



## Observer report for Lausanne MCR Open (MCR, MERS 2½)

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**Date:** June 8th – 9th 2019

**Place:** Lausanne, Switzerland

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Mahjong Club Lausanne: registration, program, list of participants, directions.

**Participants:** 32 players

### Represented countries

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

**Location:** Nice 'old farm' in the suburbs of the city. Easily reachable by bus. Restaurant downstairs and conference room upstairs that has enough space for this size of tournament.

**Equipment:** Impeccable tables and sets.

**Refereeing:** Luc Humbert was non-playing referee.

**Complaints:** None received.

### Information / communication during the tournament:

Clock clearly visible. Swiss precision timing to start the sessions and to hit the gong at the end. Intermediate standings promptly available after the sessions.

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

**Catering:** Some breakfast in the morning and lunch in the restaurant. On Saturday the weather was nice and we could enjoy our lunch outside on the terrace. Coffee, tea, soft drinks and snacks were available during the breaks. And wine for some ...

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>) and a new Swiss Champion was crowned.

**Conclusion:** It was the first time a MERS tournament took place in Lausanne. The organizing team did a fantastic job.

Lausanne is a nice city to visit with a good choice of hotels, easily reached from Geneva Airport and the city offers a free public transport pass to tourists staying in hotels in the city.