CALENDAR OF COMPUTER-CHESS EVENTS

For the benefit of our readers who may wish to enter programs in future computer-chess competitions or to attend as spectators, we regularly publish a list of future events. Anyone who is planning to organize an event which should be listed in this calendar is invited to send full details to the Editor.

1992

August 3-7
"Uniform Platform" / "Software Intelligence" Computer-Chess Tournament, to be held in London, UK. Details: Don Beal, Department of Computer Science, Queen Mary and Westfield College, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS, UK. [See also page 99 of this issue.]

August 5-11
The 4th Computer Olympiad and the 4th Conference on Computer Games, to be held in London, Park Lane Hotel, UK. Details: David Levy, 44, Aylestone Avenue, London NW6 7AA, UK. [See also pages 45-46 of the March 1992 issue.]

August 17-29
The World Draughts (Checkers) Championship 1992, to be held in London, Park Lane Hotel, UK. Details: David Levy, 44, Aylestone Avenue, London NW6 7AA, UK. [See also page 100 of this issue.]

November 23-27
The 7th World Computer Chess Championship, to be held in Madrid, Spain. Details: David Levy, 44, Aylestone Avenue, London NW6 7AA, UK. [See also pages 96-98 of this issue.]

1992/1993

The 12th World Microcomputer Chess Championship. Dates and venue to be announced.

1993

The 1st Mind Sports Olympiad. To be held in the UK. Details: David Levy, 44, Aylestone Avenue, London NW6 7AA, UK.

THE 7th WORLD COMPUTER CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Madrid, Spain

November 23-27, 1992

The 7th World Computer Chess Championship will be held in Madrid, Spain, November 23-27, 1992. An entry form follows on the next pages. The time control is set as follows: 40 moves in the first two hours followed by 60 moves in the next hour. After 100 moves there will be an adjudication. In exceptional cases, e.g., when there have been time outs for communication interrupts for more than half an hour, the Tournament Director can decide to have adjudication after six hours of play instead of after 100 moves. Normal chess clocks will be used, i.e., no Fischer clocks. The definite ruling will be published in the tournament rules. Meanwhile questions can be submitted to David Levy.
ENTRY FORM

THE 7th WORLD COMPUTER CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP
MADRID, SPAIN
November 23-27, 1992

Author(s) of the program: ____________________________________________

Please list the names in the order you wish them to appear in printed material about the event.

Contact person (name and address for correspondence) ________________________________________________

Affiliation (e.g., Name of Company or University): ________________________________________________

Work telephone: ___________________________ Home telephone: ___________________________

Email address (if any): ________________________________________________

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Name of Chess Program: ________________________________________________

Development History: ________________________________________________

Experience: On a separate attachment supply a list of the moves made in two recent (post 1989) games played under tournament conditions. Also, provide the performance results from a standard test, such as the Bratko Kopec test, the 300 Reinfeld positions, or from some other test which measures the calibre of the program. NOTE: provide essential details like CPU time taken, processor used, and nodes searched.

Also, in not more than 300 words, provide a description of your program, giving details that might be of interest to the press or public.

Estimated rating: ___________________________ Basis for rating: ___________________________

Programming Language and operating system: ________________________________________________

Program Size (bytes): Code: ___________________________ Data: ___________________________

Transposition-table size (entries): ___________________________

Opening-book size (moves): ___________________________

Estimate the program’s average speed: ________________________________________________

For example, positions visited or evaluated per move.

State concisely how these estimates were made: ________________________________________________

List interesting or unique hardware/software features: ________________________________________________
INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXPECTED COMPUTING SYSTEM TO BE USED

Name and manufacture of the computer(s): ________________________________
RAM size (bytes): ___________________________ Word size: ___________________________
Speed: ________________________________________________________________________
Location of remote computers? ________________________________________________________________________
Should we provide a local terminal? (yes or no): ____________________________________________

COMMUNICATIONS

For access to remote computers connections through the international packet data networks like DATAPAC, TELENET and DA TEX-P will be provided. If you plan to use a remote computer please confirm that you have tested your communication via such a packet network, and supply your packet network address (e.g., 0302060100010): ____________________________________________

If a packet network connection to your computer is impossible, please explain and estimate the cost per hour for a direct phone connection. Please note, voice or indirect communication to a 3rd party operator will not be permitted, unless the TD declares that this emergency measure is necessary to complete an on-going game.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

The ICCA will help to defray part or all of the travel and living expenses for one representative from each team that lack corporate backing. Please estimate the cost of an APEX ticket from your nearest international airport to Madrid.
Name of Airport: ____________________________________________
Apex ticket cost: ____________________________________________

Each request for partial support will be considered on its merits, with priority given to the assessed excellence of the chess program.

Who will represent your program in Madrid? ____________________________________________

Date: __________________________________________________________________________
Signature: ________________________________________________________________________

Deadline for entries is September 23, 1992. After that date entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Board of the ICCA.

It may not be possible to consider late entries, especially if financial support is necessary, or if participation in the advance advertising is expected.

Note: although there is no fee for this event, all contestants must either be ICCA members in good standing for the whole of the current 3-year cycle, or presently hold 3-year membership (at Dutch Hfl. 50.- or US $ 30.- per annum).

Please direct enquiries to David Levy, 44, Aylestone Avenue, London NW6 7AA/UK; Fax +44 81 4596422. Please send your entry in two copies – one to David Levy at the above address and one to Prof.dr. H.J. van den Herik, University of Limburg, Faculty of General Sciences, Department of Computer Science, P.O. Box 616, 6200 MD Maastricht, The Netherlands; Fax +31 43 252392.