

## Observer report for Villejuif open 2017 (Chow Time - In Vino Veritas I) (MCR, MERS 1)

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Date: August 18th - 20th 2017

Place: Villejuif, France

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Fleur d'Orchidee: registration, program, list of participants, map of the place, etc.

Participants: 84 players from 8 countries:

FRA	CHN	NED	ITA	BEL	SUI	RUS	GER
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Playing schedule: 3 days, 10 rounds (3+4+3) of 120 minutes

**Location:** The playing room at the -1 floor is large enough to host 84 players and leave enough space between them. Also there is a big room at ground floor where we had meals, and places to go outside during breaks.

Equipment: We played with different, quite good game sets and tables.

**Refereeing:** Vincent You-Seen was non-player referee. Also Daniel Aubrun helped him and players to check score sheets.

Complaints: None.

## Information / communication during the tournament:

Two clocks projected from a computer on opposite wall screens are visible from all parts of the playing room. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions, 15 minutes left announced. Individual and team ranking up to date between each session projected on screen from a computer; all seats for all rounds printed on the wall.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun).

**Catering:** Breakfast and lunch were in the same place (ground floor), bottled water in playing room. French, Asian, vegetarian food – everything were very tasty.

**Prizes:** Nice prizes for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>), and one more for the best team.

**Conclusion:** Very well organized tournament in Villejuif. We had a 3-day celebration and mahjong. It is a pleasure to take part in such a nice event.