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American Welding Society Appoints New International Certification Director to Lead Global Expansion

AWS Welcomes Dr. Priti Jain as Director, International Business and Certification Programs

Miami, FL, July 2, 2007 – The [American Welding Society](http://www.aws.org) (AWS), the world’s largest organization dedicated to advancing the science, technology and application of welding, announced today the appointment of Dr. Priti Jain as director of international business and [certification programs](#). In this role, Dr. Jain will lead AWS’ global expansion strategy with a primary mission to increase the Society’s program and certification base in the international market.

Dr. Jain is a seasoned professional with wide-ranging expertise in the international landscape. She most recently served at Motorola Inc., global manufacturer and distributor of wireless technology with annual sales of \$37 billion, in several roles of increasing responsibility leading to International Regulatory Manager. In this capacity, Dr. Jain managed regulatory approvals for Motorola products in various international markets. Prior to that, Dr. Jain launched her own privately-held agency, International Trade Links, in Moscow, Russia, which marketed and sold goods of mass consumption including food, clothing and medicines.

At AWS, Dr. Jain will primarily be responsible for overseeing the [Society’s international agencies and partners](#) that conduct business, including certification programs, on behalf of AWS. These agencies and partners include AWS’ accredited testing facilities and international AWS certified welding fabricators.

Dr. Priti holds a doctorate in managerial economics from Saint Petersburg State University in St. Petersburg, Russia. She earned her master’s degree in economics and bachelor’s degree in business administration from Agra University in India. Dr. Priti is fluent in English, Hindi, and Russian.

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 50,000 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](#).”

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