



Stanislav Šíma passed away on Friday, 16 October 2015. He was born in 1944, graduated from the Czech Technical University in Prague in 1968, and in 1983 he received the CSc. degree in informatics. Prior to joining CESNET in 1996, he worked in the FEL C^oVUT in Prague, at the U^o AVT Prague, in Tesla Pardubice, and at Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports. Stanislav was the father of many pioneering ideas and approaches that influenced the development of networks for research and education, including the cross-border fibre connection of optical research networks or an optical network concept running on an open communication system. Stanislav also was one of the founders of the international workshop focused on networks created by customers (CEF Networks workshop).



Josef Vojtěch received with honors M.Sc. degree in Computer Science, B.Sc. degree in Pedagogy and Ph.D. in field of optical networking from the Czech Technical University, Prague, in 2001, 2003 and 2009 respectively. Since 2003, he has been with research Department of Optical Networks, CESNET, a.l.e., which leads now. He participated in international projects: COMPLETE, FI-PPP XIFI, GN4, GN3+, GN3, GN2, Porta Optica Study, SEEFIRE. He has been also responsible for development of open family of photonic devices. He holds 15 patents (including 3 US and 1 EU) and utility models. His record shows Hirsch index 5 with more than 64 citations. He is a member of IEEE, OSA and SPIE. In 2007 he received the Research prize of the Czech minister of education.