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Greetings from Italy!

International tournament "Memorial Crespi", Milano December 2009

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http://www.scacchisticamilanese.it/tornei/crespi09/torneo_M-d/standing.html

for the games go on "turno" (= round) For each there are the games in pgn.

One of the most interesting game was Drazic - Malaniuk (1-0)

Yesterday (Dec 12th) ended in Milano, after 9 days of play, the great international tournament "Memorial Crespi", edition number 30. There were 250 players subdivided in 5 groups. According to the number of players and their technical quality the tournament was the 3rd in order of importance this year in Italy (after the two main summer events)

In the Master Group played 76 players, and among them 6 ladies, 9 GMs, 1 wgm, 7 IMs.

Nr 1 was gm Andrey Sumets, Ukr, 2604. Among the players please note IM Nijat Abasov, actually nr 1 Under 14 in the world and IM Salomè Melia (Geo) female world champion Under 14 in 2001 and European Under 18 champion in 2004 and 2005.



The tournament was hardly fought; gm Shishkin (Ukr, 2507) took the leadership after a draw in the first round with the young Italian girl Marina Brunello (120 moves, about 7 hours of play) and he arrived to play the last round with a full point of advantage. But in the final game he lost to gm Lazic (Srb, 2454) and so 6 players tied for first (with 6.5 points out of 9).

After technical tie-break, the final standing was:

1. gm Shishkin (Ukr, 2507) 2. gm Drazic (Srb, 2519) 3. gm Sumets (Ukr, 2604)
4. gm Malaniuk (Ukr, 2575) 5. gm Lazic (Srb, 2454) 6. gm Farago (Hun, 2497)

Leftside the winner gm Shishkin (white shirt)

Please note that the young Italian female champion Marina Brunello - 16 years old - got the elo points to reach 2200 level and so she performed officially the title of Woman International Master!

She is the first Italian female player to get the title, or – better – the second after Clarice Benini from Florence who in 1937 was second after Vera Menchik in the World Female Championship and was awarded of the title when it was created by Fide.

We have to mention also the very young (only 12 year old) Marco Codenotti from Pisa that in the last round played for the first time for the IM norm; he had to draw against gm Malaniuk! He lost, but with this result confirmed to be one of the most promising players of Italy



Above: Claudio Noè, President Società Scacchistica Milanese and event chief organizer = Marina Brunello (16 years old), fresh wim = Marco Santandrea, main Arbiter



Podium and authorities (left to right): Federigo Ferrari-Castellani (Bridge Federation regional president), Pietro Barrera (Chess Federation regional president) gm Sumets (3°) gm Shishkin (1°), gm Drazic (2°) Claudio Noè, Marco Santandrea



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