

## EDITORIAL

### SCIENCE CITATION INDEX: OUR OBJECTIVE FOR 2009



The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Assembly of the International Institute of Welding (IIW), held in Graz (Austria) from 06 to 11 July 2008, was an outstanding success. Over 700 people representing 46 countries attended this event and the feedback has been excellent. The meetings of the Working Units were very productive. Of the 400 documents discussed, some 102 documents were recommended for publication in *Welding in the World* (i.e. an increase of 20 % when compared with figures from the 2007 Annual Assembly).

These figures once more show the dynamism of the IIW and the increasing interest in welding technologies worldwide.

We continuously endeavour to improve the quality of your journal, *Welding in the World*. Significantly, subsequent to the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly in Dubrovnik (Croatia), all research papers recommended for publication are now peer-reviewed prior to publication. For this purpose, the IIW has convened a panel of more than 200 reviewers. Since January 2008, 33 peer-reviewed research papers have already been published.

We have now decided to apply for the registration of *Welding in the World* in the Science Citation Index at the beginning of 2009. Such prestigious endorsement will undoubtedly guarantee considerable recognition on a global scale, not only of the authors and the journal but, especially, of the IIW itself.

Our sincere thanks to all contributors – authors, Chairmen of Working Units and reviewers – for their sterling involvement with this journal. We also thank you, our faithful readers, for your continued interest and support over the many decades since its first publication in 1963.

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