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**XIA-XYLEXPO INNOVATION AWARD**

# One of Xylexpo’s distinctive topics has always been innovation: the biennial international exhibition of wood and furniture industry technology is presenting the fourth edition of XIA-Xylexpo Innovation Award, created to recognize innovative concepts, products and solutions proposed by the exhibitors.

# The secretary office has received 36 entries, equally distributed across the five categories of XIA22: solid wood, panel, finishing, digitalization and sustainability. In the weeks before the official opening of Xylexpo 2022, the jury was very busy analyzing the documents submitted by the participants and featured on the Xylexpo website (<https://www.xylexpo.com/it/esporre/xia-2022>), to ensure full transparency and provide useful information to all stakeholders.

The products selected by the jury will be listed in a poster that will be distributed to all the exhibitor stands on the first exhibition day, to inform all the visitors of the final results.

On Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13, the jury members will choose the winner of each category, who will be announced at the **awarding ceremony** on Friday 14, at 5 p.m., at the Xylexpo Arena. The winners will receive the **“Nano”** prize designed in 2014 (when the award was created) by Elio Fiorucci for Riva 1920, an iconic item of the famous maison that has become Xylexpo’s “Oscar”.

THE JURY

The **XIA-Xylexpo Innovation Awards** are assigned by a jury that select the winners independently. The working group includes the following members, in alphabetical order.

**Stefano Berti** (former CNR research manager at IVALSA, now IBE, Sesto Fiorentino (Florence);

former director of IRL, merged into CNR IBE, professor of wood technology and forest applications at the Agriculture Department of the University of Palermo, and professor of wood and wood-based material industries at the Agriculture Department of the University of Florence.

**Anna Bortoluzzi**

Qualified Management Consultant at ICMCI, with a MA in chemistry and material technology, she has developed significant experience in industrial plant management and statistical analysis. Since 2006, she has been working as lifecycle analysis (LCA) expert in international projects and in the development of Product Category Rules (PCR). For twenty years, she was visiting professor at the University of Milan. She is a founding member and partner of MAPPING LCA.

**Filippo Boschi**

Project manager for innovation, industrial research and experimental development.

MADE s.c.a r.l., Competence Center Industry 4.0. Consultant of the Italian Ministry of Economic Development for Industry 4.0 topics.

**Franco Bulian**

Director of CATAS, Italy’s major laboratory for certification, research and testing in the wood-furniture industry. Professor of the course *Materials and technologies of the furniture industry* in the double-degree track of the Universities of Trieste (Italy) and Lippe (Germany).

**Gianni Campatelli**
Associate professor, University of Florence. Department of Industrial Engineering. Manager of the “Manufacturing Technology Research Lab”.

**Giacomo Goli**

Associate professor, University of Florence. Wood technology and forestry applications. Agricultural, food, environmental and forest sciences and technology (DAGRI).

**Felice Ragazzo**

Visiting professor for the wood module of the international Master course “Architectural restoration and asset culture”, Department of Architecture Roma 3, former High Qualification Professor at the Industrial Design course of the University "La Sapienza" in Rome.

**Frieder Scholz**

Former professor at the Hochschule Rosenheim - University of Applied Sciences. Head of the Master course in wood technology and manager of the machine tools, machining and equipment dynamics laboratory.