

Robert Lechner-Schobel started his professional career in 1965 at Siemens in Munich as R&D-engineer. In 1966 he joined the Austrian Federal Army as a radio operator and qualified as a reserve officer. After one year he returned to Siemens in Munich in his previous job. In 1971 he started his studies for electrical engineering and control systems at the University of Technology in Vienna and graduated after only 7 instead of requested 10 semesters with distinction. He joined again the Siemens Munich, central laboratories for communication systems and continued his career in the R&D for public communication systems as Vice President.

In his years with R&D he made about 100 inventions and patent applications. He pioneered an advanced access technology for public communication that supported Siemens to become the world market leader with public local switching.

In 1987, Robert Lechner-Schobel moved to Siemens Austria as executive director to head the R&D for communication systems with about 400 researchers and developers. Later, he joined the ERICSSON Group and brought the worldwide competence for broadband access in public communication networks to Vienna. After a decade in Vienna he returned to Munich as a management consultant with focus on strategic marketing, system architecture and interim manager in the telecom and IT sector.

In St. Poelten, his hometown in Austria, he contributed to the foundation of the Engineering University. He invited colleagues to define the first course of studies – all in an honoree capacity. He invested in a small VC-fund in Munich and acted as board member. That fund invested in Europe and in the US and closed successfully. Today, he is still working on the funding of promising tech-companies and projects with great new technologies and related business planning. His focus is on policy for much more venture-funding of innovations and in the field of advanced energy technologies, including practical application of LENR.

Robert has 2 children and 4 grandchilds. In his spare time he enjoys to play the piano, to go for golfing or skiing, to monitor politics and technology and to contribute with notes on actual challenges.