



## **Observer report for 11th Austrian Mah Jong Open - SisiCup I (MCR, MERS 2)**

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**Date:** July 9th – 10th 2016

**Place:** Baden, Austria

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Mah Jong Club Baden: registration, program, list of participants...

**Participants:** 60 players

### **Represented countries:**

AUT: 16

BEL: 2

CHN: 8

FRA: 6

GER: 1

HUN: 11

ITA: 9

NED: 2

RUS: 2

SUI: 3

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

**Location:** The “at the Park hotel” conference room is large enough to host players and leave enough space between them.

**Equipment:** We played with homogenous sets and tables.

**Refereeing:** Otto Myslivec was non-player referee. As a matter of fact, he was temporarily substitute player on the second day but it had no consequence on the good process of the games.

**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. Printed and posted on walls, the seating charts of each player were displayed so that a player who'd lost his own seat paper could retrieve easily where he had to seat.

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

**Catering:** Lunch in the restaurant of the hotel (buffet), drinks and others available for free (coffee, juice) on site.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (From the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> position with extra awards for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>). Mahjong cards for the best players of each session players and for the worst players as well.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Austria with many gifts. This tournament was a special tournament for the Austrian players as it was the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Mahjong Club. It would be incomplete not to highlight that this tournament was a rare occasion to have the opportunity for European players to meet and play against 8 Chinese players. They did not travel that much for nothing as two of them ended up on the podium (3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> places).