

The 2nd Prague Open Riichi Tournament was major event of this weekend, held in a spacious venue on the Silicon Hill Campus (student union of the Czech Technical University). The Campus is on the Strahov hill looking down towards the city of Prague. The participants of this MERS2 tournament used the quiet rooms of Silicon Hill Training Centre for playing and a nearby cozy restaurant providing delicious meals as well as socializing in the late evenings. Some of the players also used the campus dormitory as an accommodation.

Despite some last-minute cancellations that result to 44 players in total instead of 48, the tournament itself proceeded in kind and friendly atmosphere. The representatives from the organizing country didn't do quite well – they all placed in the rear positions. Although Martin Diviš was third on Saturday, but Sunday was merciless for him – as the best Czech landed at 31<sup>st</sup> place at the end. There was a true migration during both thrilling tournament days – the nations getting up and down all the time – the final result was one Austrian (Martin Meischel) and two Russians (Anna Shpilman and Ilya Monakov) standing on the winner's podium. This year tournament has a special consolation prize for the last of non-Czech players – voucher for free entry for the next tournament in 2016 – which has been given to Tony Haley on the 42<sup>nd</sup> place. All participants got the green-toned certificate with their position indicated and the best three players have been awarded also with metal sports cups and famous products related to the Czech Republic – can of Pilsner beer, bottle of typical local herbal bitter Becherovka and box of traditional spa wafers for each player.