



TOMAS CERMAK WAS ELECTED AS

RECTOR OF VSB – TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF OSTRAVA, CZECH REPUBLIC IN NOVEMBER, 2002. CERMAK FIRST CAME TO VSB IN 1964 AS A SENIOR ASSISTANT, RISING TO BECOME HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL MACHINES AND DRIVES AT VSB IN 1985. IN 1990 HE BECAME RECTOR, WHICH POSITION HE HELD UNTIL 1997. IN 1997, HE WAS APPOINTED TO BE VICE RECTOR FOR R&D AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HIS SERVICE RECORD INCLUDES MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCIENTIFIC BOARD OF VSB AND OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC DEGREES. HE CHAIRS THE ENGINEERING DIVISION OF THE GRANT AGENCY OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC. AN EARLY BELIEVER OF THE VALUE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ENGINEERING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, HE WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF ICEE SINCE ICEE-1997. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL STEERING

COMMITTEE. HE HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE INEER BOARD SINCE 2004 AND IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF VESUVIUS (HINCKLEY) SLAVIA GROUP. HE IS ALSO CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARDS OF OZOBEL AND VITKOVICE STEEL COMPANY, RESPECTIVELY. HE TEACHES COURSES IN CONTROL OF ELECTRICAL DRIVES AND MACHINES; POWER ENERGY SYSTEMS, OTHERS. HE HAS WRITTEN 9 TEXTBOOKS, AND PUBLISHED 50 PAPERS I JOURNALS AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, WITH ANOTHER 35 RESEARCH PAPERS BASED ON INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION.