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Otakar is a Science & Innovation Officer at the British Embassy in Prague. He took up a newly created post in Prague in October 2003 and developed it to its current well-performing state. In the Czech Republic, he organised and participated at many international conferences covering areas like innovation, technology transfer, intellectual property rights, science policy, biomedical research, European Framework Programme funding, nanotechnologies and various Café Scientifiques popularising British science.

Otakar previously worked as a specialist on international projects at Brno University of Technology and as Managing Director of a small technological company, Sincotron.

After finishing his Ph.D. in biomedical engineering during his Chevening scholarship programme at the University of Oxford in 1997, Otakar worked for four years as a Postdoctoral research fellow at the Department of Mathematics at the University of York. Otakar spent 4 months at the Fields Institute in Toronto working in the field of industrial mathematics.

He is the main inventor of two U.S. patents (US6731990, US6370437). He has a deep knowledge of Czech science & innovation sector, vast network of local contacts and a good understanding of the R&D structural funds opportunities.