

FIDE/ICCA Cooperation Agreement Ratified

The proposed agreement between FIDE and ICCA, which was printed in the October 1981 Newsletter, has been overwhelmingly approved by our membership. This information has been communicated to the President of FIDE. The text of the agreement, which has now been approved by both organizations, follows:

Agreement between F.I.D.E. and I.C.C.A.

The World Chess Federation (F.I.D.E.) and the International Computer Chess Association (I.C.C.A.) declare their conviction that a close collaboration in the common interest of development and promotion of chess is useful.

For that purpose, F.I.D.E. and I.C.C.A. join as partners in an association in which each partner remains legally, economically, and technically independent.

The business of F.I.D.E. and of I.C.C.A. will be governed by the authorities in the F.I.D.E. and I.C.C.A. statutes, respectively.

National federations or individuals which claim rights as F.I.D.E. or I.C.C.A. members shall pay fees only to the organizations of which they are members.

F.I.D.E. and I.C.C.A. affirm their desire to guide their activity and decisions so that the interests of neither partner are violated in development of over-the-board chess or computer chess.

I.C.C.A. recognizes F.I.D.E. as the supreme organization of world chess and as its representative, particularly towards other world institutions. This recognition shall not preclude I.C.C.A. relations to other world institutions, so long as computer chess is promoted and F.I.D.E. interests are not adversely affected.

F.I.D.E. recognizes I.C.C.A. as the only official international federation for computer chess tournaments and championships and for the necessary organization work.

Ordinary liaison work between F.I.D.E. and I.C.C.A. shall be handled by the liaison officer elected by both organizations (Delegate of F.I.D.E. for Computer Chess, resp. I.C.C.A. contact person to F.I.D.E.). F.I.D.E. and I.C.C.A. should agree on the same person as liaison officer.

For discussion of policy problems which concern both partners, or of conflicts between the partners, a common F.I.D.E./I.C.C.A. Commission shall be established. This commission shall consist of two representatives elected by the I.C.C.A., two elected by the F.I.D.E. Congress, and the liaison officer.

The common commission will also meet on request of either partner. Meetings will be called by the liaison officer. The commission shall elect one of its members as its president.

I.C.C.A. should, if possible, meet before the F.I.D.E. General Assemblies, so that the I.C.C.A. minutes may be added to the minutes of the F.I.D.E. General Assembly.

Computer chess titles conferred by I.C.C.A. will be ratified by F.I.D.E. at the General Assemblies, on the basis of qualification conditions established by I.C.C.A. and FIDE.

Nothing in this agreement is intended to limit the powers or activities of the member federations of FIDE.

This agreement shall continue in force until terminated. The agreement may be terminated by either partner at the end of any year, by written notice to the other not later than October 31.

This agreement shall become effective upon approval by the F.I.D.E. General Assembly and the I.C.C.A. Membership.

Amended Agreement approved at
1981 FIDE General Assembly
Atlanta, Georgia