

## PEOPLE

Optech announces the retirement of Dr. J. Douglas Houston, Vice President Corporate Services. As one of the first employees of the company, Dr. Houston had a personal hand in many of Optech's early advances in lidar technology, laying the groundwork for the advanced systems Optech delivers today.



While a graduate student at the University of Western Ontario and then at York University under Optech founder and Chairman Dr. Allan Carswell, Doug Houston performed the first lidar measurements ever made in Canada. Doug joined Optech soon after its founding in 1974, and was responsible for many of Optech's advances and 'firsts' in the lidar industry. His work on airborne profilometers eventually led to Optech's ALTM airborne laser terrain mappers, and he helped design and build the LARSEN 500 lidar bathymeter, a predecessor to SHOALS and Optech's CZMIL Coastal Zone Mapping and Imaging Lidar.

Doug will continue in a part-time consulting role as Glenn Farrington, VP of Operations assumes his responsibilities. Glenn has 16 years of experience with Optech, including seven years as Deputy Director and then General Manager of the Airborne Business Unit. Glenn was promoted to his VP role three years ago. With the solid scientific and engineering foundation established by pioneers like Dr. Houston, and the management expertise brought by the new Teledyne synergies, Optech is remaining true to the legacy of innovation and is poised to transform the industry once again.

Hello!

Let me first wish you a Happy New Year!

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Kind Regards,

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