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He graduated from Geography and Cartography at Masaryk University in Brno in 1974. In 1975 he got RNDr. (Rerum naturalium doctor). PhD in 1982 and associate-professor in 1984. He was a vice-president of *the Information Cartographic Association (ICA)*, two terms from 1995 till 2003, responsible for spatial global projects (GSDI, Global Mapping, Digital Earth, UN GDB) and chairman of the SDI WG of the ICA Executive Committee. In August 2003 he was elected as a president of ICA in Durban, South Africa. As an associate professor of Cartography and Geoinformatics he is a teacher at the Institute of Geography, Faculty of Science, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic and Director of the Laboratory on Geoinformatics and Cartography. Author about 90 papers, co-author of the first scientific publication in Eastern Europe on GIS in 1985. His research interests are: GI policy, computer cartography, GIS, mobile information and implementation of the GI in the conditions of the Global Information Society. He commented his ideas as a keynote speaker or speaker at several conferences over the World (Germany, China, South Africa, India, Japan, Brasil). He was invited for WSSD PrepCom4 in Bali and as well as for WSSD 2002 in Johannesburg as a speaker of Global mapping activity. In 2003 he was an invited speaker in Global Mapping Forum, Okinawa, Japan. In 2004 he was a keynote speaker in Map India conference (N. Delhi) and GSDI-7 (Bangalore) conference, recently invited speaker for Digital Earth conference in Tokio, Japan and 1st and 2nd Map Middle East Conference in Dubai (2005, 6). He presented ICA-cartographic and geoinformatics potentials for solving of Early Warning and crises management situations in U.N. Early Warning II and III conferences in Bonn (2003, 2006). He led several important domestic and international projects from GIS and regional SDI fields (e.g. two Inco-Copernicus projects: Panel GI and ABDS for the CEEC, PHARE-CREDO, etc.), recently leader of MOBILDAT and part of the Data Management project of the Grant Agency of Czech Academy of Science, leader of Open Regional Atlas project of Czech Grant Agency and leader of Dynamic Geovizualization in Crises Management Project of the Czech Ministry on Education. He organized sixth international conferences, last one 3rd Symposium on Digital Earth 2003 in Brno. From 1997 he was working as an expert of European Union Information Society Forum and member of its Steering Committee and Plenary, contemporary participating in Global Marshall Plan project of EU. He is a member of the Advisory Boards for Global Map and GSDI projects and a member of the Steering Committee of Digital Earth project. In 2001 he prepared a statement on ICA and SDI for Cartagena GSDI conference on behalf of ICA, Key-Note Plenary I speech for ICC 2001 in Beijing "Global Issues 2001 and Cartography" and speech in presidential session "Cartography in the SDI Changing World. The Role of SDI and Cartography in our Contemporary World for monitoring and disaster alleviation" at ICC in A Coruna, Spain (2005). From end of 2000 worked as an expert for new European Union oriented project INSPIRE (Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe), now is a representative of Czech republic in this project.