

CONFERENCE ON 'BEDEUTUNG DES SCHACHS FÜR ERZIEHUNG, WISSENSCHAFT UND KULTUR'

Dresden, August 24 - September 2, 1988

The conference "Bedeutung des Schachs für Erziehung, Wissenschaft und Kultur" (The importance of chess for education, sciences and culture) will be held at the Technical University of Dresden from August, 24 - September, 2, 1988.

The opening session is on August 25. The following days are dedicated to specific areas:

- August, 26 : Chess and Science (history, game theory, philosophy, psychology, computer sciences);
- August, 27 : Chess and Intelligent Performance;
- August, 28 : ditto;
- August, 29 : Chess and Arts;
- August, 30 : Chess and Educations;
- August, 31 : Chess and Sports;
- September, 2 : Chess and Artificial Intelligence.

September, 1st, is for excursion. Requests for participation or more detailed information are to be sent to:

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AMERICAN OPEN & PERFORMANCE OF COMMERCIAL MICROCOMPUTERS

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The performance of commercial microcomputers at the American Open (held in Los Angeles, California) during Thanksgiving weekend 1987 can only be described as exemplary.

The performance was a whopping 54% against competition of high-rated human opponents sporting an average rating in the USCF 2100's. For computers that can sit in your lap, this is a really good show.

My recent letter (cf. Vol. 10, No. 4, p. 219) may have been somewhat misread because it presented only the data from the tournament crosstable: I felt it important to present an opinion related to this data sometime after the reporting of it.