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### **International role model: DVS scores points in matters of the promotion of the up-and-coming generation**

**Düsseldorf/Melbourne, August 9, 2016.** For 25 DVS/IIW Young Professionals, the 69th Annual Assembly and the Conference of the International Institute of Welding (IIW) in Melbourne, Australia, from July 10 to 15 were the highlight of their careers in joining technology until now. The participation was made possible by the German Welding Society (DVS) which organised it and provided sponsorship funds. Last year, DVS had already caused a positive sensation amongst IIW's other partners with the promotion of its young scientists.

As the representative of the joining technology sector from Germany, DVS was represented at the IIW Annual Assembly with the largest group by far, i.e. a total of 33 young scientists - 25 promoted Young Professionals and another eight German Young Professionals. China followed as the second-largest group with six doctoral candidates while the other countries had sent two people on average. This aspect of the promotion possibility was discussed intensively in the "Task Group Young Leaders" (TG-YL) working group. The participants also included Dr.-Ing. Simon Jahn, Managing Director of ifw Jena - Günter-Köhler-Institut für Fügetechnik und Werkstoffprüfung GmbH. He was once a DVS/IIW Young Professional himself, is convinced of the concept and is therefore a sponsor of DVS's promotion of the up-and-coming generation. Dr. Jahn and Marvin Keinert, M.Sc., the coordinator at DVS and the contact for the DVS/IIW Young Professionals, explained the procedure and the organisation of projects such as DVS's support for students in Germany. The President of IIW Prof. Gary B. Marquis and the contacts from various countries agreed that DVS's concept and commitment should serve as a template for the possibilities of promoting all the IIW Young Professionals.

The DVS/IIW Young Professionals came from 18 universities, firms, institutes and authorities in Germany. The Young Professionals represented here included four foreign students as well as the Iranian Kimiya Hemmesi from the Fraunhofer Institute for Mechanics of Materials in Freiburg. She delivered no fewer than two lectures at the IIW Conference and received great recognition. The

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introduction of one's own research paper in English was one of the prerequisites for taking part in the IIW Conference and the IIW Annual Assembly. Just like the other doctoral candidates, Hemmesi profited from the possibilities of presenting herself to an international expert public with her own paper and establishing important contacts.

All the IIW Young Professionals had an opportunity to get to know each other directly on the first evening during the "Young Professional & Student Ice Breaking Event". The young participants from all over the world got to know each other as a result of guessing games and exchanged opinions about the expectations with regard to IIW. Emphasis was placed on the exchange of experience between the up-and-coming generation in joining technology also during the "Young Professionals Networking Event" on July 12. After the Networking Event with all the IIW Young Professionals, the DVS General Manager Dr.-Ing. Roland Boecking and the coordinator Keinert invited the 33 German doctoral candidates in total to a convivial evening in Melbourne. There, they also toasted the generous support of the sponsors Alexander Binzel Schweisstechnik GmbH & Co. KG, EWM AG, Linde AG, Kjellberg Stiftung, ifw Jena - Günter-Köhler-Institut für Fügetechnik und Werkstoffprüfung GmbH, SLV Halle GmbH, Forschungsvereinigung Schweißen und verwandte Verfahren e. V. des DVS and DVS ZERT GmbH.

In addition to the participation of a large number of DVS/IIW Young Professionals, there were also three other successes from a German viewpoint. As every year, various prizes were presented during the 69th IIW Annual Assembly. Three Germans received honours this year. For example, the "Walter Edström Medal" was conferred on Prof. Dr.-Ing. Prof. h.c. Ulrich Dilthey and Dr. Boecking accepted the medal on his behalf. The "Henry Granjon Prize" in Category A was awarded to Dr.-Ing. Seyed Mohammad Goushegir and the "Henry Granjon Prize" in Category B to Carolin Fink.

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