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1st MEPHISTO AWARD FOR THE BEST PUBLICATION ON COMPUTER CHESS

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This new award was announced in the June/September 1988 issue of the *ICCA Journal*, and will be presented annually to the authors of the publication which, in the opinion of the jury, makes the biggest contribution to computer chess.

The first award was for publications dated between April 1st 1987 and March 31st 1988. By a very decisive margin the jury decided to make the award to Thomas Anantharaman, Murray Campbell and Feng-hsiung Hsu, of Carnegie-Mellon University, for their paper: Singular Extensions: Adding Selectivity to Brute-Force Searching. *Proceedings of the AAAI Spring Symposium, Computer Game Playing*, March 1988.

I would like to formally congratulate the authors, and to thank them for providing an updated version of their paper for publication in this issue of the *ICCA Journal*. The prize, a Mephisto "Almeria" chess computer, was presented during the ACM Computer-Chess Championship in Orlando.

The ICCA would once again like to thank Hegener + Glaser AG of Munich, for donating this award. The qualification dates for the 1988-89 award are April 1st 1988 to March 31st 1989, and this will include the June/September and December 1988 issues of the *ICCA Journal*, as well as the March 1989 issue.

Any publication on or related to computer chess may be considered, and the award is not limited to papers presented in the *ICCA Journal*.

THE ANNUAL MEPHISTO SCHOLARSHIP

The Company Hegener + Glaser AG of Munich, manufacturer of the Mephisto Chess Computers, have generously agreed to sponsor a scholarship each year for the best chess program written by high-school pupils or students. All members of the programming team must be under 19 years of age on September 30 in the year in which the Award is made. The value of the Award will be US \$ 5000 each year.

The first Award will be given in 1989 for the high-school program which achieves the best result in the ACM Computer-Chess Championship in San Francisco (1989). The ICCA would very much like to offer its thanks to Hegener + Glaser for once again being so generous towards the future of computer chess.