April 9 (dedicated to museum and archeological research)
C. Goodfellow  
Historical Children's Board Games 1772-1850
Dr. I. Finkel  
A Classification of Graffiti Games of the Roman Empire (by R. C. Bell)
N. Ivanova  
Russian Chess Museum chess pieces
I. Riddell  
Taelf and the Anglo-Saxons

April 10 (contrasting people and machines)
Dr. Matsubara  
Differences between Shogi and Western Chess from a computational view
Dr. Finkel  
Life and work of Faulkner

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THE 1996 ICCA BEST-ANNOTATION AWARD

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In ICCA Journal, Vol 15, No 4, pp 235-236 we announced the ICCA Best-Annotation Award for the first time. We received two entries for this first Award, viz: THE CHESSMASTER 4000 TURBO and M_CHESS PRO 3.5. A jury nominated by the Board of ICCA declared THE CHESSMASTER 4000 TURBO the winner of the 1993 ICCA Best-Annotation Award (see Vol 17, No 2, pp 106-108).

The 1994 ICCA Best-Annotation Award has been presented to Jeff Mallett's Innovation Program, Sherrills Ford, North Carolina (see Vol 18, No 1, pp 38-43). The 1995 ICCA Best-Annotation Award has been given to FRITZ 4.0 especially to its analysis component by Matthias Wullnweber) (see Vol 19, No 2, pp 135-136).

Unfortunately, no entries were received by December 31, 1996 for the 1996 ICCA Best-Annotation Award. We understand that there was a prospective entry of some merit, but the owners of the program had forgotten the deadline for entries.

We hope that 1997 will produce a significant improvement in both the quality and quantity of entries in relation to the past years. The ICCA believes that a good annotation program will make a significant contribution to the chess world.

Call for Entries for the 1997 ICCA Best-Annotation Award

Annotation programs should be submitted on disk to David Levy and/or Tony Marsland, complete with full operating instructions in English, to arrive not later than December 31st, 1997. The software on the disk must run under a standard system, such as DOS, MacOS, Windows or Unix.

Background information for the previous competitions can be found in previous issues of the Journal and on the ICCA home page URL: http://www.cs.unimaas.nl/icca/

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