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For Information

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Candidate for Chairman, 3GPP Evolution Adhoc

Manifesto and CV

As chairman of the 3GPP evolution adhoc my goal would be to help the committee produce a timely, succinct and useful summary of the key trends and options facing 3GPP in future. At the current moment there are important changes taking place in both the commercial and the technical environment and this is a good opportunity for 3GPP to assess how we respond. I believe it is important for the views of all regions represented in 3GPP to be considered as each region has shown particular strengths in different areas of mobile evolution.

Iain Sharp is currently manager of the GSM/UMTS Core Network Product Planning and Standards department at Nortel Networks. He has wide experience of 2G and 3G technology and is a respected member of the standards community.

Mr Sharp's involvement with cellular networks started during the "UK testbed" for GSM where he was involved in prototyping the GSM radio layers and speech coding. In 1990 he joined Nortel Network's technology division in the GSM planning team. He was subsequently involved in many of the key GSM subsystems including the A-Interface, voice services, MAP protocol and GPRS development. During the early development of the UMTS standard Mr Sharp represented Nortel in the SA2 Architecture group and contributed to the definition of the UMTS architecture.

Mr Sharp's role currently involves coordinating Nortel's GSM and UMTS standards activities over all the key fora and representing Nortel at 3GPP plenary.

Mr Sharp graduated in Electronics and Information Sciences from Cambridge University. He has spoken at several conferences including the ITU "Telecom" event and the GSM World Congress.