



Observer report for 11th Italian Mahjong Open 2016 (MCR, MERS 2)

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Place: Milano Italy

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Mahjong Italy, FIMJ: registration, program, list of participants, in Italian.

Participants: 104 players

Represented Countries: Italy, France, Austria Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Netherland, Hungary, Russia,

Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 120 minutes

Location: The hall where we played was just large enough to host the 104 players and leave enough space between them. The atmosphere was good as usual in Italy, and we had plenty of space outside for refreshing between the rounds. The only real problem was the lack of fresh air, despite there were doors on every side of the hall.

Equipment: We played with good size games and tables; chairs were comfortable.

Refereeing: There were no non-player referee, but the four active player referee was enough. No real complains, only questions.

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. The ranking was updated between each session on the big screen. The organisers were always there, very helpful and nice.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, friendly, and noisy, clear Italian style 😊

Catering: Lunch in the same place, buffet, fresh and delicious, fruits, cakes and water. Free draft beer, coffee and soft drinks were also available in different times in the cafeteria. If you were lucky 😊 there were no information when this things was free. Italian restaurant in the Saturday evening with amazing bread! I unfortunately know nothing about the food because we went back to try duplicate mahjong.

Prizes: Big trophies for individual ranking, and for the best team, for The Italian champion, and for lot's of other people as usual 😊 The closing ceremony was very nice, happy and relaxed.

Conclusion: It was a very nice tournament in Milan. I had only one very serious problem besides the weather, which was cold and rainy. There was not a single Italian restaurant around, which was open, any time when I wanted to eat a pasta. So bad 😊.

Thank you guys!