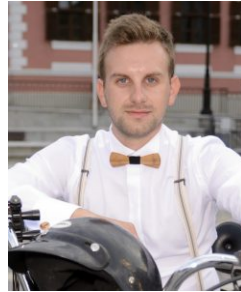


**PORTRAIT OF A GENTLE WINNER:  
ROBERT NICULESCU, MSc**



Here he is, our golden boy Robert, awarded again at the National Furniture Design Competition 2018. Indeed he is not easy to forget: a 2017 graduate of Wood Engineering and Design - Master Furniture Eco-Design and Restoration, this is his sixth award in four years, 2014-2018.

A few details of the 2018 competition: 114 architects, designers and students were registered in the first phase - Creation/Project of the 16<sup>th</sup> Edition of this National Furniture Design Competition. There were 66 students and graduates of academic centers from Bucharest, Braşov, Cluj, Iaşi and Timişoara, out of which 48 were graduates of Architecture or Design; 55 registered competitors were from Bucharest.

There were six awards: four winners were from Bucharest, one from Braşov and one from Cluj; six design diplomas were also awarded.

The competition was organized by the Association of Romanian Furniture Manufacturers - APMR, in partnership with the University of Town Planning and Architecture *Ion Mincu* Bucharest, Faculty of Interior Architecture - UAUIM-FAI, *Transilvania* University of Braşov - Faculty of Wood Engineering, the Society of Romanian Professional Designers - SDPR and several members of APMR.

Robert's 2018 *Plywood Chair*, an unusual chair with a severe geometric composition, impressed the jury with its incredibly simple and clever structure. Easy to manufacture, easy to assemble, with a rather minimalist look, it is indeed highly innovative and original.

**Robert Niculescu's design awards:**

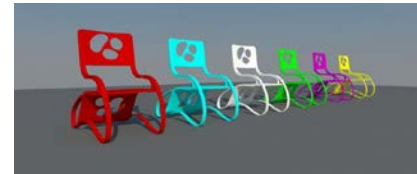
- Alien Table & Chair*, Project 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize
- Alien Chair*, Prototype, 2014, Honorable Mention
- Box Chair*, Prototype 2016, Diploma for Original Design
- Springtime Collection*, Project 2017, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize
- Springtime Cabinet & Table*, Prototype 2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize
- Plywood Chair*, Project 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize



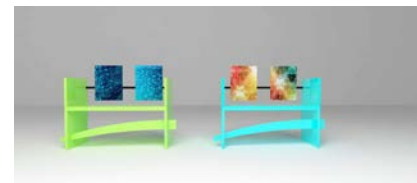
*Alien Chair*



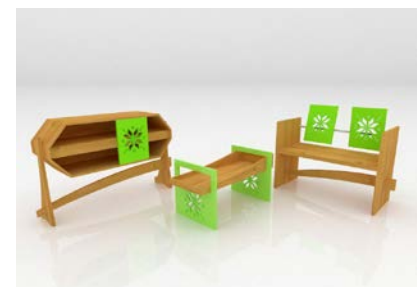
*Box Chair*



*Alien Chairs*



*Springtime Bench*



*Springtime Collection*



*Plywood Chair*



*The Jury 2018*

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