

Dr Peter Scovell

Biography

Peter Scovell graduated in 1973 from the University of Leeds in the UK with a degree in physics and then was awarded a PhD in theoretical physics from the same University in 1977. He joined Standard Telephone and Cables (STC), a telecommunications company in the UK and a subsidiary of ITT, as a research engineer working on semiconductor design and manufacture and progressed within STC to run the technology division of its central laboratories. He then went on to manage the company's wireless terminals business and in 1990, moved to Ottawa shortly before Nortel acquired STC. He led the advanced technology division of Bell Northern Research providing leadership to 2500 engineers and then served several general management roles in Nortel's components and wireless divisions before assuming responsibility for Nortel's fixed wireless portfolio in 1996. He went on to lead Nortel's global strategy in satellite wireless access. He left Nortel in 1999 to join COM DEV International as president of its wireless division. In 2000, he became president and CEO of a photonics company and now heads-up Newlyn Technologies Ltd., an Ottawa based technology Consultancy Company that he founded in 1999 and now serves clients throughout North America and Europe. He works closely with Warburg Pincus LLC, a leading private equity company advising on all aspects of communications and information technology and is part of their technology practice based in their New York offices.

He has 30 years of managing technology enterprises at all levels from components to systems and has over 30 semiconductor, photonics and wireless patents to his name and has authored numerous scientific papers.

Dr Scovell serves as vice-chairman of the board of COM DEV International Ltd., a public company specializing in satellite infrastructure and systems. He also serves as chairman of International Datacasting Inc., a manufacturer of multicasting equipment.

He is a Chartered Physicist as well as a Fellow of the Institute of Physics.