

Citroën Sport: Guy Fréguelin retires... Olivier Quesnel joins Citroën

After a long career entirely dedicated to motorsport, Citroën Sport's director Guy Fréguelin has decided to retire. Fully supported by the Brand and faithful to one of our motto – to finish first, first you have to finish – Guy will continue to manage the world rally team and its crews until the end of the 2007 season with the ultimate target of a fourth consecutive world title for Sébastien Loeb and Daniel Elena.

Olivier Quesnel will be Fréguelin's successor as from the 1st of January 2008. However, he will be present with the team as from Rally Ireland, penultimate round of the 2007 World Rally Championship.

GUY FREQUELIN

Guy started his motorsport career as a top professional driver – 10 French champion titles in various disciplines and a vice-world champion title in 1981 – before moving on to managing a team and continuing to live from his passion : motorsport.

His formidable knowledge and experience of rallying, his incomparable qualities to gather and manage a varied and skilled team to develop racing cars, have led him and Citroën on the highest step of the podium everywhere in the world.

His records as Citroën Sport's director which he runs since 1989 are absolutely unique: 5 Rally Raid World Cup's titles with 36 wins, 4 French Rally champion's titles with 23 wins, 1 French Gravel Rally champion's title (2 wheel-drive category), 1 European Rally champion's title, 3 Junior World Rally Champion's titles, 3 World Rally Champion's titles for Manufacturers and 3 for Drivers and Co-drivers with a total of 41 wins.

OLIVIER QUESNEL

Olivier Quesnel has also played an important role in the motorsport industry.

After having managed Patrick Tambay's career, he started in racing in 1978 in the competition department of the Simca Racing Team, and then took part in the creation of Peugeot Sport, directed by Jean Todt.

In 1988, he founded his own team – METAL 5 – working for example with drivers like Jean-Pierre Malcher and Bruno Saby.

Thanks to his great passion for motorsport he succeeded in gathering a fantastic collection of Group B rally cars at the Automobile Museum of Lohéac (France)

Since 23 years, Olivier Quesnel is the managing director of the 'Hommel' press group, specialised in the automotive industry.

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