

## MICHAL PĚCHOUČEK

Czech nationality, Czech Republic citizenship  
Born in 1972 in Kolín  
Married, 3 children

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### Education

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| 1995 | Czech Technical University in Prague, Dpt. of Control Engineering, Ing. Technical Cybernetics |
| 1996 | University of Edinburgh, Department of Artificial Intelligence, MSc. Knowledge Systems        |
| 1995 | Czech Technical University in Prague, Department of Cybernetics, Dr. AI and Biocybernetics    |

### Academic Experience at CTU FEE

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| From 1998 | Academic staff member                                                                                                                                         |
| From 2000 | Founder and head of the Artificial Intelligence Center (AIC), until 2011 at the Department of Cybernetics, now at the Department of Computer Science, CTU FEE |
| From 2005 | Associate Professor, Technical Cybernetics                                                                                                                    |
| From 2010 | Professor, Technical Cybernetics                                                                                                                              |
| 2009-2019 | Co-founder and guarantor of the Open Informatics program                                                                                                      |
| 2016-2019 | Head of Department of Computer Science                                                                                                                        |
| 2016-2019 | Principal investigator and leader of RCI: Research Centre of Informatics, OP R&D for Innovation, budget 500 million CZK                                       |
| 2001-2013 | Member of the Academic Senate, CTU FEE                                                                                                                        |
| 2015-2019 | Member of the Scientific Board, CTU FEE                                                                                                                       |
| 2017      | Unsuccessful candidate for CTU Rector                                                                                                                         |

### International Academic Experience

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| 2018 | University of California Berkeley College of Engineering, sabbatical (2 months)                |
| 2011 | University of Southern California, Fulbright Scholar (3 months)                                |
| 2006 | University of Edinburgh, Artificial Intelligence Application Institute, visiting member (2 m.) |
| 2003 | Binghamton University, State University of New York, visiting professor (3 months)             |
| 2000 | University of Calgary, postdoctoral researcher (4 months)                                      |

### Academic Results and Awards

- 300+ publications, 36 articles in impact journals and 44 in proceedings of A\* conferences
- 5985 citations, h-index 41 in Google Scholar, 1332 citations, h-index 19 in WOS
- Supervisor of 16 PhD students who obtained postdoctoral positions at institutions including MIT, Technion, University of Southern California, University of Alberta, Carnegie Mellon University, Cornell University, Aarhus University, University of West Florida
- The 2007 Cooperative Information Agents XI, International Workshop Best Paper Award nomination  
The 2006 DARPA Award Best Industrial and Applied Paper at International Conference for Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems 2006  
The 2005 IEEE/WIC/ Intelligent Agent Technology Conference Best Demo Award  
The 2004 Cooperative Information Agents VII, International Workshop System Innovation Award

## Service to Academic Community

- Member of Scientific Boards: Charles University (2018-2021), Faculty of Informatics, Masaryk University (2011-2015), and University of Hradec Králové (2016-2020)
- Former member of the governing board of IFAAMAS (International Federation of Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems) (2012-2018)
- Founding and former member of the governing board of EURAMAS (European Association of Multiagent Systems)
- Former member of the governing board of AgentLink (Agent-based computing network of excellence)
- Former member of program committees of A\* conferences including AAAI, AAMAS, IJCAI
- Former co-chair of program committees of EUMAS and CEEMAS conferences

## Experience in Senior Leadership Roles at Technology Companies

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| <b>2022-2024</b> | Gen Digital Inc., frm, NortonLifelock, NASDAQ:GEN, CTO (Chief Technology Officer), global role |
| <b>2019-2022</b> | Avast Plc, LSE:AVST, CTO (Chief Technology Officer), global role                               |
| <b>2013-2016</b> | CISCO Systems Inc, NASDAQ:CSCO, founder and director of Prague R&D Center                      |

## Technology Transfer and Startup Experience

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| <b>2009-2013</b> | Cognitive Security (acquired by Cisco Systems, 2013), co-founder, CSO, board member |
| <b>2015-2018</b> | Blindspot Solutions (acquired by Adastra Group, 2018), co-founder, board member     |
| <b>2008-2019</b> | AgentFly Technologies, co-founder, board member                                     |

## Investment Experience

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| <b>From 2017</b> | Evolution Equity Partners (US), venture partner, partner |
| <b>2014-2016</b> | Credo Ventures (CZ), venture partner                     |
| <b>From 2022</b> | Safe Intelligence (UK), investor and advisor             |
| <b>From 2022</b> | Equilibre Technologies (CZ), investor and advisor        |
| <b>From 2019</b> | Resistant.AI (CZ), formerly Bulletproof.AI, investor     |
| <b>From 2014</b> | UrbanCyclers (CZ), investor and advisor                  |
| <b>2010-2016</b> | 3Scale (US) (acquired by RedHat 2016), investor          |
| <b>2010-2012</b> | FL3XX (AT), member of technology advisory board          |

## Philanthropy and Public Service

- Sponsor of People in Need educational program - One World in Schools
- Member of the Board of Directors of Matika Česku
- Co-founder and chair of the executive committee of Prg.AI association
- Member of the editorial board of DenikN
- Supporter of the Friends Club of Memory of Nations - Post Bellum
- Former member of the Board of Directors of Bakala Foundation, Neuron Foundation

## Significant Awards

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| <b>2023</b> | Karel Kramář Medal awarded by the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic on the anniversary of the Velvet Revolution (for lifetime achievements in research and science) |
| <b>2015</b> | Included in New Europe 100, list of the most significant innovators from Central and Eastern Europe                                                                    |
| <b>2010</b> | Czech Head in the Invention category for research in multi-agent systems                                                                                               |

**Family**

- Helena (wife) works for Memory of Nations
- Emma studies at MFF UK, specializing in number theory
- Johanna studies at University of Warwick, specializing in mathematics and philosophy
- Marie studies at Pražské humanitní gymnázium

**Free Time**

Endurance running, road cycling, ski touring, and high-mountain hiking