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Steve Ahern is an internationally recognised broadcasting and new media specialist, communications industry leader and management consultant. He is the author of several publications, including the text book <u>Making Radio</u>, published by Allen & Unwin, and is the proprietor of the radio industry trade publications <u>www.AsiaRadioToday.com</u> and www.RadioInfo.com.au.

Before founding Ahern Media & Training Pty Ltd and the International Media & Broadcasting Academy (IMBA), he was Director of Radio at the Australian Film Television & Radio School (AFTRS), a radio broadcaster and a senior executive at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC).

In a thirty five year career Steve has helped found a number of start up companies and has steered the boards of media and communications companies around the world to success. He is currently a board member of the Community Broadcasting Foundation and has previously been of the boards of various NGOs, and commercial companies.

Steve was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the 2009 Queen's Birthday honours list for his contribution to media and training.

AMT consultancies include: the business restructure of the <u>Pajhwok</u> news service in Afghanistan; CEO coaching for a Europe based TV station; corporate planning for an Eastern European publishing company; management training and mentoring for Eye Radio in Juba South Sudan; CEO and executive coaching for Australia's National Measurement Institute; business analysis report for the CBAA News project; Narrowcast report for the Australian Media & Communications Authority; mobile journalism courses in Singapore and business restructuring for broadcasters in Malaysia, Sudan and Liberia.

Steve began his media career as a presenter, producer and announcer at various commercial

and community radio stations in Australia, then joined the Australian Broadcasting Corporation

where he managed radio and television operations in Newcastle (2NC), Canberra (2CN) and

Melbourne (3LO).

He was the founding consultant for South Africa's national television, radio and new media

training school (NEMISA), and Afghanistan's Nai Media Institute (NMI). He worked with the

South African Broadcasting Corporation to restructure the organisation for the new media

environment and has developed training curricula for universities and media companies in

Singapore and India.

Steve has also worked in Teaching, International Public Relations for the

UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Executive Management.

He is a sought-after international conference speaker, with a Degree in

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Living in Sydney Australia, Steve is married and has two adult sons.

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