



Mauro Forghieri

Born on 13 January 1935, in Modena, Forghieri graduated from the University of Bologna with a degree in engineering. Soon after graduation, he joined Scuderia Ferrari in 1960, and following the “palace revolt” of 1961 and the departure of the technical director Carlo Chiti and several other brilliant Ferrari engineers, Enzo Ferrari appointed the 27-year-old as the head of the technical department of Ferrari.

Despite a slow start, Forghieri gained in confidence. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Mauro Forghieri was, after Enzo Ferrari, the most influential person in Scuderia Ferrari. In the 1970s, The Forghieri-designed 312 T would go on to win four manufacturers' titles for the years 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1979, as well as three world championships for the drivers (1975 and 1977 with Austrian Niki Lauda, and then South African Jody Scheckter in 1979).

Not surprisingly, during the 1980s, Mauro Forghieri's influence in the Scuderia diminished considerably as engineers like Harvey Postlethwaite came in. In 1987, Forghieri left Ferrari to join Lamborghini, where new owner Chrysler's Lee Iacocca founded Lamborghini Engineering, with plans to enter F1. In the early 1990s Forghieri was the technical director of Bugatti Automobili. Soon after quitting Bugatti, Forghieri co-founded the Orsi Engineering Group, which has been executing engineering projects for specialized automotive activities