

BEDŘICH MOLDAN

Professor Bedřich has been the head of the Center since its creation. He graduated from the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of Charles University and acquired the title RNDr in analytical chemistry in 1958. Subsequently he acquired a CSc (PhD equivalent) in chemical sciences (1964). He was appointed associate professor at Charles University in geochemistry (1992), and professor at Charles University in environment science (1997). At present, Bedřich Moldan is a member of many important organizations, including:

- chairman of the Scientific Council of the European Environmental Agency in Copenhagen;
- member of the Czech Statistic Council, member of the Czech National Sustainable Development Council and Chairman of its working group on sustainable development Indicators;
- Vice-chairman of the Scientific board of the Ministry of the Environment
- coordinating lead author of the international project "Millennium Ecosystem Assessment".

In the early nineties, Bedřich Moldan took on a political role and helped to start a transformation process in Czechoslovakia. He was a Member of Parliament of and held the position of the Minister of the Environment of the Czech Government. At the International scale he participated in the preparation of the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro and the formation and operation of the UN Commission for Sustainable Development (vice-chairman 1993, chairman 2001).

His administrative secretary, **Gabriela Vacková** provides communications for the Center with University bodies, besides other duties.

Markéta Sychrovská graduated from the University of Economics in Prague and her role is to manage the economic operation of the Center including b.h.e grant administration and financing the Center.

About us - Honorary vice Presidents - Bedřich Moldan

Bedřich Moldan was Minister for the Environment of the Czech Republic. He has been Director of diaries University's Centre for Environmental Questions since 1992, He was elected Chair of the Commission on Sustainable Development's Ninth Session in 2001.

Professor Moldan graduated in 1953 from Charles University Prague in Analytical Chemistry and earned his Candidate of Sciences in 1964. During his research career Moldan has extensively researched environment and sustainable development issues. He has authored and edited numerous scientific publications in the fields of biogeochemistry, environmental Czechoslovakia during the Communist rule. He also worked at Charles University, the Czechoslovak Spectroscopic Society and the Geological Institute of Prague.

Between 1989 and 1991 Moldan held the historic position of first Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic. Since then he has combined his scientific work with involvement in the

International environmental arena. For example, during 1990s he was Chair of the National Climate Program (1991-98), the Union of Nature Conservation (1991-97), the Scientific Board of the Department of Environmental statistics (1994-1981) and of the SCOPE project 'Indicators of Sustainable Development' (1994-97).

During his career Moldan has also worked with, among others, the Czech delegation negotiating accession to the European Union, the Regional Environmental Center Budapest, the European Consultative Forum on the Environment and Sustainable Development, the European Environment Agency's Scientific Committee, OECD, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development's Environment Advisory Committee, the Engineering Academy of the Czech Republic, UNDP and the Teplice Program.

Prior to his Chairmanship of the Commission on Sustainable Development in 2000 Moldan had been involved in the UN process as Vice-Chair of the CSD's Second Session in 1994, as well as Chairman of the PrepCom Working Group III and Vice-Chairman/Rapporteur of the Main Committee for UNCED preparations.