

## NEWS, INFORMATION, TOURNAMENTS AND REPORTS

### THE MEPHISTO "BEST PUBLICATION" AWARD

*The Board of ICCA*

The Mephisto "Best Publication" Award has been announced in the June/September 1988 issue of the *ICCA Journal* and will be presented annually to the authors of the publication, which, in the opinion of the jury, makes the biggest contribution to computer chess. The first Award was for publications dated between April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1987 and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1988 (and won by Thomas Anantharaman, Murray Campbell and Feng-hsiung Hsu), the second Award for publications dated between April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1988 and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1989.

The 1988-89 Mephisto Award for the best publication on Computer Chess is adjudged to the book *Advances in Computer Chess 5*, a collection of conference contributions edited by Don Beal and published by Elsevier Science Publishers B.V., Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The jury consisted of Jaap van den Herik, Monty Newborn, Ken Thompson, Jonathan Schaeffer and Tony Marsland. Don Beal will receive the latest and strongest Mephisto Chess computer, in its nicest wooden board. The ICCA congratulates Don Beal and all the contributors to this excellent book. In this issue of the Journal a leaflet can be found in which the publisher offers all ICCA members a copy of *Advances in Computer Chess 5* for a reduced price.

The ICCA would once again like to thank Hegener + Glaser AG of Munich, for donating this award. The qualification dates for the 1989-1990 award are April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1989 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1990, and this will include the June, September and December 1989 issues of the *ICCA Journal*, as well as the March 1990 issue. Once again, any publication on or related to computer chess may be considered, and the award is not limited to papers presented in the *ICCA Journal*.

### THE MEPHISTO "YOUNG PROGRAMMERS" SCHOLARSHIP

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This new award was announced in *ICCA Journal*, Vol. 11, No. 4, p. 167 and will be presented annually to the high-school pupils or students under 19 years of age who have written the best chess program.

The 1989 scholarship for programmers under 19 years of age who have written a chess program goes to the Germans: Michael Schmitt and Peter Lutz, for their program PAUL. This program competed in the World Microcomputer Chess Championship in Portorož (see this issue of the Journal, pp 232-237).

No other entries were received from young programmers this year. One other prospective entrant did not complete his program in time for 1989, but will still be young enough for the 1990 contest.

This year's winners were not, in fact, both under 19 years of age on the qualifying date (September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1989). It was therefore agreed between the ICCA and Hegener + Glaser, sponsors of this scholarship, that these two programmers could submit a program before the first of them had his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, and that if this program was declared the winner the programmers would share a \$2,500 scholarship, rather than the normal award of \$5,000.

The ICCA is pleased to congratulate Mr Schmitt and Mr Lutz for their success. Each of them will receive \$1,250 from Hegener + Glaser, to be used at any college or university of their choice. Hegener + Glaser also kindly sponsored their travel costs to Portorož for the World Microcomputer Chess Championship in September.

Would all ICCA members please bring this valuable prize to the attention of any young chess programmers they know, so that we can have more entries for the 1990 award.