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Curriculum Vitae

- 2003 – 2005 chairperson, Green Party Czech Republic
- 2002 – 2003 independent energy and project consultant
- 2001 co-founder of the “Brandys initiative”, formulating the demands for principles and concrete measures to further develop civic society and citizens initiatives, negotiation with leading politicians and signing a treaty with them on their support of these structural steps
- 1999 – 2002 executive director, Friends of the Earth Czech Republic (Hnutí DUHA)
- 1992 – 2002 member of the board, Friends of the Earth Czech Republic (Hnutí DUHA)
- 1989 – 1999 senior energy campaigner, Friends of the Earth Czech Republic (Hnutí DUHA)
- 1989 co-founder of Friends of the Earth Czech Republic (Hnutí DUHA)

Education

- 2005 study trip to US with Marshall Memorial Fellowship for „young leaders of Europe“
- 1993 – 1995 five semesters of sociology, Masaryk University, Brno
- 1993 6 months internship with WISE headquarters in Amsterdam
- 1988 – 1990 five semesters of theoretical physics, Masaryk University, Brno
- var. trainings on communication, team building, strategic planning, facilitation

Other skills

- Languages English - excellent, Russian - basic, Spanish - beginner
- Computer excellent

Professional Experience and Achievements

- 2003 – 2005 Revival of Green Party of Czech Republic
(economic salvation - from 13 million CZK debt to positive results, organizational restructuring, membership development - from 300 to 1200 members, election and preference increase from 1 – 2 % to 3 – 4.5 %, progressive political agenda)
- 2000 Main organizer and coordinator of the “Referendum 2000” campaign on Temelin Nuclear Power Plant
(nation-wide network to gather 120,000 signatures on petition within 3 months, coalition of 151 Czech NGOs, direct actions and media work)
- 1993 – 2001 Leader of the Friends of the Earth’s campaign to stop Temelin Nuclear Power Plant
(includes a number of direct non-violent actions, summer protest camps, political lobbying, media work, presentations, public debates and expert background work)
- 1998 – 2001 Member of the local council at his home village Ujezd u Tisnova
- 1995 & 1996 Winner of Sasakawa Peace Foundation Award for the Best Environmental Project of the Year for Czech Republic (including two study trips to Japan)
- 1994 Three weeks of lobbying at US Congress and Senate, related to US Ex-Im finances for Temelin NPP
- 1991 – 1992 Organizer of a campaign against storage of spent fuel at Dukovany NPP
(strong cooperation with mayors and local citizens)
- 1990 With support from Ministry of Environment, publishes an overview of problems related to nuclear energy, as one of the very first inputs for the Czech domestic debate on the issues
- 1989 Establishes a radical environmental organization Hnutí DUHA/Friends of the Earth CZ
(organizes one of the first environmental direct actions in the Czech Republic; brings up the progressive agenda of environment, development and globalization issues to the Czech and CEE regional debate; in 1993 is accepted as a Czech representative of Friends of the Earth; in late 1990s becomes the most respected and recognized Czech environmental organization)

Author of numerous expert papers and documents on nuclear energy, energy policy and alternative energy options, including several studies and presentations for the European Parliament (2002, 2001, 1998), a study on Temelin NPP economics officially adopted by the Czech Government (1999), large brochure on Chernobyl consequences (1996), dozens of presentations at seminars, over hundred of comments, translations and other published articles for media.

Extensive and successful fundraising and project management experience for NGOs (successful grant applications totaling approximately 1 million € between 1990 and 2002, strategic membership development).

Personal introduction

I was born in the city Brno, a city of 400,000 people, but seven years ago we moved with my family to a house in countryside at Moravian Highlands. We have three children (two daughters: Alzbetka 8, Frantiska 6, and son Jan 2 years old). I am in love with Moravian mountains and landscape, its wine and soul. We were considering small-scale farming, which we still may realize in future, but at the moment I do not manage to combine it with my time-consuming public activities. I like the nature of East Europe – it is not monumental at first sight, but it’s extensive and wild. My passive interests are music and literature; my active interests are astronomy and photography.