

# OPEN DAY AT THE NBS



*The security control at the entrance of the bank*



*The Governor's meeting room*



*Mr Ivan Šramko and Ms Kohútiková discussing the introduction of the euro*

The National Bank of Slovakia opened its Bratislava headquarters on ulica Imricha Karvaša to the public for the second time on 13th May 2006. Almost three thousand visitors came to this year's open day at the central bank, for which two exhibitions were prepared: The Slovak Euro Coins – an exhibition of the artistic designs for the Slovak sides of the euro coins; and Ten Years of the Slovak Currency. Extraordinary public interest accompanied an informal discussion with the governor of the National Bank of Slovakia Ivan Šramko and the former deputy governor, now an adviser to the governor Elena Kohútiková. They discussed the introduction of the euro in Slovakia with the visitors. The National Bank of Slovakia opened the meeting room of the Bank Board of the NBS, the office and meeting room of the governor, the dealing rooms and the library. The opportunity to see two ingots of pure gold was also unique. There was also interest in the presentation of the activities of the archives of the NBS and the section for the analysis of banknotes and centre for counterfeits. For example, the experts of the central bank informed interested people about the procedures for verifying the authenticity of banknotes. They answered many specialized questions connected with the protective features of banknotes and similar matters. Videos and exhibits concerned with the striking of coins also attracted interest. A souvenir connected with the activity of the central bank was prepared for every visitor, as well as many informative and expert publications and promotional materials directed especially towards the introduction of the euro in Slovakia.







*The office of the governor*



*The central library: source of economic information*



*Historical documents from the archives attracted mainly young people*

*The dealing room: workplace of the Foreign Exchange Reserves Management Section*



*Banking experts explaining procedures to verify the authenticity of banknotes*



*Each visitor could strike by hand a commemorative coin*



*Gold bricks attracted large interest. A brick weighs 12.5 kg and is worth SKK 7.5 million*



*Information material and souvenirs handed out to visitors*

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