Peter Wakefield learned the art of cotton controlling when he was with Associated Surveyors and Test Laboratories Co, Ltd in Thailand. After three years, he was invited to take up the position of Manager in the Taiwan office of Edward T. Robertson & Son.

In 1990, Peter went home to Liverpool and became European Manager with Edward T Robertson & Son and was thus able to be at the forefront of the company’s expansion into the former Soviet Union. In 1993, a major change happened, which resulted in the purchase of parts of Edward T Robertson & Son, thus forming a new company — Wakefield Inspections Services — for which Peter assumed the position of Group Managing Director. On completion of his term as President of the ICA in 2006, Peter was invited to become the Chairman of the Committee for International Cooperation between Cotton Associations for two years.

In 2007 Peter decided to re-locate to Shanghai where he also looks after the company’s interests in China. However, with travel being restricted from early 2020, Peter moved to Taipei from where he is currently based.