

THE 7th WORLD COMPUTER CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MADRID

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The 7th World Computer Chess Championship will take place in Madrid in November 1992. The tournament will form part of the celebrations which will be going on all over Spain next year to mark the 500th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the New World.

The local arrangements and sponsorship are being arranged by DOXA s.a., a Madrid marketing company headed by Guillermo Bosovsky. Sr. Bosovsky has worked extremely hard for more than a year to secure the sponsorship for the event and has had the help of Leontxo Garcia, who is Spain's leading chess journalist and the chess correspondent of *El Pais*. Sr. Garcia hosts a regular programme on chess on Spanish TV and will be working closely with DOXA to maximize the media coverage of the World Championship. In order to avoid problems of the type experienced with other sponsors in Almeria in 1988 the ICCA has signed a contract with DOXA s.a. under which all of the sponsorship money is to be paid to the ICCA, in instalments, well in advance of the event. The first instalment has already been received, on schedule.

The principal sponsor at the present time is the Polytechnic University of Madrid, where the games will be played. In the museum of this university there is a special exhibit of the machines invented by Leonardo Torres y Quevedo, including the two chess machines that can force mate with King and Rook against King. The Polytechnic University will make every effort to repair at least one of the chess machines so that it can be demonstrated during the World Championship. It is planned to exhibit a number of Torres y Quevedo's other inventions at the same time.

The playing hours will be 4 pm to 10 pm each day. The first part of the day will be set aside for sightseeing and for the conference sessions (see below). Excursions will be arranged to the Escorial, where the famous illuminated chess manuscript of King Alphonso the Wise is on display, and to the city of Toledo. In addition participants and spectators can enjoy the many sights of Madrid, which include the tapestry factory, the Prado and the Royal Palace. The combination of old world history and culture with modern technology will make the 7th World Championship a truly memorable event.

An entry form and rules will be published in the June 1992 issue of the *ICCA Journal* and entries must be received not later than August 31st. All enquiries should be made to David Levy.

CALL FOR PAPERS

COMPUTER-CHESS WORKSHOP

Madrid, Spain
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During the Seventh World Computer Chess Championship in Madrid, November 1992, a Workshop will be held under the title *The Impact of Computer Chess and AI Research*. Because the playing strength of the strongest programs is now approaching Kasparov's it is time to reconsider the research efforts and its impact. It is expected that the discussion started on the IJCAI conference (Sydney, Australia, August 24-30, 1991) by Levinson, Hsu, Schaeffer, Marsland and Wilkins and continued by Frey (in this issue) will indicate new research directions for computer chess as well as for AI in general. Papers are solicited on all aspects of computer chess (and other related games) in relation to Artificial Intelligence. This applies also on technical papers describing new techniques in relation to AI techniques.

Both original papers and survey papers will be considered. The organizing committee is interested in both full papers (to be considered for inclusion in the conference proceedings and/or to be published in the *ICCA Journal* after the conference), or extended abstracts (for short presentations at the conference). Please send 4 copies of the paper/abstract to one of the organizers: