

Insight on Coaching – Guest Bio

Don Listwin
Founder
Canary Foundation

Introduction

Don Listwin is founder and chairman of the Canary Foundation, the nation's only non-profit organization devoted exclusively to early detection of cancer. A 25-year veteran of the technology industry including acting as CEO of Openwave and the #2 executive at Cisco Systems, Listwin walked away from a high-profile career and launched Canary.

Canary Foundation has set out to quickly change cancer diagnostics by bridging the gap between research and industry.

The goal is to create a practical approach where cancer is identified through a simple blood test, isolated through molecular imaging and treated or removed while it is small and most curable. Listwin brings business experience to nonprofit work including use of leveraging, accountability, results measurements, and fostering innovation and collaboration.

Experience

Don Listwin founded the Canary Foundation in 2004, which he conceptualized with Dr. Lee Hartwell, PhD, Nobel Laureate and Director of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

Listwin and Dr. Hartwell determined that cancer early detection is now a systems/engineering problem and not a research problem.

Don has added Lung, Pancreatic and Prostate programs to the Canary Foundation within the past year, though the overall goal/mission remains the same.

Finally, Mr. Listwin has brought on a professional staff in the areas of science program management, fundraising and development.

Education

A native of Canada, Listwin holds a B.S. in electrical engineering and an honorary doctorate of law from the University of Saskatchewan.

Professional Affiliations, Publications and Recognition

Listwin serves on the Board of Directors of the Public Library of Science (PLoS), Sana Security, Genologics Life Sciences Software, Calix, Stratos Biosciences and the Listwin Family Foundation. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.