



## **Observer report for Valencia MCR 2019**

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**Date: March 23- 24 2019**

**Place: Valencia, Spain**

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of the tournament : registration, program, list of participants, list of teams as well as several mails to give useful informations.

**Participants: 76** players from 9 countries : Spain, France, Italy, Russia, Portugal, Austria, Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland

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

**Location:** A room in the Hotel Azafata near the airport was dedicated to the tournament and was large enough to host all players.

**Equipment:** We played with standard game sets without numbers and bordered tables.

**Refereeing:** 3 playing referees : Cedric Aguerre, Anton Kösters, Aleksei Shpilman

**Complaints:** None.

### **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.

Ranking up to date between each session except after the first one, and the composition of all tables for each round was printed and posted on a wall.

**Sessions:** Excellent playing atmosphere.

**Catering:** Lunch in a room next to playing room with excellent food : sandwiches, tortilla, salads, patatas, paella, all specialities from Valencia, and also various drinks.

During each break different snacks were proposed and also breakfast in the morning.

An optional dinner was organized on Saturday night in a restaurant near the hotel.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>), and one more for the best team. Gifts for observer and referees, and a pin for each player.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Valencia, the team do all the best to organise a high level competition in a pleasant atmosphere. Thank you.