

TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTSACM Tournament in Los Angeles

The Twelfth ACM North American Computer Chess Championship will be held in the Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles, California on November 8-10, 1981 as part of the 1981 ACM Annual Conference. A four-round Swiss-style tournament is planned with rounds beginning at 1 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. on Sunday, November 8, 7:30 P.M. on Monday, November 9, and 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 10.

In addition to the regular tournament, a 4-round robin blitz tournament will be held among the participants. Games in this event proceed at a rate of 5 seconds/move. There will also be a panel discussion and a short paper presentation period on Monday, November 9, from 3:30 to 5 P.M. Participants are encouraged to submit short papers (3-5 pages) which will be published in the tournament booklet. Exhibit booths in the game room will display a number of commercially available computer chess devices.

Most of the best programs in North America are expected to participate including the top five finishers in last year's world championship in Linz, Austria. These are BELLE, the current world champion, CHAOS, DUCHESS, NUCHESS, CHESS 4.9, and L'EXCENTRIQUE. BELLE, the work of Ken Thompson and Joe Condon of Bell Telephone Laboratories, is playing Master level chess.

Mike Valvo, International Master, will act as Tournament Director, replacing David Levy, who served in that capacity for the last ten years. The latter is expected to enter his own program and open himself to the humiliation that the other participants have adjusted to over the years. Tournament guests will be Shelby Lyman, who served as emcee on NET's TV show on the Fisher/Spassky World Championship Match in 1972, and Isaac Kashdan, Chess Editor for the Los Angeles Times.

The tournament organizing committee is Cary Duncan, Xerox Computer Services, Ben Mittman, Northwestern University, and Monroe Newborn, McGill University. Robert Hyatt of the University of Southern Mississippi will be in charge of the speed tournament.

Anyone interested in entering a program or seeking more information should write to:

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McGill University  
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Montreal, Quebec H3A 2K6  
Canada

Deadline for entries is September 10, 1981.

### Third European Computer Chess Championship Announced

We have received the following information from Dr. L. Zagler of the Institut für Informatik at the Technical University in Munich.

The third conference of European Cooperation in Informatics (ECI) will be held in Munich on October 20-22, 1981. The organizing committee is planning to hold the Third European Computer Chess Tournament during that conference.

For further information, please contact:

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der Technischen Universität  
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### World Micro Chess Tournament in Hamburg

ICCA and FIDE are expected to sanction a planned world microcomputer chess tournament this coming Fall in Germany. The organizers of the tournament are planning a Swiss-style tournament which will last seven days and consist of nine double rounds. Some 20 entries are expected. It is scheduled for late September in Hamburg. Further information can be obtained by contacting:

Mr. Frederic A. Friedel  
Hauptstrasse 28b  
2114 Hollenstedt, Germany  
Tel. 04165-8566

### Second European Micro Tournament in London

The Second European microcomputer chess tournament, sponsored by the journal PCW, has been scheduled for September 10-12, 1981 at the Cunard Hotel, London. For further information, contact:

Second European Micro  
Chess Tournament  
PCW  
14 Rathbone Place  
London W1P 1DE, England

### Micro Chess Tournament in Paris

A micro chess tournament, sponsored by L'Ordinateur Individuel, will be held at the Hotel PLM, St. Jacques in Paris from May 28-31, 1981. Some 20 micro chess programs, mostly commercial, will compete in a 7-round Swiss-style tournament. Mr. Pierre Nolot, the tournament organizer, informed us that they will require each game to be played to completion, without adjudication. For more information, contact:

Mr. Pierre Nolot  
Appt. 3181  
130 Boulevard Massena  
75013 Paris, France

### Dutch Computer Chess Championship

Only Dutch Programs  
September 25-27, 1981  
Closing date: June 15, 1981  
Program must be operational by August 15, 1981.  
For more information, contact:

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