

Biography

Gunnar Hellström specializes in Accessible Telecommunications and Information Technology. He is the founder of Omnitor, a Swedish company with a dominating proportion deaf employees, devoted to consulting, product development and service provision in this area. Through a series of consultancy tasks, Gunnar has provided international leadership and produced numerous international standards for accessible telecommunication services, including text conversation in multimedia, text telephony, wireless multimedia and video communications for sign language and lip-reading. Gunnar served as Rapporteur for Accessibility to Multimedia within ITU-T Study Group 16 during 1997-2004, and has performed many projects for development and policy creation in accessible communication. He has also developed "Allan eC," a multi-media communication product that optimizes personal communication, among others for deaf and deaf-blind users, making benefit of some of the standards he has been working with.