



Observer report for Valencia MCR 2018

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Date: March 10th – 11th 2018

Place: Valencia, Spain

Website or other source(s) of information: All information and many updates on the website of the tournament : registration, program, list of participants, teams ,...
Several mails were sent to the registered players to give useful information.

Participants: 88 players from 10 countries (Italy, France, Spain, Netherlands, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, Portugal)

Playing schedule: 2 days, 6 rounds (4+2) of 120 minutes

Location: A room in the hotel Azafata near the airport was dedicated to the tournament. The room was large enough to host all the players.

Equipment: Standard game sets without numbers and bordered tables.

Refereeing: 3 playing referees : Samuel Tunez Heredia, Marco Montebelli, Alberto Rosi

Complaints: One complaint about noisy people in the last 10 minutes of the sessions (players who had already finished). After this, the organizers made regular announces asking for silence.

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 projected after each session except after sessions 1 and 3.

The composition of all tables for each round was printed on a wall.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere.

Catering: Lunch in a room next to the playing room. Many very good things to eat (various sandwiches, tortilla, salads, patatas bravas, paella, fruits...) and also drinks (wine, beer, water, sodas...). Delicious.

Different snacks, fruits, pastries... and beverages during each break. I notice also a friendly attention to make us discover a local beverage.

Optional dinner (very nice) on Saturday evening in a restaurant near to the hotel.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and one more for the best team.

A special "destroyer" prize for the player winning the most games in one session.

Gift for the observer and the referees.

A gift (bandana) for each player.

Conclusion: This tournament offered in the same time a very pleasant moment with many friendly attentions from the organizers to feel us very welcome and also a high level competition in a very fair play atmosphere.