



## OBSERVER REPORT

### Rode Lotus Tournament (MCR, MERS 1)

**Date:** 1 october 2016

**Place:** Leuven, Belgium

**Observer:** Paula Rijnders-Pereira Gomes

**Website or other source(s) of information:**

the information on the website of de rode lotus tournament was very complete: registration, time schedule, list of participants and also information about things to do and where to eat for those players who were staying longer than just 1 day.

**Participants:**

44 players

**Playing schedule:**

4 rounds 100 minutes

**Location:**

The meeting centre was large enough for the players to play, lunch and have snacks. There was lots of space between the tables so when players got up after a round they did not bother other players. The doors of the centre were kept open and the temperature was agreeable.

**Equipment:**

The tiles had a nice size to play with and were practically all the same. The tables were stable and very smooth to play on.

**Refereeing:**

Rudi Kopmanis was the non-player referee.

**Complaints:**

None.

**Information / communication during the tournament:**

A gong sounded at the start and the end of the sessions; there was a visible clock projected from a projector on to a screen and calls were made to announce the last 10 minutes. Ranking sheets were put up after each session.

**Sessions:**

The atmosphere was excellent during the whole playing day.

**Catering:**

There was free coffee, tea, fruit, cake and biscuits all day. The Chinese association Ni Hao provided the sweet snacks after the first round. The lunch was provided by a catering company, with special dishes for vegetarians. There were more sweet snacks after the third round and hot snacks after the final round; there also were plenty of water bottles available in the room throughout the day.

**Prizes:**

The prizes for the top 3 players were different sized beer glasses, specially hand-painted for the tournament by a local artist, filled with local sweets.

There was a special prize for the first player who went out on a dot one by a self-pick: a book about the Red Lotus.

**Conclusion:**

A most agreeable tournament with a very nice catering and plenty of food and beverages. It was the first time that Marieke and Sophie organised a tournament and I have to say they did a really great job. Compliments.