



## Observer report for Chow Time 2014 (MCR, MERS 1)

**Observer:** Yvonne van der Heide






**Date:** August 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 2011

**Place:** Villejuif, France

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Fleur d`Orchidee, registration, program, list of participants etc. Just before start of the tournament last information through email.

**Participants:** 84 players

**Represented countries :**

FRA	ITA	NED	RUS	BEL
				
59	12	9	2	2

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 6 rounds (3+3) of 120 minutes

**Location:** The playing room at Efrei (Engineering School) is large enough to host 84 players and leave enough space between them. There was a bit of a problem with the air-conditioning, a part of the playing room was very cold.

**Equipment:** We played with good games and tables

**Refereeing:** Mélanie Moreau was a non-player referee.

**Complaints:** None

**Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen, only the clock was not visible in a part of the playing room. Every 30 minutes somebody of the organization announced the time left for playing. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session visible from a computer on a screen.

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

**Catering:** Lunch in another room, salads, cheese, drinks, sweets and fruit. Very tasteful. On sundaymorning there was breakfast for the participants.

**Prizes:** Nice prizes for individual ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) and for each member of the best team. There was also and OEMC Mahjong set 2014 for the best foreign player.

**Conclusion:** It was a very well organized tournament with a very friendly atmosphere.