

PhDr. Pavel Baran, CSc.

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Born in Ostrava in 1957, Pavel Baran graduated from the secondary grammar school in Frýdek-Místek and went on to study philosophy and history at the University of Brno. Subsequently, he completed his doctoral studies at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in Prague.

He played a major role in the organizational rebuilding of the Institute of Philosophy at the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. His areas of interest at the Institute of Philosophy were the philosophy of history, moral and political philosophy, and the relationship between science, technology, and innovations; he also translated scientific literature. Concurrently, he also served, and continues to serve, as a university lecturer at the Prague University of Economics and Business, the University of Ostrava and the Masaryk University in Brno.

He has a long-standing commitment to R&D&I management, with extensive experience in management and science policy.

In 2005, he became the Director of the Institute of Philosophy, a position he held until 2013, when he was elected to the Academy Council and assumed the post of Vice-President of the Czech Academy of Sciences responsible for Research Area III. – Humanities and Social Sciences. In 2021, he was elected President of the Science Council of the Czech Academy of Sciences and became a member of the Academy Council Presidium.

In 2014, he was appointed to the Research, Development and Innovation Council, an expert advisory body of the Government of the Czech Republic, and in September 2016, he was elected Vice-Chairman of the R&D&I Council. In January 2021, he was elected First Vice-Chairman of the Council, a position he held until September 2022, when his second term on the R&D&I Council expired.

Pavel Baran was a member of the Commission for the Evaluation of Results of Research Organisations and Completed Programmes of the Research, Development, and Innovation Council, and also served on the CAS Economic Council. He chaired a Coordinating Council of Experts panel during the development of the National Priorities of Oriented Research, Experimental Development, and Innovation. He is a member of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports science and research advisory body (e.g., the Large Research Infrastructures

Council), Technology Agency of the Czech Republic Research Council and Czech Science Foundation Control Committee.

Selected activities at the Czech Academy of Sciences:

- as Director of the Institute of Philosophy and later as Vice-President of the CAS, Pavel Baran supported the leadership of the Czech Academy of Sciences during the 2009 attack on the autonomy of the Academy and helped organize an Extraordinary Academy Assembly
- formulation of the AV21 Strategy concept (2014)
- negotiation of separate COMPASS-U – Tokamak funding from the CAS budget chapter
- promotion of adequate institutional support for CAS Institutes based on the results of regular evaluations of research and professional activities: organizational restructuring and subsequent closure of the Department of Music History at the Institute of Ethnology (2018)
- ongoing support for institutional anchoring of cooperation with universities in the education of PhD students
- submission of proposal for specific institutional support for PhD students from the CAS budget chapter
- proposal and implementation of support for CAS activities in regions of the Czech Republic
- promotion of international cooperation and the participation of humanities and social sciences in international HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area) and NORFACE (New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Co-operation in Europe) programmes
- ensured the re-establishment of the CEFRES (French Research Centre for the Social Sciences in Prague)
- advocating for a change in the status of the SSČ (CAS Centre for Administration and Operation) (institution providing research and development infrastructure and support services)
- ongoing promotion of and emphasis on presenting the Czech Academy of Sciences to the professional public and popularizing science and research.

Selected activities in national science policy:

- active role in the preparation of budget proposals for R&D&I science and research in the Czech Republic (e.g. memorandum draft on financial support for R&D&I and the CAS budget chapter)
- conceptual development of principles of the new National Evaluation Methodology M17+ (support of the national IPN project Methodology and Systemic Reflection of Science and Research Evaluation)

- promotion of compatibility between evaluations at the national and CAS levels to streamline evaluation processes
- participation in the preparation of draft laws and documents shaping the legal environment in the field of science and research (elimination of the so-called “Grinder”, RIS3 Strategy AV21, Law on R&D&I, amendment to the Law on Higher Education Institutions / PhD students, etc.)
- support for the work of the Czech Science Foundation and the Technology Agency of the CR within the competences of the R&D&I Council, particularly personnel and legal aspects
- critical monitoring of the preparation of calls for Operational programmes overseen by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and the Ministry of Industry and Trade
- negotiation of additional financial support for the ERC CZ Programme
- direct involvement in the preparation of the research chapter of the National Recovery Plan, particularly in the human health field (cardiology, oncology, virology and related societal aspects)
- advocacy for reduction of the administrative burden in research as the Vice-Chairman of the Research, Development, and Innovation Council (as reflected in the proposal of the “major” amendment to Act No. 130/2002 Coll.)
- emphasis on continuous promotion of cooperation with universities and commercial research entities.