13, “Welding for Repair and Life Extension of Plants and Infrastructure.”

For the first time ever, the IIW Annual Assembly and International Conference have gone mobile. The 2012 Denver Annual Assembly has launched a smartphone mobile app called “IIW 2012” to give attendees a convenient way to navigate the event. The app provides participants with necessary information including: speaker lists, floor plan maps and an interactive schedule. In addition, the app allows social media interaction with a live feed of Tweets and a photo gallery where attendees can snap pictures and upload for all to see. The app is available for iPhone, Blackberry and Google Android phones.

For more information about the 2012 IIW Annual Assembly or to register, visit www.iiw2012.com . To download the IIW 2012 app, visit www.iiw2012.com/phone_app.html

ABOUT AWS

The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 68,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the society’s website at <http://www.aws.org> and click on “Pressroom.”