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THE 10TH WORLD COMPUTER-CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Maastricht, The Netherlands
5-11 July, 2002

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Maastricht, The Netherlands

The 10th World Computer-Chess Championship will take place from July 5th (Reception of Participants) to July 11th, 2002 in the “**Oud-Gouvernement**” (**Feestzaal and Salon**), **Bouillonstraat 3, 6211 LH Maastricht, The Netherlands**. It will be organized by the Institute for Knowledge and Agent Technology (IKAT) together with the Faculty of General Sciences, the Board of the Universiteit Maastricht, The School of Information Technology (SIT), and the Board of the Transnational University Limburg (tUL). The Guest of Honour will be Eugene Nalimov.

The World Computer-Chess Championship is held as a tournament in the 7th Computer Games Olympiad. Information on the location and available accommodation can be obtained from the organization (see also www.cs.unimaas.nl/Olympiad2002). The organisation committee consists of Johanna Hellemons (chair), Hazel den Hoed, Marlies van der Mee, Martine Tiessen, Jaap van den Herik, Jeroen Donkers, Mark Winands, Paul van der Krogt, and Jos Uiterwijk. Sponsors are: Faculty of General Sciences of the Universiteit Maastricht, ENCI, Mr. Van Bellen, Stichting Kroegenbridge Maastricht, De Regenboog, Dutch Scrabble Association, and Schaakvereniging Maastricht.

The 2002 Guest of Honour

Eugene Nalimov, the recipient of the 2000 ChessBase Award (see p. 57) is invited as Guest of Honour of the 10th World Computer-Chess Championship and its attendant manifestations in Maastricht, The Netherlands. In this capacity he combines a traditional many years' standing. Triennially (only once, it was after four years), the ICCA takes pleasure in inviting contributors who have been at the core of computer-chess developments and publications in times past. So far, the ICCA has invited:

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| Linz, 1980 | : Claude E. Shannon |
| New York, 1983 | : Mikhail M. Botvinnik and Hans J. Berliner |
| Cologne, 1986 | : Adrian D. de Groot |
| Edmonton, 1989 | : John McCarthy, Donald Michie, and Claude E. Shannon |
| Madrid, 1992 | : Richard D. Greenblatt |
| Hong Kong, 1995 | : Robert Byrne |
| Paderborn, 1999 | : Mikhail Donskoy |
| Maastricht, 2002 | : Eugene Nalimov |

Finally, for the record and as honour to all participants competing we list all previous programs and their authors who have won the title World Champion (for all categories of computers).

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| 1974 (Stockholm) | KAISSA | Mikhail Donskoy, Vladimir Arlazarov, Adelson Velskiy, A.R. Bitman, A.A. Zhivotovskii, and A.V. Uskov |
| 1977 (Toronto) | CHESS 4.6 | David Slate and Larry Atkin |
| 1980 (Linz) | BELLE | Ken Thompson and Joe Condon |
| 1983 (New York) | CRAY BLITZ | Bob Hyatt, Burt Gower, and Harry Nelson |
| 1986 (Cologne) | CRAY BLITZ | Bob Hyatt, Burt Gower, and Harry Nelson |
| 1989 (Edmonton) | DEEP THOUGHT | Feng-hsiung Hsu, Thomas Anantharaman, Mike Browne, Murray Campbell, Peter Jansen, and Andreas Nowatzky |
| 1992 (Madrid) | REBEL | Ed Schröder |
| 1995 (Hong Kong) | FRITZ | Frans Morsch, Cock de Gorter, and Mathias Feist |
| 1999 (Paderborn) | SHREDDER | Stephan Meyer-Kahlen |