

## THE ICCA JOURNAL ON INTERNET: A FOLLOW-UP

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We promised to bring you up to date on the issue of "going electronic" with the *ICCA Journal*. Our thanks, again, to members who responded to our survey in March and who added to the discussion with their comments.

That feedback has served as the impetus to make the *ICCA* internet homepage more useful as a resource for members and as a marketing tool to attract new members and quality papers for publication. The internet address is <http://www.cs.unimaas.nl/icca/>. Is it among the bookmarks you have collected for easy navigation on the internet? It should be! In fact, if you have a homepage that reveals your interest in computer chess, why not make the *ICCA* homepage a link for those who visit your page? We will do our best to make the page worthy of your recommendation.

The homepage calendar is updated frequently so members may be aware of events and announcements which do not meet our publication deadlines. We also have links to other homepages of interest to members.

Are you interested in what members said about the prospect of "going electronic" with the *ICCA Journal*? We thought you might be, so we are publishing comments (without member names) on the *ICCA Journal* homepage during the months of September and October. You will see that there is still a desire for the printed version of our *ICCA Journal*.

We are not alone in the examination of high printing costs and the tempting access to low-cost electronic distribution. The *ICCA* publishing team reviewed more than a dozen *Journals* who use the internet for full access, partial access, and code-only access to Journal contents. We have found the best features of those internet sites and enhanced the *ICCA* homepage.

In addition to the members' responses to our query, these considerations lead to the decision to maintain a full print version of the *Journal*.

- The *Journal* is read throughout the world by members with no access or unreliable access to the internet.
- Readers who have access to the internet at work only, may not have the support of employers to receive personal subscriptions on a business connection.
- Portability of the printed *Journal* makes it possible to use it in a variety of settings – leisure, research education, and business.
- Offering a complete electronic version and a complete print version is not a cost effective way to use membership dues. The economy of volume means that printing costs per issue go up as the print volume goes down.

As always, your feedback is welcome as we continue to add value to your *ICCA* membership. Let us know what we do well and what we can improve.

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