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1. Agenda of the meeting to be held in Saltzburg, Austria, Tuesday 14 July 2026

Location/ Time	Mozart 3	
14:00-14:15	**Welcome, apologies, approval of minutes, approval of agenda and review anti-trust policy**	**Rick Polanin Chair of C-XIV**
14:15:14:30	**Election of Commission XIV Vice Chair, Comments by Dr. Burgess**	**Rick Polanin Dr. Joshua Burgess**
14:30-15:00	**Project Based Learning**	**Rick Polanin Professor: Illinois Central College, 2022 AWS President, CoPl, The National Center for Welding Education (USA)**
15:00-15:30	**Advancing Welding Skills in Kenya: VR Training, IIW Integration, and the Path to ANB Status**	**Muthomi Murage, Technology Officer, The Toolkit Foundation (Kenya)**
15:45-16:15	**Break**	
16:15-16:45	**Curriculum Redesign in Welding Engineering: Industry Endorsements and CWI Exam Preparation**	**Dr. David Phillips, Professor, The Ohio State University (USA)**
16:45-17:15	**Application of Artificial Intelligence in Welding Education and Training**	**Dr. Liu Zhenying Chairman of Beijing ARC Xinxing Science & Technology Co., Ltd. (China)**
17:15-17-45	**VR-enhanced tools for training of welders, NDT inspectors and procedure testing**	**Radosław Gałka CEO & Founder DiginVision.com / Europa.jobs / EUWorkers.fr (Poland)**
17:45-18:00	**Updates from the IIW Secretariat**	**Elisabetta SCIACCALUGA IIW Technical Manager (Italy)**

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2. Agenda of the meeting to be held on Wednesday 15 July 2026

Location/ Time	Trapp	
14:00-14:15	**Introduction**	**Rick Polanin**
14:15-14:45	**Strengthening the Welding Skills Pipeline:Lessons, Challenges, and Innovation in Training**	**Guy Brooks, Executive General Manager, Training Operations, Weld Australia (Australia)**
14:45-15:15	**Empowering Women in Welding: Educational Strategies and Outcomes from the Welders Training Day – Woman Edition 2026**	**Alan Avon, Technology Transfer Area Manager, Italian Institute of Welding Simone Rusca, Head of Training Department, Italian Institute of Welding (Italy)**
15:15-15:45		**Patricio Mendez, Professor University of Alberta (Canada)**
15:45-16:15	**break**	
16:15-16:45	**A Post Phenomenological Study of Posthuman Andragogical Frameworks and AI Adoption in Adult Welding Education and Training in India**	**Dr. Payel Dutta Chowdhury (India)**
16:45-17:15	**Innovative Training Resources for Welding Education: Integrating Digital Platforms, Industrial Needs and Immersive Learning**	**Ana Luísa MARQUES Project Manager: European Welding Federation (Portugal)**
17:15-17:45	**Empowering Welding Trainers as Drivers of Quality and Sustainability in Vocational Education & Training**	**Adelaide ALMEIDA Education Products Division Manager: European Welding Federation (Portugal)**
17:45-17:55	**Welding in the World**	**Dr. Norbert Enzinger Institute of Materials Science, Joining and Forming Graz University of Technology Kopernikusgasse 24, A-8010 Graz, (Austria)**
17:55-18:00	**Discussion about Sub-Commission XIV-A, Objectives and Papers for Commission XIV, Presentation Themes for AA 2027, Invited Speakers, Evaluation of Meeting, Announcement of the next meeting, Evaluation of Meeting, Close**	**Rick POLANIN**