FIDE and ICCA Cooperation Agreement

The 1981 FIDE General Assembly approved the following agreement between FIDE and ICCA at its recent Atlanta meeting. The agreement will become effective upon approval by the ICCA membership. A ballot is enclosed for that purpose. Please return your ballots before January 1, 1982.

Agreement between FIDE and ICCA

The World Chess Federation (FIDE) and the International Computer Chess Association (ICCA) declare their conviction that a close collaboration in the common interest of development and promotion of chess is useful.

For that purpose, FIDE and ICCA join as partners in an association in which each partner remains legally, economically, and technically independent.

The business of FIDE and of ICCA will be governed by the authorities in the FIDE and ICCA statutes, respectively.

National federations or individuals which claim rights as FIDE or ICCA members shall pay fees only to the organisations of which they are members.

FIDE and ICCA affirm their desire to guide their activity and decisions so that the interests of neither partner are violated in development of over-the-board chess or computer chess.

ICCA recognizes FIDE as the supreme organization of world chess and as its representative, particularly towards other world institutions. This recognition shall not preclude ICCA relations to other world institutions, so long as computer chess is promoted and FIDE interests are not adversely affected.

FIDE recognizes ICCA as the only official international federation for computer chess tournaments and championships and for the necessary organization work.

Ordinary liaison work between FIDE and ICCA shall be handled by the liaison officer elected by both organizations (Delegate of FIDE for Computer Chess, resp. ICCA contact person to FIDE). FIDE and ICCA should agree on the same person as liaison officer.

For discussion of policy problems which concern both partners, or of conflicts between the partners, a common FIDE/ICCA Commission shall be established. This commission shall consist of two representatives elected by the ICCA, two elected by the FIDE Congress, and the liaison officer.

The common commission will also meet on request of either partner. Meetings will be called by the liaison officer. The commission shall elect one of its members as its president.

ICCA should, if possible, meet before the FIDE General Assemblies, so that the ICCA minutes may be added to the minutes of the FIDE General Assembly.

Computer chess titles conferred by ICCA will be ratified by FIDE at the General Assemblies, on the basis of qualification conditions established by ICCA and FIDE.

Nothing in this agreement is intended to limit the powers or activities of the member federations of FIDE.

This agreement shall continue in force until terminated. The agreement may be terminated by either partner at the end of any year, by written notice to the other not later than October 31.

This agreement shall become effective upon approval by the FIDE General Assembly and the ICCA Membership.

Amended Agreement approved at 1981 FIDE General Assembly
Atlanta, Georgia