

## **Observer report for Florence Open 2010 (MERS 1)**

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**Date:** September 26<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Place:** Florence, Italy

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All informations on the website of the Italian Federation: registration by mail, program, list of participants,...

**Participants:** 60 players: 58 Italian, 1 Dutch, 1 French

**Playing schedule:** 1 day, 4 rounds of 90 minutes

**Location:** Restaurant "Le Lance" Fiesole, close to Florence. The room was little and not enough space between tables to easily make seat change. It was noisy during the rounds as we were many in such a small place.

**Equipment:** Tables with tablecloth and chairs have been ok. Thin tiles used with racks, not easy to handle and tiles often slide from it.

**Refereeing:** Marco Milandri was non-player referee.

**Complaints:** None.

### **Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. No gong to clearly inform players of the start and the end of sessions.

Ranking up to date between each sessions, projected on the screen.

**Sessions:** 90 minutes is short but needed to play 4 sessions in a day.

**Catering:** Lunch in the same place. Very good lunch served at table with Italian specialities.

**Prizes:** 4 prizes for the best in each round. Prizes for the ten first players.

Prizes were all baskets filled with food and wine.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament with the best lunch I have ever had during a tournament of this size.

Very warm welcome from Italian players and friendly atmosphere.