

Observer report for Chow Time 2013 (MCR, MERS 1)

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Place: Villejuif, France

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website http://www.fleurdorchidee.fr/html/animations/tournoiOT20130824.html : general information, registration, program, list of participants, map...

Participants: 88 players, from 6 countries: France (67 players), Italy (11), Belgium (4), Switzerland (3), Netherlands (1), Russia (1).

Playing schedule: 2 days, 6 rounds (3+3) of 120 minutes

Location: The "EFREI" (Engineering School) room is large enough to host all players (and more too) and leave enough space between them. Easy access by car, bus and metro.

Equipment: We played with standard game sets (without numbers) and bordered tables.

Refereeing: Quentin Porcherot was non-player referee.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Individual and team ranking up to date between each session, projected on a big screen.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere.

Catering: Breakfast and lunch of Sunday in the same place, drinks and others. Free water bottles. Very good lunch with generous variety of salads, meat dishes and cakes.

Prizes: Orchids and foodstuffs boxes for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd) and for the best team.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament, well-organised and with more people really interesting to necessities of the players, in particular abroad players.