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Speaker Biographies



Gian Paolo Dallara, President, Dallara Automobili SPA



Gian Paolo Dallara founded "Dallara Automobili da Competizione" in 1972 in his home town of Varano Melegari, near Parma Italy. Mr Dallara graduated from the Polytechnic of Milan with a degree in aeronautical engineering in 1959 and embarked upon a career of race car design, starting with a stint at Ferrari. He then moved to Maserati and in 1963 on to Lamborghini where he designed beautiful "Miura" in 1966 and the "Espada" in 1968. At the end of the 1960s, he moved to De Tomaso, where he designed F2 cars. In 1970, he worked with De Tomaso F1 and with now legendary F1 team owner Frank Williams. Dallara also worked on the design of the De Tomaso "Pantera" in 1970. Dallara worked again with Williams in 1972 on the design of the ISO Marlboro Williams F1.

Gian Paolo Dallara was designated as the Italian representative on the technical committee of the FIA in September 1998. He received the prestigious Louis Schwitzer Award for improvements to the Dallara chassis used in Indy Racing League in 1999 and 2003. In 2006 he won the Premio Leonardo award.

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