

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS/PRESENTERS

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THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL GO SYMPOSIUM

An International Go Symposium, with Nolan Bushnell, founder of Atari as the keynote speaker, will take place August 4th and 5th 2012. The conference, sponsored by the International Go Federation and the American Go Association, will be held at the beginning of the U.S. Go Congress in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Presentations can include educational, cultural, historical, literary, artistic, scientific and other interesting aspects of the game. Depending on the number and nature of the talks, suggested timing is a half-hour presentation with a 15 minute question and answer period. Translators and editing can be provided and additional opportunities for questions and answers afterwards will be available.

For those unable to attend, we will augment the usual methods of presenting papers by using Skype and possibly other Internet forms of communication that would enable audience participation. To alleviate problems with the differences in international times, we may also include pre-prepared talks on DVDs or with other pre-recorded means. Pending the amounts of sponsorship and costs, honorariums may be offered.

For those who wish to publish, presentations can be included in an e-publication connected with the American Go Association web site and e-Journal (www.usgo.org). Publication in other forms will be allowed. Another change from the usual proceedings of a conference is that (again for those who wish to) papers and presentations can be put up before the Symposium on our website. This will enable better audience participation and the ability to include more than what is possible during the talk.

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For reference, the website for the Symposium is at www.gosymposium.org where presenters and their subjects will be listed. The records of a similar 2003 ICOB

Conference in Korea is at www.usgo.org/yearbook/2003ICOB.html, while a Symposium in Sweden during the 2008 European Go Congress is at http://egc2008.eu/en/events/symposium.php. The beta site for the US Congress is at http://www.gocongress.org and it will be completed shortly. For ideas and reference, research papers in these fields can be found at www.usgo.org/bobhighlibrary.