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## BROADENING OUR SCOPE

After two and a half years of functioning as Editor-in-Chief of the *ICGA Journal* on behalf of the ICCA, the situation is now back to normal. It is my pleasure to offer you the first issue of the *ICGA Journal* published under the aegis of the ICGA. Below our President David Levy introduces the ICGA to you, together with its aims and activities. Therefore this Editorial will be brief. Nevertheless, I would like to single out two important issues, next to the official establishing of the ICGA, namely the solution of Awari (by John Romein and Henri Bal, see pp. 162-165) and the range of very successful tournaments held within the framework of the Seventh Computer Olympiad (pp. 169-192).

With two challenging matches in the foreseeable future, Kramnik – DEEP FRITZ, and Kasparov – DEEP JUNIOR, the conclusion is inevitable: computer-chess researchers have reached the pinnacle of human performances. So, the time is ripe to broaden our scope officially from ICCA to ICGA. Yet, for chess, a prevailing question remains: when will a computer-chess program play at a superhuman level? As you may understand the *ICGA Journal* keeps you informed on the first signs of such a development as well as on the ELO rating achieved by such programs.

Finally, with much delight I would like to draw your attention to our new website <http://www.icga.org> constructed by Jeroen Donkers. There you can find a variety of descriptions of Olympic games, reports on matches, and links to other interesting sites. The managing editorship is performed by various skilled and qualified website editors.

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