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Jim's comment

It's hard to believe that another year has come to an end. Some say that time flies faster when you're over 50, but I believe that the speed of time is proportional to how much quality it's filled with!

And this year, I must say, a lot of quality things have happened. One of these



is the recent graduation of 20 Nigerian welders to IWP level with the best 10 now going on to complete the IWS. This was an exemplary group who not only produced excellent results but also showed what can be achieved through dedication and discipline. Congratulations to each and every one of you!

Of course the Nigerian 'Train the Trainer' initiative is only a cog in the overall wheel of training activity undertaken by the Institute this year and I'm happy to report that, in what has proven to be one of the toughest years for business throughout the world, our classes remained full, which was certainly another quality thing to happen. Training is one of our paramount functions and a healthy demand for it is a statement by our industry of respect for what we do here and we appreciate this deeply.

Being the custodian of standards and good practice in the industry is also a fundamental function of the Institute and the SCERT Welding Fabricators Certification Scheme is central to this task. The healthy number of companies that were accredited this year and the constantly growing number of inquiries from fabricators both large and small is certainly a very positive thing and especially as this year we saw some high profile certifications including Steinmüller Africa and Group Five Oil and Gas, the first site-based company to be certified to ISO 3834.

Helping in the dissemination of high class information is also part of maintaining standards and something we take very seriously. We've had some outstanding seminars and speakers over time with none more outstanding than Duane Miller, whose knack of making complex issues look quite simple pleased a lot of industry heavyweights who attended his recent seminar on 'Designing Structural Steel Welded Connections for Severe Service'. We are privileged to have people of Duane's stature share their knowledge with us and we will certainly continue our endeavours to get many more like him to our shores.

Thankfully, the list of excellent things this year is too long to mention in detail but suffice it to say that we've also helped members to understand the new Pressure Equipment Regulations, played our part for the IAEA to evaluate the Sudanese Atomic Energy Commission, launched a new Diploma, changed our logo and refreshed our website. All in all, it's been a good year and I want to take this opportunity to thank the SAIW team, our members and our sponsors who have made it all possible.

I look forward to 2010, which will undoubtedly be a milestone year for our country, and wish you all a happy and peaceful festive season.

Jim Guild

