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## **2008 'Copper and the Home' International Award**

After the success of the first competition in 2007, The Italian Copper Institute has announced the winners of the second 'Copper and the Home' international award, given to the best idea and design for objects made of copper and its alloys.

In the 'Professional' category, first prize was awarded to Odoardo Fioravanti, Paolo Giacomazzi and Tommaso Caldera (Odoardo Fioravanti Design Studio) with the project 'Verderame' ('*Green Copper*'). Their design was for indoor flooring composed of modular tiles allowing different combinations and highlighting the movement of people within its space through the natural process of oxidation.

With special treatment prior to laying, time and usage lets the tiles wear along certain trails, revealing the most trodden paths. The irony of the decoration is demonstrated in the small insects and objects that form part of the design, which are usually to be found in isolated and unexpected places.

With this second competition, 'Copper and the Home' has already turned into an internationally appealing event for the world of project design, gaining wider participation by Italian and international professionals and students.

With innovative designs and functions that go beyond the formal stereotypes of copper, new paths continue to open in the contemporary world for this ancient metal.

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**First Prize:**

Designers: Odoardo Fioravanti, Paolo Giacomazzi, Tommaso Caldera, Milan (I)

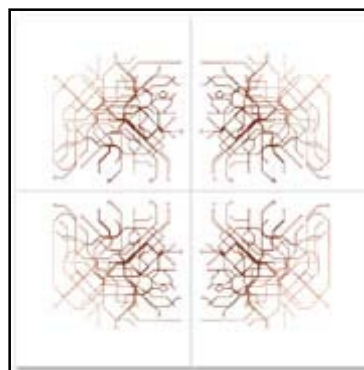
Project: 'Verderame'



**Second Prize ex aequo:**

Architects: Giulia De Noto, Giovanni D'Amico, Brindisi (I)

Project: 'Stickher' (Self-adhesive lamp for interiors.)



**Student Category First Prize:**

Students: Sébastien Fraise, Marion Lavedeau, Caroline Leplae, ESAAB Nevers (F)

Project: 'Healthy Roots' (supports for plants.)



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