



**Observer report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Mahjong Championship “Los 3 Dragones” 2017 (MCR, MERS 1)**

**Observer:** Cédric AGUERRE

**Date:** December 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Place:** Puçol, Spain

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of “Los 3 Dragones”: registration, program, list of participants,...

**Participants:** 28 players from 4 countries: Spain (16), France (7), Italy (4), Netherlands (1)

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 6 rounds (4+2) of 120 minutes

**Location:** The “Espai Jove de Puçol” room is large enough to host players and leave enough space between them, with a rest area on the side and the timekeeper’s table at the rear.

**Equipment:** We played with standards game sets (without numbers) on bordered tables.

**Refereeing:** Marco Montebelli was the playing referee.

**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.

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

**Catering:** Included coffee, tea, fruits and pastries for breakfasts and breaks. Also included, excellent lunch and dinner in a restaurant near the playing room (5-10 minutes by feet). Nice dinner proposed on Friday for a reasonable cost, the organizer joining participants at their hotel (15-20 minutes by feet from the hotel to the restaurant).

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) and for each member of the best team, and one medal for the 2017 Spanish champion.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Puçol, easily accessible by car or train from Valence, with a very good weather (very sunny – 14° in mid-december). Well organized, friendly and competitive.