

ICGA General Meeting

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Agenda

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3. Treasurer's Report (Jonathan Schaeffer for Hiroyuki Iida)
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ICCA/ICGA

- International Computer Chess Association (ICCA) formed in 1977 to promote research in AI applied to chess
- Broadened scope, becoming the International Computer Games Association (ICGA) in 2002
- ICGA.org

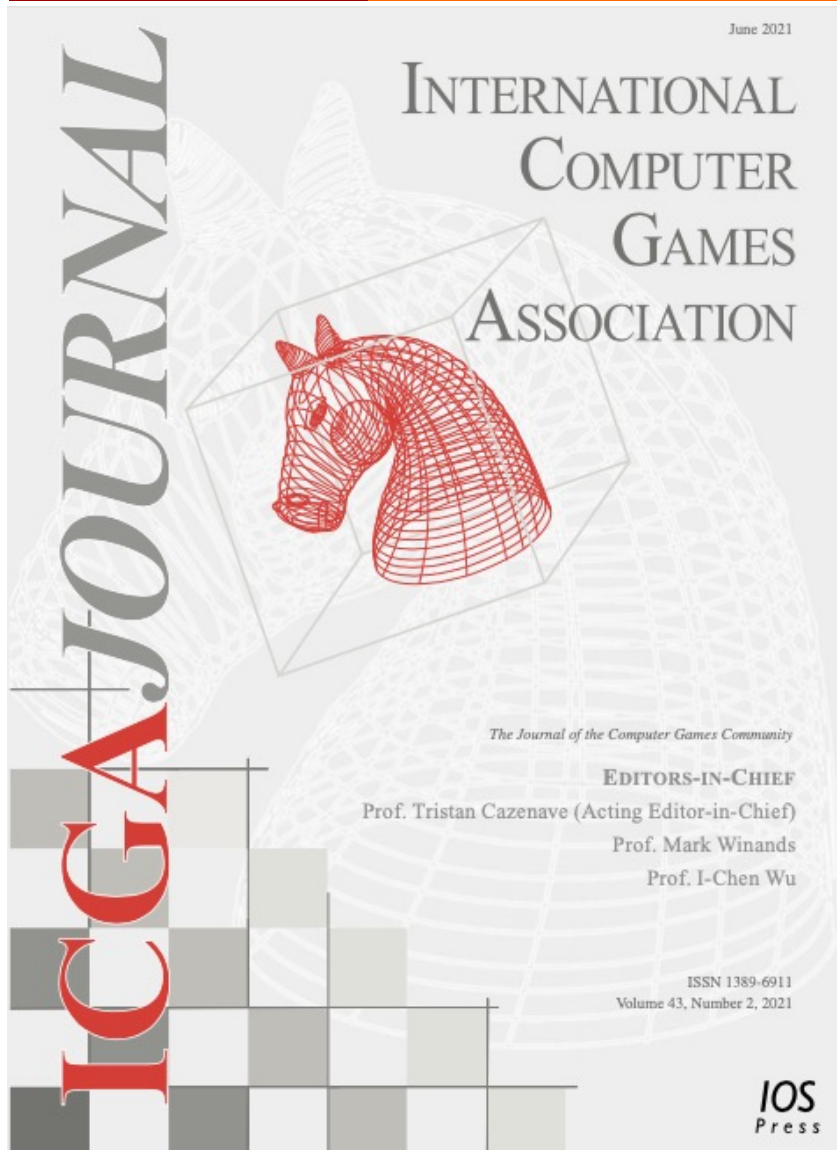
The logo features the letters "ICGA" in a large, bold, red serif font. The letters are positioned on a chessboard background, which consists of a grid of squares. Some squares are shaded in a light gray, while others are white. The letters "I" and "C" are on a white square, "G" is on a gray square, and "A" is on a white square.

ICGA

**International
Computer
Games
Association**



ICGA Journal



- Started as the ICCA Newsletter In 1980, becoming the ICCA Journal, and then the ICGA Journal
- Published by IOS Press
- Indexed by major citation agencies

ICGA Membership

- Publish
 - Advances in Computer Games conference
 - Computers and Games conference
 - *ICGA Journal*
- Compete
 - World Computer Chess Championships
 - Computer Olympiad
- \$20 US per year
- icga.org

President's Report (1)

- Accepted the position August 2019 (Macau events)
- Critical problem: falling membership
- Critical problem: shrinking bank account
- Started with a membership survey
- And then came the pandemic

President's Report (2)

- 2020 WCCC co-located with ECAI in Santiago de Compostela
Cancelled WCCC, Olympiad, CG conference
- 2021 Olympiad and ACG conference held online
- 2022 WCCC co-located with IJCAI, held in Vienna, Austria
Olympiad and CG conference held online
- 2023 WCCC held in Valencia, Spain
Olympiad and ACG conference held online
- 2024 WCCC co-located with ECAI in Santiago de Compostela
Olympiad and CG conference held online

President's Report (3)

- Hoped that the move to online would help with Olympiad participation, and it has to some extent (# entries up; # of participants up)
- Hoped that the move to online would help with the number of ACG and CG paper submissions:
 - Initially no, but this year has seen a nice increase (37)
 - Were able to attract some big speakers who ordinarily would not have come to the conference
 - Online interest has been high, but actual attendance much lower
- Continued WCCC as an in-person event

President's Report (4)

- Recommend continuing online Olympiads and conferences
 - Must advertise them beyond the current mailing lists that we use
 - This helped stabilize (and even improve) our financial position
- Pressing issues:
 - Increasing the number of ICGA members
 - Increasing the number of submissions to the ICGA Journal

President's Report (5)

➤ Leadership

- Tristan Cazenave
- Joke Hellemons
- Hiroyuki Iida
- Mark Lefler
- Mark Winands
- I-Chen Wu

➤ Advice

- David Levy
- Jaap van den Herik

➤ ACG/CG Conferences

- Cameron Browne
- Michael Hartisch
- Chu-Hsuan Hsueh
- Akihiro Kishimoto

➤ WCCC

- Jan Krabbenbos
- Richard Pijl

➤ Thank you

- Olympiad participants
- ACG/CG submissions
- ACG/CG referees
- ACG/CG keynote speakers
- ACG/CG attendees
- WCCC participants
- CHESS participants
- Partners/sponsors

Treasurer's Report (1)

Hiroyuki Iida, "ICGA Treasure's Report for 2023", ICGA Journal, 45(4), 109-110

Financial position as of 31 December 2023

Held in ICGA bank account as 1 January 2023	27,772
Income and expenditure during 2023	+5,396
Bank interest on deposit	+153
Overbooking to current ING account	−850
Held in ICGA bank account as 31 December 2023	32,471
Subscriptions already received for 2024 or later	−170
Net assets at 31 December 2023	32,301

Treasurer's Report (2)

Income and expenditure from 1 January to 31 December 2023. Figures are approximate and in Euro equivalent

	Income	Expenditure
Saldo current account 1 January 2023	321	
Subscription income (42 online + 20 printed)	2,240	
Sponsorship events	6,508	
Conference papers ACG	450	
Computer Olympiad (66 entries)	2,640	
Costs IOS Press (ICGA Journal 2022 four issues)		3,783
ICGA website		109
World Computer Chess Championship		2,561
Costs ING account		220
Transfer provision		90
Total	12,159	6,763
Net cash flow over year		+5,396

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ICGA Journal Editors



Tristan Cazenave



Mark Winands

I-Chen Wu



President

Jaap van Den Herik

Computer chess promoter, researcher, competitor, author, and
ICGA Journal editor for over 30 years



Vice Presidents



Mark Winands



I-Chen Wu

Secretary/Treasurer



Hiroyuki Iida

Thank you for many years
of service to the ICGA



Joke Hellemons

Programmers Representative



Mark Lefler

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Incoming President



Jaap van den Herik

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