



Observer report for the 12° Open Italian Championship.  
Milano- Italy

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**Date:** 11-12 november 2017

**Venue:** Università Europea Degli Sport Della Mente

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

Information on the website [www.fimj.it](http://www.fimj.it), where date, location, players list, schedule were available. A screen displayed the results after every session.

**Participants:** 120 players from 11 countries.

**Playing format:** MCR rules 2 days, 7 (4+3) rounds. MERS 2.

**Location:** The venue could easily be found by metro or car. The tournament took place in a big hall and others activities were happening in the smaller rooms. There was a small cafeteria where we could buy soft drinks, coffee and snacks if needed it.

**Equipment:** Nice and unmarked games and non-automatic tables.

\*The tables were covered by a green mat.

**Refereeing:**

All referees were playing referees. When needed, they had to pause their own games to solve the problems. It did not look like an issue to the other players.

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

**Catering:** A buffet for lunch with different italian dishes were served both days..Coffee and snacks for the breaks. Plenty water bottles was supplied in the playing room.

**Comments:**

- That was the biggest tournament in Milano, with 120 players but maybe the venue would be a better fit for less players. More space between the tables.
- It would be a good idea if the players were not allowed to eat at the same table where we play. Some tables and tiles were dirty after lunch.

**Conclusion:**

A nice tournament.

A nice atmosphere with the famous italian hospitality.