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Eva Pauknerova representing Czech Association for Geoinformation. She has been CAGI´s executive director for 3 years. She is a CAGI Board member appointed for International affairs. She has been actively involved in the GINIE project since February 2002 and succeeded (despite the impacts of the extreme flood in 2002) to keep GINIE on the top agenda of CAGI for the last two years. CAGI and herself supplied to all subprojects and activities of GINIE, except those on Mediterrean. Eva has a rich professional history. She started with digital image processing and modelling utilised for monument care in early eighties, she was a GIS&Remote Sensing pioneer in Czechoslovakia in the late eighties, developed a number of complex GIS pilot projects for different application areas. She initiated and set-up several educational activities for a scale of target groups (including politicians, officials, kids and student).

Her significant features are multitasking and multidisciplinarity. She became advisor to Czech Prime Minister in 1996. She has later used her experiences gained in this 2-years capacity to support GI awareness raising and to enhance implementing (G)IT into public information services. Her achievements in the Czech Republic were a good basis for her expert´s and
organising works related to the GINIE workshop on GI Capacity Building and the EU Accession, held in Prague in autumn 2002. She worked extensively on the follow-up report on this subject.

Eva initiated the first event of the Geo-Application of the Year in 1999 to raise general awareness and knowledge on practical use of GI. She has been the co-ordinator of this national contest for 5 years. Based on it she built up a functional cross sector network and a large pool of Case Studies in her country.

She appreciates that a co-operation between CAGI and EUROGI is starting in this field. The 5th year of the Geo-Application contest is now in progress. It is focused on GIT support to the EU integration process. Chris and Bino were delegated by EUROGI to take part in the evaluation process.