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Curriculum Vitae

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Niels Peter Skov Andersen is currently the Director of Advanced Standards in Motorola.

Niels Peter Skov Andersen has a Master's degree in Electric Engineering from the Technical University of Denmark. He started his professional life as an R&D Engineer in the Danish cellular industry working on subscriber equipment for analogue cellular systems such as NMT and TACS. He has worked in the field of GSM since 1988, where he joined DC-Development, a joint venture between the Danish terminal manufacturers Dancall and Cetelco (Hagemuk). In this joint venture, he was a technical co-ordinator with technical responsibility for the company's first generation GSM design. He was also responsible for the company's involvement in the GSM standardisation. In this period, he represented DC-Development in ETSI SMG (GSM), SMG2 (GSM2) and SMG3 (GSM3).

In 1992 Niels Peter Skov Andersen joined PT12 in ETSI, as program manager for ETSI SMG3, a role he undertook until 1995. In this period where the GSM phase 2 specifications were created, SMG3 was responsible for all protocol aspects of the Radio Access Network and Core Network, as well as for the GSM system architecture. A very important issue during the elaboration of the GSM phase 2 was the handling of the backwards compatibility. The proper handling of the backwards compatibility in this period have allowed the smooth introduction of still more advanced features in GSM systems.

In 1995 Niels Peter Skov Andersen joined the Danish operator Tele Danmark, who operates both fixed and cellular networks in Denmark. In Tele Danmark he was head of the Radio System Department with overall responsibility for the radio network functionality of Tele Danmarks NMT, GSM, and paging systems. Under his design guidance Tele Danmark has successfully introduced dual-hand operation and advanced home-zone concepts. In parallel to his duties in Tele Danmark, Niels Peter Skov Andersen has chaired ETSI SMG2 since June 1995. In this period, SMG2 became one of the key groups in ETSI with responsibility for important work items such as UTRAN and the radio part of number of GSM phase 2 and 2+ items (e.g., HSCSD, GPRS and EDGE). Under his leadership, SMG2 have managed to follow a very demanding time schedule leading to the radio access technology decision for UMTS in January 1998.

In January 1999 Niels Peter Skov Andersen joined Motorola A/S and has since then held a position as Director of Advanced Standards. In parallel to his duties within Motorola, he continued to chair ETSI SMG2 until the transfer of the remaining GSM activities to 3GPP, where he is the acting as convener of 3GPP TSG GERAN, which is responsible for the GSM/EDGE Radio Access Network Standardisation. In March 1999 he was elected chairman of 3GPP TSG SA and currently holds this position.

Regards,


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