An international symposium on Fatigue, Fracture and Integrity Assessment (FFIA-2006) was organised on 17-18 January 2006 at Jamshedpur, India under the aegis of Jamshedpur Chapter of the Indian Institute of Welding. The symposium was held in honour of Dr. John Knott, a professor from University of Birmingham, UK and one of the founding fathers of modern experimental fracture mechanics, during the period of his visit to Tata Steel.

Around 50 experts attended the four technical sessions during the two-day symposium and a wide range of technical issues related to fatigue, fracture and structural integrity of welded structures were discussed. The symposium attracted participants from Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai and many other cities in India and other countries. Zhou Wei, a council member of Singapore Welding Society, delivered an invited speech on micromechanisms of fracture in ultralight magnesium alloys and paid a visit to Tata Steel R&D centre right after the symposium.