

# Signatories of the Open Letter

to those interested in personal development - students of David Gruber's original education

## **MUDr. Martin Holcát, MBA**

**Minister of Health** of the Government of the Czech Republic, Deputy Minister of Health, Deputy Director of the Motol Faculty Hospital, Director of the General University Hospital Prague-Vinohrady for many years. Head of the Consilium for the Treatment of Presidents of the Czech Republic.

Lifelong fan of personal development. Pioneer organizer of a series of courses on Rational Reading and Mental Work Techniques by David Gruber back in the 1980s, mostly for dozens of doctors.

Dr. Martin Roman

"I gave all the money from my previous holiday job for David Gruber's summer course in speed reading in 1987, which I attended as a student at the Havířov Grammar School - and I have never regretted it."

In his career he was also: general director of Janka Radotín, Skoda Plzeň, CEZ (= the biggest Czech energy company). Patron of new forms of education and head of the board of the private school New PORG. Patron of the Reading Helps Program.

## **Ing. Petr Sýkora**

The birth of his highly successful international distribution company Papirius Trading can be traced directly to David Gruber's course in reading, where he met his future partner and co-owner Honza Černý in 1990. Throughout the rise of his company Papirius Trading was in constant contact with David Gruber. He now heads, among others, the charity organization Good Angel.

## **PaeDr. Alena Gajdůšková**

Organizer of David Gruber's courses in the early 90s. Multiple pupil. Successful politician. In her career also: senator, **vice-president of the Senate of the Czech Republic**, constitutional officer of our country.

## **Stanislav Berkovec**

Member of the Slaný town government, **Member of the Parliament** of the Czech Republic. Well-known radio journalist, co-founder of Radio Frekvence 1. Member of the "seven brave" radio journalists who helped launch the Velvet Revolution in the first hours after the events of 17 November 1989.

### **Ivan Rössler**

Long-time head of the entertainment reaction of Nova television. One of the most significant personalities in the Czech show-business. It was under his leadership that the entertainment programmes on Nova achieved unrivaled ratings. Godfather of some of David Gruber's books.

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### **Karolína Černá**

Experienced journalist of mainstream media. Multiple student.

### **Ing. Zbyněk Dohnal**

At one time the youngest company director in the Šumperk district ("Eternitka"). One of the first pioneering practitioners of Gruber's memory methods. Successfully passed through a number of managerial positions. He is currently engaged in educational activities.

### **JUDr. Iveta Hodková**

Experienced advocate. In her career also: long-term internship at the International Court of Justice in Hague. David Gruber's know-how caught her early in her career.

### **PaeDr. Slávek Hrzal**

Long-time well-known radio journalist. **Ombudsman of the Ministry of Education**. Host of the TV series Domino. Currently he runs the Children's Press Agency and organizes the competition for the most popular teacher of primary and secondary schools, the **Golden Amos**, among others under the auspices of the President of the Czech Republic. Patron of the current speed-reading courses conducted regularly in Prague by David Gruber and his son Ing. Jan Gruber, PhD.

### **Ing. Zdeněk Jakl**

Organizer of David Gruber's pioneering mass lectures for managers from all over the country in Prague and in the mountains. Organizer of many of his training courses for managers. In his career also Editor of Technický týdeník magazine, contributor to Playboy magazine. Now he runs the public relations agency TechnikaPR.

### **Ing. Radim Jančura**

The whole country knows him – he is associated with his companies Student Agency, Regiojet. (Yellow busses, Yellow trains – yearly turnover in many billions of dollars.) One of the most successful European entrepreneurs in foreign language courses, airline tickets, bus and train transport. Winner of the Entrepreneur of the Year 2005. Publisher of some of David Gruber's books.

### **MUDr. Zbyněk Luňáček**

One of David Gruber's first assistants at the famous summer courses in speed reading and other soft skills in Šilheřovice near Hlučín in the 1980s. That is, at a time when all other future Czech and Slovak lecturers, coaches, trainers, personal development consultants, etc. were still employees of the totalitarian state in other fields (or were students, pupils, or not yet born). The profession of a lecturer, mental coach, advisor, consultant etc. In personal development didn't exist here. With one exclusion – David Gruber.

### **Ing. František Malý**

The mayor of the village of Kratochvilka near Brno. In his career also. Owner of the Brno Organizational Office. Organizer of many tennis and golf tournaments for VIP participants.

### **Ing. Zdeněk Mikulanda**

Proven crisis manager. Successfully applying personal development in practice for all members of his family. High-ranking member of the distribution network of a global manufacturer of nutritional supplements.

### **Prof. PhDr. Karel Paulík, CSc.**

University professor of psychology. One of the first assistants of David Gruber at the summer courses of speed reading and other soft skills in Šilheřovice near Hlučín. Cooperating lecturer of David Gruber in a number of training courses for top managers since the early 90s. Co-author of some of David Gruber's books and his expert advisor. Guarantor and main lecturer of the course "techniques of mental work", a field founded by David Gruber, at the Ostrava University.

### **Ing. Josef Pavelka**

In his career also: economic deputy of the company ZKZ Horní Bříza u Plzně. Top manager of other companies abroad. Polyglot also on the basis of David Gruber's speed study methods of foreign languages.

### **JUDr. Petr Toman**

Co-owner of the well-known law firm Toman@Devaty, advocate of many VIP clients (e. g. The Prime Minister Petr Nečas). In his career also a Member of the Federal Assembly of the Czechoslovak Federal Republic in the early 1990s.

**Ing. Monika Trejbalová**

Personnel Director of the Richmond Hotel in Karlovy Vary, famous for the film with Vlasta Burian "Three Eggs in Glass" and other Czech films from the 90s. Organizer of several David Gruber courses in Karlovy Vary.

**Ivo Tubl**

Long-time emigrant (lived in the USA for 27 years), holder of the title "Citizen of the State of Oregon". Entrepreneur in many fields. Recipient of a personal letter of thanks from US President Ronald Reagan.

**JUDr. Eva Vaňková**

Experienced attorney at law. Leading figure in the world field of legal mediation, out-of-court dispute resolution, both in the Czech Republic and internationally. Member of the international association in the field of collaborative law IACP. Graduate of a number of our and foreign training courses in this field.

**JUDr. Jana Zyrtek Hamplová**

**Senator of the Senate of the Czech Republic.** Well-known lawyer and politician. In her career she was also a Member of the Lower House of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, secretary and representative of the Mohelnice municipality. Organizer of well-known conferences for local government Forum Municipal.