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Statement: My goal in running for ESEH Regional Representative of Czechia and Slovakia is to put together a robust and active network of Czech and Slovak environmental historians and to link local environmental history to global environmental history and where possible also to the history of health. Examples, such as a workshop I organised with the support of the ESEH small grant 'Why is there so little green in Czech and Slovak History?' (2014) or an edited volume *In the Name of the Great Work. Stalin's Plan for the Transformation of Nature and Its Impact in Eastern Europe* (New York: Berghahn Books 2016), show that there is room for joint initiatives. I would like to build on existing experiences

and promote a stronger representation of environmental history in our scientific community not only on a national level (e.g. by organising thematic panels at the congress of Czech historians), but also on an international level (using the abovementioned strategy to represent environmental history at various forums and events).

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CV: Doubravka Olšáková is senior researcher at the Institute of Contemporary History of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in Prague, where she leads a working group on contemporary environmental history. She did her PhD ‘en cotutelle’ at the University of Paris IV and Charles University in Prague (2003–2007). In 2012, she launched a Visegrad initiative aimed at mapping the environmental history of Visegrad countries during the Cold War. In 2014, she published a book *Science Goes to the People!* (2014, in Czech). In 2016, she worked as principal editor of an edited volume *In the Name of the Great Work. Stalin’s Plan for the Transformation of Nature and Its Impact in Eastern*

*Europe* (New York: Berghahn Books). Her research is oriented towards the intersection of the history of science and environmental history. She is actively involved in academic life and acts as treasurer of the DHST Commission on Science, Technology and Diplomacy and as member of various academic bodies and editorial boards.