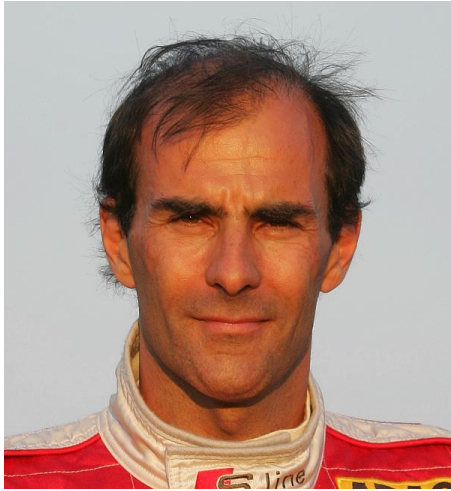


Emanuele Pirro



Member of the FIA Drivers Commission

Emanuele Pirro is an Italian former Formula One driver and five time the 24 Hours – Le Mans winner. He ran approximately 500 races at high level. He is a member of the FIA Drivers Commission responsible for Prototypes, GT and Touring Cars and an FIA Steward in Formula 1.

Emanuele started his racing career in karts at the age of 11 being two times Italian Karting Champion. At 18, he raced with the Formula Fiat Abarth where he won the Italian Formula Fiat Abarth 2000 Championship, then moving on to the European Formula 3 (1981–83), the Formula Two (1984) where he reached the Champion title and the Formula 3000 (1985–1986). In 1988 and during four years, he was the official test driver for McLaren Formula One team. He made his official debut in Formula One races in 1989 with Benetton team. Then, he signed a contract with the Scuderia Italia team. After the 1992 season he left Formula One to return to touring car racing. Emanuele won the Macau race in 1991 and 1992 driving a BMW M3 Evolution, and the Italian Touring Car Championship in 1994 and 1995 driving for Audi. He also won two times the German Touring Car Championships and became ALMS Champion twice. Emanuele succeeded especially in Endurance races with nine consecutive times on the overall podium at Le Mans. He also won five times the 24 Hours – Le Mans and two times the 12 Hours – Sebring. He also earned seven times out of ten the best Audi finish at Le Mans and was the first driver to win Le Mans with a diesel powered car. He continued his victories path by winning the 24 Hours – Daytona, the 24 Hours – Nuerburgring and the 9 Hours - Kyalami. He competed and won three times the Petit Le Mans, four consecutive times the Wellington 500 Touring Car Race and two times Goodwood Historic TT trophy.

Emanuele retired from competition in 2008 and continued his involvement through an ambassadorial role with Audi since 2009. He also endorsed multiple other roles like TV commentator for Formula 1, Vice President of the “Grand Prix Drivers club” or member of the Italian ONS Circuit and Safety Commission. Emanuele is also involved in business area as being the owner of a software company which develops design, set up of driving simulation tool for karting. He also owns a sports clothing brand, a hotel and a marketing events company.

