

*"The promise of genomics is tremendous –
our purpose is to make the promise reality."*



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Dr. Pascal Spothelfer is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Genome British Columbia (Genome BC). He is a seasoned leader known for bringing forward innovation and commercialization at the intersection of industry and academia. Dr. Spothelfer has held several senior roles, in both Europe and Canada, across industry sectors ranging from technology, not for profit organizations and academia. His experience spans general and change management to broad based stakeholder relations.

Prior to joining Genome BC, Dr. Spothelfer held the position of Vice President Communications and Community Partnerships at the University of British Columbia (UBC), where he led government relations, marketing and communications, public affairs, the entrepreneurship program and other externally facing functions. Before joining UBC, Dr. Spothelfer was President and CEO of the British Columbia Technology Industry Association where he started the Centre 4 Growth initiative. He has also served as President and CEO at Spectrum Signal Processing, a Vancouver-based provider of advanced wireless communication systems, which was purchased by Vecima Networks in early 2007.

Other significant roles include his tenure as Senior Vice-President, Strategic Development at Teekay Shipping (Canada) Ltd, Chief Operating Officer and later President and CEO of NovAtel Inc. Before moving to Canada, Dr. Spothelfer was a management

consultant with The Boston Consulting Group and then as a member of the executive team in the turnaround of Jenoptik AG in Germany.

Dr. Spothelfer has served on the board of the BC Bioenergy Network, the Vancouver Opera and the Discovery Parks Foundation. Pascal is the past Chair of the Board of Copperleaf Technologies Inc. and is the past Chair of Vancouver Opera. He currently chairs the e@UBC Advisory Board and belongs to the Board of Governors of the BC Business Council, the Board of Directors of Life Sciences BC and the Advisory Council of Science World. He has been a member of the Young President's Organization since 1997, served as its Education Co-chair for the BC Chapter in 2010/11 and currently as Assistant Learning Officer for YPO Gold.

Dr. Spothelfer received his PhD in law from the University of Basel, Switzerland and he holds a Master of Business Administration from INSEAD in Fontainebleau, France.

He is a decent golfer, a fair weather bike rider, an enthusiastic sailor and skier, longtime flautist and music lover, avid reader and debater of current affairs or any other subject of interest, but most importantly a dedicated husband and father.

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