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Speaker Biographies

Peter Wright – FIA



Peter Wright was educated at the Wellington College and later Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated with an MA in Mechanical Sciences. In 1967, he was recruited by F1 team British Racing Motors (BRM), where he was an aerodynamicist and vehicle development engineer. In 1969, he went to work for Specialised Mouldings Ltd., which designed and manufactured racing car bodies.

In 1974, Wright became General Manager of Technocraft, a company owned by Colin Chapman, the founder of Lotus. He was responsible for the F1 Team Lotus wind tunnel programme which led to the development of the first ground effect car, the Lotus 78. The car was an instant success and its successor, the Lotus 79, went on to win the 1978 Formula One World Championship.

Wright later became director of Research and Development at Team Lotus and was responsible for the development of the Lotus T78, 79, 80, 81, 86, 87, 88, 91, 92 and 93 Formula One cars. In 1983, he became responsible for Active Suspension development in Lotus Engineering, and in 1987 for the development of Active Suspension on the Lotus F1 car. In 1988, he became Managing Director of Lotus Engineering, responsible for over 600 staff.

The following year, he was appointed Director for Group Lotus and would later go back to the track as Technical Director of Team Lotus from 1991 to 1994.

With a vast amount of experience in motor sport, Wright was asked to be a technical adviser for the FIA in 1995, a position he still holds today. He currently works across a number of FIA affiliated organisations including the FIA Foundation and the FIA Institute for Motor Sport Safety. He is President of the FIA GT and Sportscar Commissions, and of the FIA Safety Commission. He has served as a Director of EuroNCAP, a Member of the EuroNCAP Technical Committee, a Member of the PNCAP Technical Committee and a technical adviser on EU safety, emissions, and traffic legislation.



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