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A new computer chess organization was established this year in the Netherlands and now has over 500 members! Another measure of the intense interest in computer chess in the Netherlands is the estimate that some 45,000 chess computers have been sold there in the past few years. A tournament was organized in Utrecht in September, exclusively for Dutch programs, and had 13 participants. A short report on that tournament is found on page 8.

Finally, I would like to say a few words about ICCA business. We need many more people to become involved in our activities. Vice President Monty Newborn has been working on our committee memberships. He has contacted a number of people who expressed interest in helping. In this issue of the Newsletter, we have listed the initial membership of a number of our committees. I urge our members to communicate with the various chairmen to offer help and ideas. During 1982, the ICCA agenda calls for planning the 4th World Computer Chess Championship in 1983, solidifying our relationships with FIDE and major national chess federations, working on the problems involving commercial computer chess products, strengthening our publications, and, most important in the view of the officers, finding a second generation of ICCA principals, people who will be creative, who will work hard for the advancement of computer chess worldwide, and who will become active in ICCA activities.

B. Mittman  
President & Editor

ICCA COMMITTEES

The composition of the six standing ICCA committees has been decided. According to the ICCA Bylaws, the chairmen are appointed for a three-year period. These assignments become effective November 1, 1981.

Publications and Publicity Committee  
The Publications and Publicity Committee will encourage the publication of technical and nontechnical works on the subject of computer chess and will assure that the activities of ICCA are well publicized. The official publication of the ICCA shall be the ICCA Newsletter.

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Ranking  
The Ranking Committee will establish a rating or ranking system for programs and will rank and rate active programs.

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ICCA COMMITTEESTournament Organizing

The Tournament Organizing Committee will assist local organizers to the degree necessary with ICCA-sanctioned events. This committee will organize the World Championship.

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Sanctioning

The Sanctioning Committee will give formal ICCA recognition to appropriate events. It will also decide on the time and place of the World Championship subject to Article II, Section 1 of the Bylaws.

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Program Rights and Standards

The Program Rights and Standards Committee will decide on matters related to the rights of an individual to use a given program in ICCA-sanctioned events and will look into the problem of developing program input/output to facilitate the automation of computer chess match play.

Tom Truscott, Chairman (USA)  
Computer Science Dept.  
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Liaison

The Liaison Committee will seek to establish appropriate ties with other organizations. Any formal ties must be voted upon at the Triennial Meeting.

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