

1st Greek Industrial Design Competition for Office Furniture

With the notice of the 1st Industrial Design Competition in 2001, the company **DROMEAS** aimed to demonstrate the great role which the design undertakes in the context of industrial furniture production.

The response to the invitation of the designers for the 1st competition was great and there was a wealth of ideas. There were deposited 93 proposals which were judged by the evaluation committee.

The committee was composed by:

- a) Nikolaos Marmaras – Assistant Professor of Ergonomics, representative of the National Technical University, Department of Mechanical.
- b) Lois Papadopoulos – Deputy Professor, representative of the Technical School of the Aristotle University of Thessalonica, Department of Architects.
- c) Bouzakis Constantinos – Professor, representative of the Technical School of the Aristotle University of Thessalonica, Department of Mechanical.
- d) Dimosthenis Charitos – Architect Mechanical, representative of T.C.G.
- e) Aggelos Antonopoulos – Lecturer in the University Of Fine Arts Of Athens, Painter, representative of the Greek Visual Arts Chamber.
- f) Giorgos Tzirtzilakis – Architect Mechanic, Assistant Professor in the University of Thessaly, representative of the Architects Association – Greek Union of Architects.
- g) Athanasios Papapanagiotou – Civil Engineer, representative of the company **‘DROMEAS’ SA.**

The participants were judged by the evaluation committee for: a) utility of the suggested furniture in modern times, b) their ergonomics, c) their modern aesthetics, d) their flexibility in working places, e) their possibility of industrial production with materials and instruments that modern technology has and g) their originality. There were awarded 3 prizes and 3 praises.

- 1st prize – 5.000.000 drachmas
Andreas Chatzis, Argiris Mougiakos
- 2nd prize – 2.000.000 drachmas
Giorgos Foukas, Anna Matrakidou
- 3rd prize – 1.000.000 drachmas
Nikolaos Xanthopoulos, Constantinos Choursoglou
- Praise – 500.000 drachmas
Stuart Walker
- Praise – 500.000 drachmas
Nikolas Nikolaou
- Praise – 500.000 drachmas
Anastasia Papadopoulou, Venetia Tsokolidou.

The presentation of the awards, the praises and the participants of the 1st Competition was performed in 5th of April in Thessalonica, in the warehouse D', Port.

The success of the 1st organisation encouraged the company **DROMEAS** to continue the debate which started with the Industrial Designers. Thus, it was decided to notify the Industrial Design Competition for Office Furniture every two years.