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Biennial world exhibition for woodworking technology and furniture supplies

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To Xylexpo 2022 exhibitors



Xylexpo 2022 is announcing the fifth edition of **XIA-XYLEXPO INNOVATION AWARDS**.

- 01) The award is dedicated to **Innovation**, i.e. to all initiatives deployed by Xylexpo 2022 exhibitors to improve the technology for woodworking and furniture supplies in every aspect and application. To better represent the entire spectrum of solutions exhibited at Xylexpo 2022, the award will include five categories: "**Solid Wood Processing**" (including tools), "**Panel Processing**" (including tools), "**Coating/Finishing**" (systems and materials), "**Digitization**" (interventions for better and easier machine/plant management; software; control platforms. planning and management of production or other processes; networking), "**Sustainability**" (any intervention aimed at making technologies and enterprises more "sustainable" environmentally, economically, ethically and socially).
- 02) Candidates shall fill out a **registration form** and provide the award secretariat with all kinds of **supporting documentation** (photos, pictures, texts, links to videos, animations, renderings), with a concise presentation of the added values of their nomination, as well as a company profile, indicating the category they want to run in.
The products, technologies, services or initiatives running for the award **are required to be on display at Xylexpo 2022**, adequately publicized/communicated/exhibited/presented, in order to allow the jury to fully evaluate their innovative contents; otherwise, they will be excluded from any evaluation.
- 03) In order to avoid unpleasant inconveniences, documentation supporting the application **shall be published in an area of the website www.xylexpo.com**, to ensure full transparency and to allow anyone to report about the existence of similar devices, products or supplies, no later than September 23.
- 04) Documentation shall be sent by e-mail to: Matteo Simonetta, Technical Office Manager, Acimall (tecni@acimall.com).
- 05) **The final deadline to submit nominations** and send documentation is **September 15, 2022**. Should an adequate number of nominations not be submitted by such deadline, the award organization reserves the right to cancel one or more categories.

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- 06) **Jury selection.** The organizers will appoint representatives of research institutes, universities and training centers as jury members, people with an established reputation and impartial approach. Such selection shall guarantee that all three award categories are covered by qualified engineers in the respective domain.
- 07) **By September 30, 2022**, the jury will select maximum 10 candidates for each category among all nominations which will be running in the next phase of the award process. The selected innovations will be featured in the media campaign and in Xylexpo visitor communications. The selected companies will be informed to appoint a contact person for the jury, to provide additional information and details.
During Xylexpo, the selected companies will receive a badge to inform all visitors that they are standing before a **finalist** of the XIA 2022.
- 08) The jury shall meet at Xylexpo in due time, to examine all the selected innovations on display and ask for more details if required. The jury may ask to have additional information from the technical staff of the candidate company (all companies will be notified so that they are available when the jury visit their stand).
- 09) The jury will select **the overall winner in each category** at its sole discretion (starting with this edition of Xylexpo, only the first-place winner will be awarded).
- 10) The **awarding ceremony** will be hosted on the occasion of Xylexpo 2022, on a date to be determined, at **Xylexpo Arena**.

The award secretariat is available to give more information to Xylexpo exhibitors who are considering to submit an award nomination.

For any information about nomination procedures, or technical questions, please contact:

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