



Observer report for the Open Italian Championship 2018–Mediterranean Cup(MCR,MERS 4)

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Date: November 10th – 11th 2018

Place: Milan, Italy

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Italian Mahjong Mahjong Federation and linkable from the EMA website calendar(registration, program, list of participants, optional saturday dinner).

Participants: 136 players from 10 countries:
Austria(3), Spain(8), France(35), Germany(1), Italy(55), Netherland(7), China(1), Russia(12), Switzerland(12), Sweden(2).

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

Location: “La casa dei Giochi” is located in the north of Milan and sited on a big 1 floor building surrounded by gardens with a big main room and several smaller rooms surrounding it, 2 toilets and bar. The tournament tables were in 3 of that small rooms.

Equipment: All sets were equal and big sized; also all tables were equal, square shaped, but this ones didn't have borders and few of them didn't have table mat.

Refereeing: Alberto Rosi, Aleksei Shpilman , Anton Kösters, Cedric Aguerre and Marco Montebelli. All were playing, so in one case at least there wasn't referee in one of the rooms.

Information / communication during the tournament: the results were posted on facebook and projected in the main room after each session. Alberto Rosi was the presenter.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun). One clock in each room, visible in a computer screen. One player from the organisation announce the start and the end in his current room.

Catering: 2 lunches that take place in the main room, buffet style, including Lasagna, several kinds of cheese, salads, and desserts; for drink were water during all moment, during lunches were refreshing drinks and a beer tap for self service. Cofee in the bar after the lunches, included. Other drinks were available to buy in the bar during all the tournament.

Prizes: Were prizes for individual ranking (1st to 10th), the 3 best teams, 7 highest hands (1 per round), best Italian Player of the year, best Mediterranean Player (combining Valencia's MCR celebrated on March), the last player, the 5 Referees and the Observer (thanks for it ;)). Also the best 8 players gets qualified for the 2nd World Mind Sport Games in China.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Milan, awesome level of participation, being the largest tournament celebrated in Europe (not EMC). Congrats for it! Totally deserved.