

Jean Todt

“For the unique contribution to the reliability and effectiveness of auto racing”



Born: 25 February 1946, Pierrefort, France
Education: École des dirigeants et créateurs d'entreprise (EDC), Paris, France
Current position: President of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile

Mr. Todt was always hugely enthusiastic about cars and motor racing. Even while he was graduating from the business school in Paris, he spent his spare time tuning cars. He was fascinated by motor sport and had special respect for Jim Clark. After participating in a few rallies as a driver of Mini Cooper S, he soon decided his greatest strength was as a co-driver. His talent for calculation, strategy and organisation quickly made him a sought-after co-driver.

From 1961 to 1981 he was successfully competing as a co-driver with the world leading rally drivers, like Jean-François Piot, Ove Andersson, Hannu Mikkola, Timo Mäkinen, Jean-Pierre Nicolas and Guy Fréquelin, and winning many World Rally Championship titles.

After a successful career as a rally co-driver he made his reputation in motor sport management, first with Peugeot Talbot Sport. Under his direction, Peugeot won 4 World Rally Championship titles (drivers and manufacturers), triumphed 4 times in the Paris-Dakar Rally, and were twice victorious in the Le Mans 24 Hours.

In 1993, at the age of 47, Jean Todt's was recruited by Luca di Montezemolo, the new CEO of Scuderia Ferrari to be the General Manager of the Racing Division at the head of a world famous Scuderia Ferrari. After a several years of restructuring the Team, the unprecedented success came. Under his leadership Ferrari claimed 13 Formula 1 World Championships and 98 victories. In March 2009, he resigned to all his duties at Ferrari.

On 23 October 2009, he was elected President of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile.

The MIRCE Academy had a frequent contact with Mr. Todt at the Scuderia Ferrari when their team and drivers won several Reliability Championship Awards presented by the Formula 1 Reliability and Effectiveness Centre of the MIRCE Academy. In 2002 the racing outcome with the lowest possible probability of happening, had happened when Scuderia Ferrari car, driven by Michel Schumacher, successfully completed every lap of every race in the season. This was another world first for Mr. Todt and Scuderia Ferrari.