

Alexandros Palaialogos, the INFINITI Engineering Academy winner for Mexico, joined INFINITI and a past IEA graduate at the Mexican Grand Prix recently to take part in a media assignment.

The 24-year-old from the Monterrey Institute of Technology, Mexico City, won the Mexican Regional Final in August, claiming one of seven coveted places at the Academy. Alexandros spent time over the race weekend meeting INFINITI media guests, alongside 2015 US Academy winner Alex Allmandinger.

The roundtable discussion group also featured Tommaso Volpe (INFINITI Director Global Motorsport), Philipp Heldt (Managing Director, INFINITI Mexico) and Herman Morfin (Director Corporate Communications, INFINITI Mexico). Many aspects of the programme were discussed, with Alex sharing his insights as a candidate who has successfully completed the program, and Alexandros describing his experiences at the Regional Final, the assessments and tests he tackled there, and the skills he believes set him apart from his fellow candidates.

After the roundtable event, Alexandros and Alex joined the media for a formal dinner.

“The Mexico GP was my first live experience in F1” said Alexandros. “I’ve watched so many on television but this was the first time I’d watched one from the track. It brought up a mixture of feelings, from surprise to excitement and the general thrill of being at a Grand Prix.

“The whole weekend was an amazing introduction to what next year is going to be like, working for INFINITI and Renault Sport Formula One™ Team. This is a unique opportunity that I’d never have had access to without the INFINITI Engineering Academy.”