

Observer report for Villejuif ChowTime 2018 - In Vino Veritas I (MCR, MERS 3.5)

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Date: 25th and 26th of August 2018

Place: Villejuif, France

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website: http://www.fleurdorchidee.fr/html/animations/tournoiOT20180825 en.html

Participants: 120 players from 8 countries:

FRA	ITA	BEL	NED	SUI	ESP	SWE	GER
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Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 sessions (4+3) of 120 minutes

Location: One big room, large enough to host 120 players with enough space between them.

Equipment: We played with good game sets and bordered tables.

Refereeing: Cyrille Rak (non-player referee).

Complaints: One little complain about the synchronization between the two clocks in the first session, but it was solved immediately and didn't repeat it.

The second lunch was delayed and the organizers changed the order of the last session (we played first, then we had the lunch). They solved the problem very efficiently (with 120 players)

Information / communication during the tournament: Two Visible clocks and a gong clearly informed players of the start and the end of sessions.

Ranking up to date between each session projected on screen from a computer (Individual and team ranking). Individual information with all seats and the time of each session.

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

Catering: 2 lunches and several coffee breaks next to the playing room, bottled water in playing room. Nice optional dinner in a nearby restaurant.

Prizes: Nice prizes for individual ranking (10 first classified players) and one more for the best team. Also gifts for the observer and referee.

Conclusion: Very nice and very well organized tournament in Villejuif, a fabulous and big tournament with the best players of Europe.						