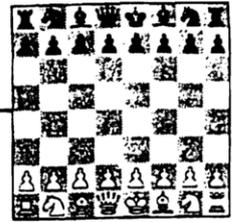


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## EDITORIAL

This is my last issue as Editor of the ICCA Newsletter. Starting immediately, Mr. H. J. (Jaap) van den Herik assumes editorship of a new publication, the ICCA Journal, which will replace the ICCA Newsletter. Mr. van den Herik has been involved in computer chess for a long time. As a chess journalist and as one of the organizers of the Dutch Computer Chess Society, he has contributed much to computer chess in the Netherlands and in Europe in general. He is about to receive his Ph.D. degree from the Delft University of Technology in the Department of Mathematics and Informatics. His dissertation topic will, I am sure, be of interest to our members, since it involves, in part, reports of interviews with leading chess and computer chess personalities. I look forward to the new directions which Jaap has planned for ICCA publications.

On pages 2 to 3 of this issue is a policy statement prepared by Jaap and his Editorial Board, Professors I. S. Herschberg of Delft University of Technology and T. A. Marsland of the University of Alberta. I find their ideas exciting; and on behalf of the Executive Committee of ICCA, I thank them for agreeing to serve, and I look forward to their first issue of the ICCA Journal.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter can be found the announcement of the Fourth World Computer Chess Championship. Program authors are urged to send their application forms to Ken Thompson, who is in charge of the selection committee. Ken's committee will be made up of both European and American members.

In closing, I want to thank our Editorial Assistant, Ms. Joan Cesal of the Vogelback Computing Center of Northwestern University, for her excellent work over the six years since she typed the first Vol. 1, No. 1 in May of 1978. Ms. Cesal has helped us maintain the typographical and editorial quality of the Newsletter. We greatly appreciate her valuable contributions to ICCA.

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