

Philippe Boulanger - Biography

Philippe begins his career as an **entrepreneur**, while still a PhD student in the **IBM** Research Centre in La Gaude (France). His career quickly evolves from independent software developer to **CEO** of a group of companies backed by venture capital.

After a period as Director of Business Unit for the **Sagem** Group, Philippe is hired by **Apple** to manage the « **Communication Products and Technologies** » group in Cupertino (CA), and supervise the **European R&D Centre**, at the return of **Steve Jobs**.

Recruited by **Sony**, Philippe returns to Europe to launch **Vaio** PCs, relaunch direct sales (**Sony Style**), launch the robot-dog **Aibo**, and stimulate new projects. Before dedicating all his time to speaking and consulting, Philippe accepts the position of **Chief Technical Officer** of **Neopost** Group, supervising more than 1100 employees and consultants spread over more than 20 locations across the world (from Brisbane, Australia to Seattle, WA). During his tenure he also founds and manages **Neopost Labs**, the arm of the **Neopost** Group's internal innovation and open innovation.



Mentor and advisor to a few thoughtfully selected startups, Philippe is also a partner in **Senseii Ventures**, a seed stage venture capital fund started and owned by 20 entrepreneurs. In both ventures, his combined knowledge of the ecosystem of startups and that of the corporate world is one of his most formidable assets. As a result, Philippe supports management teams in their innovation and business transformation projects.

With a **Ph.D. in Computer Science** from Université de Nice-Sophia Antipolis (France) and animated by his passion for sharing, Philippe lectures or coaches at **HEC** and contributes to the jury of **Wilco** (ex-Scientipôle Initiative), granting loans to startup founders.



An enthusiastic member of the **Ligue des Optimistes de France** (League of Optimists), he shares his optimism and passion for innovation through his interventions with companies all over the globe.

Philippe is also an "**Executive Coach**" and accompanies top managers and members of executive committees in a process of innovation propagation. He and his team of coaches use a method that he created after several years of research, **Innovational Intelligence™**.

Recognized by his peers for the quality of his talks, Philippe has been elected President of the French Professional Speakers Association (**AFCP**) for the 2020-2022 mandate. He is member of the board of the Global Speakers Federation (**GSF**) and as well a member of National Speakers Association (**NSA**, USA).

In June 2020, Philippe has been awarded the first «Virtual Presenter» certification granted to a French speaker. This certification is issued by **espeakers.com**, the largest speakers bureau in the US.

