

THE 1996 WORLD MICROCOMPUTER CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Jakarta, Indonesia
October 7th-16th, 1996

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The ICCA has received 26 entries for the 1996 World Microcomputer Chess Championship, which will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from October 7 to October 16, 1996. There are 24 amateur entries and 2 professional entries. All entries have been accepted for participation. We list them below.

Amateur programs

Program	Programmer(s)	Country
BREAKTHROUGH II	Werner Koch	Germany
CENTAUR	Victor Vikhrev, Alexei Manjakhin	Russia
COMET	Ulrich Turke	Germany
CRAFTY	Bob Hyatt, Mike Byrne, Beit Gower	USA
DARK THOUGHT	Peter Gillgasch, Markus Gille, Ernst Heinze [Gillgasch is no longer a member of this team.]	Germany
DIOGENES 2.0	Jorg Burwitz, Karsten Bauermeister	Germany
EUGEN-7	Eugenio Jimenez	Spain
FERRET	Bruce Moreland	USA
FRANCESCA	Tom King	England
GANDALF X	Steen Surballe, Dan Wulff	Denmark
HEUREKA	Gerold Fischer	Germany
ISICHESS 2.5	Gerd Isenberg	Germany
NIGHTMARE	Reinhold Gellner and Gaby von Rekowski	Germany
NIMZO-3	Chrilly Donniger, A. Kurp	Austria
PATZER	Roland Pfister	Germany
SCHACH 3	Matthias Engelbach	Germany
SHREDDER	Stefan Meyer-Kahlen	Germany
THE TURK	Yngvi Bjornsson, Andreas Junghanns	Canada
XXXX 2.0	Martin Zentner	Germany
ZEUS 3.1	Gerardo Castano	Spain
INTERCHESS	Michael Borgstadt, Spomenka Grabusic	Germany
ANANSE	Walter Bannerman	Switzerland
WOODPUSHER	John Hamlen	England
GULLYDECKEL	Martin Borriß	Germany

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Professional programs

Program	Programmer(s)	Country
FRITZ	Frans Morsch Mathias Feist, Matthias Wullenweber	The Netherlands Germany
VIRTUAL CHESS 2	Marc-Francois Baudot, Jean-Christophe Weill	France

Tournament Officials

The Tournament Director will be Jaap van den Herik. Tony Marsland will also be present for most (hopefully all) of the tournament and will be able to assist anyone with problems, particularly during the set-up and early stages of the event. The local organizer is Mr. Bunawan, Gunadarma University, (Gedung 2, lantai 2), Jl. Margonda Raya 100, Pondok Cina, Depok 16424, Indonesia. Email: gdarma2@rad.net.id.

Hotel

Since traffic in Jakarta is really heavy the local organisers have selected a hotel which is not too far from the playing hall. The playing venue will be in a brand new, 8-storey, fully-airconditioned building, located in the heart of the business district beside the old Dutch-style building of The University of Indonesia with its General Hospital.

Participants and officials will be staying in the 4-star Dai-Ichi Hotel, which is owned and operated by a Japanese group and is part of a worldwide hotel chain. The hotel's facilities include a 24-hour coffee shop, Japanese restaurant, Royal Class Chinese restaurant, Le Parisienne restaurant, Massage Parlour, Department Store, Traditional Handicraft Plaza, Golden Ballroom (which will be used for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies), with 9 floors and 300 rooms. There is a 3-level underground parking lot for anyone who wishes to rent a car.

This hotel is considered by our hosts to be of the same standard as a 5-star hotel, but because it has no tennis court it does not have a 5-star rating. We have been advised however that if you enjoy tennis or golf you should bring your own racket or clubs; the local organisers will be happy to accompany you for a game!

The normal rate for this hotel is US \$180 per night (room only) whether for single or double. Tournament participants will be charged only US \$40 nett per night for a room (without breakfast), and the balance will be paid by our sponsors.

Dining and Transportation Arrangements

Please remember that the hotel room rate does NOT include breakfast, which costs US \$13 per person.

Lunch during the tournament will be provided at the playing hall by our hosts, Gunadarma University. Dinner in the hotel costs US \$16. (Lunch in the hotel is US \$15.)

Transportation between the hotel and the tournament venue will be arranged by Gunadarma University.

Transportation between Jakarta airport and the hotel will be arranged by Gunadarma University. Those of you making your own travel arrangements should let Mr. Bunawan know your flight number and arrival time/date so that you can be met on arrival.

Playing Venue

Jl. Kenari III/5, Jakarta Pusat, Indonesia. Tel: +62-21-330220 or +62-21-330226 Fax: +62-21-7863788.

Computers

Our hosts are providing on loan a 133MHz P5 computer with 16 MB RAM and 540 MB hard disk for anyone who needs one. All requests for computer hardware have been passed on to Mr. Bunawan.

Anyone requiring a different computer must plan to make their own arrangements, though we are asking

Mr. Bunawan to help. An update will be provided on computer availability around September 15th. If you are taking your own computer to Jakarta please send Mr. Bunawan full details (make, model, serial number) so that he can arrange for customs formalities to be minimized on arrival.

Titles

Just to remind everyone the following titles will be awarded. (For the other rules please see our original announcement published in the June issue of the *ICCA Journal*, pp. 136-141.)

The following titles will be awarded at the tournament:

- [a] 1996 Absolute World Microcomputer Chess Champion – for the overall winner of the tournament.
- [b] 1996 World Microcomputer Amateur Chess Champion – for the highest-placed entry by a team made up entirely from amateur programmers.
- [c] 1996 Dedicated Chess Computer World Champion – for the highest-placed entry by a dedicated chess computer.

The order of finish will be determined by the total number of points earned. In the event of a tie for any of the titles a one-game play-off will be organized between the tied programs. If more than 2 programs are involved in the tie the play-off game will be between the two programs which have the best tie-break scores (see below). The rate of play for a play-off game will be decided by the Tournament Director, bearing in mind the time available to play the game. If the play-off game is drawn then the tie-breaking method will be used to determine the winner of the title. The first tie-break will be by the sum of the opponents' scores. If there is still a tie it will be broken on the basis of the sum of the respective programs' cumulative scores after each round (i.e., score after round 1 + score after round 2 + + score after round 11).

CALENDAR OF COMPUTER-GAMES EVENTS 1996

October 7-16, 1996

The 1996 World Microcomputer Chess Championship to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia.
For details see pp. 206-208 in this issue.

November 9-10 and 16-17, 1996

The Open 1996 Dutch Computer-Chess Championship, to be held at the CRI, University of Leiden, The Netherlands.

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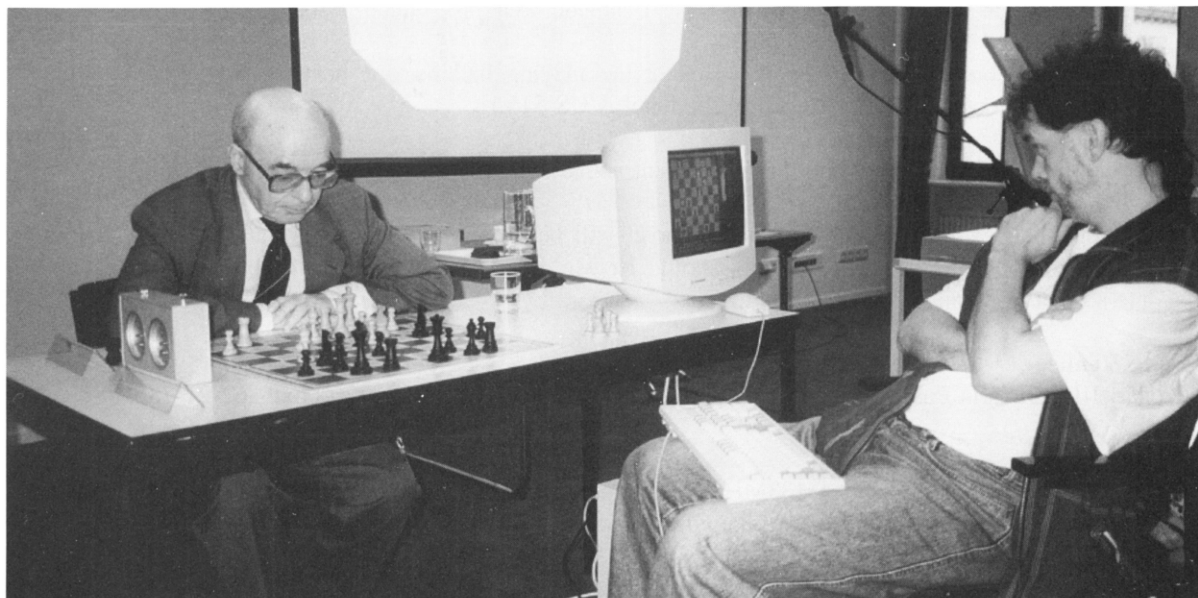


Photo by Jaap van den Herik

CHESS CHALLENGER DAVID BRONSTEIN ON HIS WAY TO VICTORY
Bronstein, Guest of Honour, defeating M_CHESS PRO, operated by Gerd Isenberg.
Vaeshartelt, Maastricht, June 27, 1996.